

## LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning and Traffic Committee** held on **17 January 2012** at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

**Present:**

Mr A Gomme (Vice Chairman and Chairman for this meeting)  
Mr M Amor  
Mr W Blunden  
Mrs J Chatfield  
Mr L Corp  
Mrs M Hersey  
Mr S Hodgson  
Mrs V Upton

**Also Present:** MSDC Cllr Mr C Hersey and 4 members of the public

**In Attendance:** Mr P Hemsley

**108. WELCOME AND EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

108.1 The Chairman welcomed those present and announced the emergency procedure for the King Edward Hall (KEH).

**109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

109.1 Apologies were received from Mr Snowling and the reason accepted.

**110. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

110.1 Cllr Hersey stated that she reserved the right to express a different opinion from that given at this meeting, when present at meetings of the Mid Sussex District Council's (MSDC's) Central Area Planning Committee (CAPC) or at any other meeting which subsequently considered any matter discussed at the present meeting, having seen the Officers' reports and heard representations from members of the public and fellow members.

**111. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2011**

111.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 20 December 2011. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

**112. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS REFERRED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL BY MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION**

112.1 For each application, the observations of the members who had specifically studied the plans were read out before any public comments and discussion by the Committee.

112.2 11/03953/FUL – 7 COMPTON ROAD  
PROPOSED LOFT CONVERSION WITH CONSERVATION ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT AND REAR  
PITCH OF MAIN ROOF AND PROPOSED GABLE END WINDOW AT 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR LEVEL.

Mr John Jesson, Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS), said that he had a concern that the application suggested that other houses had roof lights at the front. However, he said that there were no houses to the south of the Tollgate entrance with such features.

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Mr Jex, the applicant, said that there were precedents for front roof lights further up Compton Road above the Tollgate, but he could not argue that there were any to the south.

Cllr Blunden said that during their walk up the Road they were conscious there were no other roof lights to the south, but there were indeed examples further up – as indeed there were in the High Street – and it was part of a progression; he reiterated that they had had no objection. Cllr Hodgson concurred.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** “No objection.”

112.3 11/03317/FUL – 1 CHURCH VIEW COTTAGES, FRANCIS ROAD  
REMOVAL OF CHIMNEY STACK (STACK IS NOT ORIGINAL TO BUILDING HAVING BEEN REBUILT  
AROUND THE 1960s USING FLETTONS WHICH HAVE NOW SPALLED).

Mr Jesson, LPS, agreed with the views of Cllrs. He felt that restoration/repair would be preferable to removal in order to protect the Conservation Area under Policy B12. He added that these cottages were opposite the Pavilion, a Listed Building in Francis Road to the south of Old Place, and the chimney should be retained also to protect the setting of that building.

Cllr Hersey said that the area was a vista of chimney pots.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** “We believe the removal of this chimney would have the effect of unbalancing this semi-detached property which sits in the Conservation Area and would have an adverse effect on the street scene and therefore would not comply with Policy B12. Moreover, retention of the chimney would protect the setting of the Listed Building the Pavilion, in Francis Road to the south of Old Place. Therefore we cannot support this application.”

112.4 11/03829/FUL – 18 BLACKTHORNS  
SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** “No objection.”

112.5 11/03888/FUL – 101-105 HIGH STREET  
FORMATION OF NEW ACCESS AND PARKING SPACES TO LAND AT THE REAR OF 101-105 HIGH  
STREET, LINDFIELD.

Mr Jesson said that he supported the views of Cllrs. He had not seen any response from WSCC Highways relating to more vehicle movements, for example, alongside Kembles (Shenstone); it would depend upon the visibility. He was concerned that this proposal should give access only to Nos. 103 and 105 and not to No. 107.

Cllr Gomme said that the access to No. 107 already existed and this proposal would not provide any further approach to that dwelling. He added that he had concerns regarding work during construction, recalling the need to close the road recently for another application. Cllr Hersey said that there was a good sightline from the proposed exit.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** “Following gaining access to the rear of 101 to 105, we were able to view the trees that would be removed as a result of this application and considered these are not worthy of retention and therefore we have no objection to the application. One benefit will be removal of cars having to park in the High Street outside of these properties. However, we have some concerns about possible traffic restrictions in Hickmans Lane during the works, given the narrowness of the highway at this point.”

112.6 11/03975/TREE – 7 BARRINGTON WOOD  
ASH (T8) REDUCE HEIGHT BY 25% AND RESHAPE.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** “No objection.”

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- 112.7 11/04033/TEL56 – HICKMANS LANE  
PROPOSED OPENREACH BROADBAND CABINET, INCLUDES ONE x DSLAM GREEN COMMUNICATIONS CABINET LOCATED ON A CONCRETE PLINTH.

Mr Jesson said that this was a very much better proposal than the last as the cabinet would be set back against the fence. He noted that the cabinet in Compton Road had been replaced with a larger model without planning permission and questioned whether that could not be used for the new broadband installation.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** "No objection."

- 112.8 11/04048/TCA – RED LION, 60 HIGH STREET  
YEW – LIFT CROWN TO 2 METRES ABOVE GROUND. ASH – LIFT CROWN TO 4 METRES ABOVE GROUND.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** "No objection to the Ash, but would prefer the crown of the Yew to be lifted by one metre only above ground."

- 112.9 11/04087/COND – FALCONERS, LEWES ROAD  
REMOVAL OF CONDITION 14 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 10/03415/FUL.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** "The need for this Condition was established by the DC in consultation with the developer and we assume with advice from WSCC Highways. Work has already begun and we now feel that this is a legal matter on which the PC cannot comment."

- 112.10 11/04110/TCA – LINDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE  
SYCAMORE (T4) – LIFT CROWN TO 7 METRES ABOVE GROUND.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** "We agree with the tree warden that, as the work will remove two lower branches which encroach on the side of the house and roof of Mayerling, we have no objection."

- 112.11 11/04111/TCA – CHIEVELEY, BLACK HILL  
WHITEBEAM – TRIM BACK TO BOUNDARY. POPLAR – REDUCE CROWN BY UP TO 30%.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** "We agree with the tree warden that, re the Whitebeam, the work will clear branches from the roof of Mayerling to which we have no objection. Re the Poplar, the work will control the height of the tree to match the tree line along the fence and we have no objection."

- 112.12 11/04112/TCA – MAYERLING, BLACK HILL  
SYCAMORE (T1) – LIFT CROWN TO 6 METRES ABOVE GROUND. SYCAMORE (T2) – LIFT CROWN TO 8 METRES ABOVE GROUND. ASH (T3) – TRIM BACK BRANCHES ON WESTERN SIDE BY 2 METRES.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** "We agree with the tree warden that, re the Sycamores T1 and T2, the work will remove the lower branches and we have no objection because the garden is surrounded by trees. Re Ash T3, the work is to clear branches from the roof and side of the house and we have no objection."

- 113. TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON ANY SIGNIFICANT PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY MSDC AND THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE AND TO AGREE ANY FURTHER ACTION WHICH MAY NEED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING**

- 113.1 The Deputy Clerk reported that the planning application, 11/03765/TREE relating to the Lime (T1) at the KEH, which the committee had not supported at the meeting held on 20 December 2011, had been given consent by the DC on 3 January 2012.

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### 114. TO CONSIDER ACTIVITY ON THE LIMES DEVELOPMENT, ANY DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO AND AGREE ANY ACTION WHICH MAY NEED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

114.1 The Deputy Clerk advised that he had two matters to report:

- The continuing littering by contractors' personnel at the northern end of Eastern Road near the Local Nature Reserve was a matter of some concern. Cllr Hersey, in her capacity as a District Cllr, had elevated the matter to Mr Nick Rogers, who had copied in waste management staffs. However, the Deputy Clerk had already involved these staffs and they had visited the Site Manager, Mr Gerry Rice, to urge better compliance with litter laws; he had agreed to arrange for litter picking of the area around the cycle path still in Barratt's ownership. Additionally, the DC would task Serco to undertake more frequent sweeps of the relevant part of Eastern Road.
- Mr Steve Ashdown, DC Planning Officer for the Limes development, had responded to a resident of the Wilderness about their concerns relating to a number of matters, in particular, the vulnerability of the Wilderness Field to illegal occupation; drop kerbs, a maintenance access and a field gate would be provided at the SE boundary of the field. Additionally, concern had been expressed about the height of the spoil tip - which will be planted up with trees/shrubs in due course - and the DC had commented that the contouring had improved in recent months.

### 115. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

115.1 There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 8.33pm.