

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning and Traffic Committee** held on **25 SEPTEMBER 2012** at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

Present: Mrs Margaret Hersey (Vice Chairman)
Mr M Amor
Mrs J Chatfield
Mr R Plass
Mr C Snowling

Also Present: Mr J Jesson (Lindfield Preservation Society)
4 members of the public

In Attendance: Mr I McLean (Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Councillors A Gomme (Chairman), S Hodgson, W Blunden, V Upton

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman duly took the Chair. She welcomed all those present and announced the emergency procedure for the King Edward Hall.

219. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

219.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Gomme, S Hodgson, W Blunden, and V Upton and the reasons were accepted.

220. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

220.1 Councillor Hersey stated that she reserved the right to express a different opinion from that given at this meeting, when present at meetings of Mid Sussex District Council's (MSDC) Central Area Planning Committee or at any 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. Councillor Plass stated that he had a personal interest in the planning application referred to at 222.4 below as the applicant was a personal friend.

221. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON 06 SEPTEMBER 2012

221.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 06 September 2012. It was noted that on a representation from the Lindfield Preservation Society, minute 214.1 should be corrected. Subject to further investigation by the Deputy Clerk on the point, it was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

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

222.1 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. It was **AGREED**, for the benefit of members of the public present at the meeting, to rearrange the order in which the planning applications were to be considered.

222.2 **12/02840/TREE – FIRS HOUSE, 157 HIGH STREET**
SECTION FELL FROM A SCOTCH PINE TREE DUE TO DECAY OF CENTRAL STUMP

"No objections"

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- 222.3 **12/02883/FUL – FLAT 2, MAX COURT, 178 THE WELKIN**
RETOSPECTIVE APPLICATION TO REPLACE WINDOW WITH DOUBLE DOORS AND EXTERNAL STEPS TO PATIO

“No objections”

- 222.4 **12/02926/FUL – ACORNS, 19 LUXFORD ROAD**
ERECTION OF NEW CHALET BUNGALOW IN REAR GARDEN

“No objections, but the Parish Council would like if possible, to see the Planning officers’ recommendations relating to the construction of the new building included by MSDC as planning conditions.”

A letter to the Planning Authority from the Harvest Close Residents’ Association, as copied to the Parish Council, was duly noted.

Note: Cllr Plass did not vote.

- 222.5 **12/02956/TREE – 21 PORTSMOUTH WOOD CLOSE**
REDUCE HEIGHT OF T1 (LARGE OAK) BY UP TO 1.8M AND BALANCE CROWN BY REDUCING THE LATERAL BRANCHES OF THE NORTH-WEST ROUND TO THE NORTH-EAST PORTION OF THE CROWN BY UP TO 2.5 METRES AND REMOVE DEAD WOOD AND LIGHTLY THIN CROWN ON THE HOUSE SIDE

“No objections”

- 222.6 **12/02960/TCA – ROSINGS, BLACK HILL**
T1 – CONIFER – FELL AND GRIND AS TREE IS TOO LARGE FOR LOCATION. T2 BLUE CEDAR – REMOVE THE BROKEN TREE BRANCH AND CUT AWAY FROM THE PHONE WIRES

“No objections”

- 222.7 **12/02964/TREE – 20 SUMMERHILL GRANGE**
T1 LIME – CROWN REDUCE BY APPROX 3M TO KEEP TO MANAGEABLE SIZE. T2 OAK – CROWN REDUCE BY APPROX 1M AND TIDY TO KEEP TO MANAGEABLE SIZE. T3 SILVER BIRCH – FELL AND GRIND. TREE IS TOO CLOSE TO PROPERTY AND NOT IN GOOD LOCATION AS REQUIRES TOO MUCH MAINTENANCE WHERE CLOSE TO PROPERTY. T4 OAK - CUT BACK BY APPROX 1.5-2M ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HOUSE NO.20 TO BALANCE THE TREE AND CUT AWAY FROM NO.20.

“No objections”

- 222.8 **12/02882/FUL – FLAT 1, MAX COURT, 178 THE WELKIN**
RETOSPECTIVE APPLICATION TO REPLACE WINDOW WITH DOUBLE DOORS AND EXTERNAL STEPS TO PATIO

“No objections”

- 222.9 **12/02982/FUL – OLD BREWERY COTTAGE, DENMANS COURT, DENMANS LANE**
EXTENSION TO ROOF TO FORM BEDROOM AND EN-SUITE

“The Parish Council is pleased to see a new set of more accurate plans, and has no objections to this application, but would like to see the usual condition relating to the matching of materials and finishes.”

Lindfield Preservation Society noted that the property stands in the shadow of the Old Forge, a Grade II Listed Building, and the impact of the increased height is of concern. The applicant responded by saying that he took the point, but did not believe that the building was out of line with others, and would not be

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visually intrusive. LPS also observed that this property should not be confused with the Old Brewery property.

222.10 **12/02740/FUL – 27 SAVILL ROAD**

TWO STOREY REAR ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PORCH
(AMENDED BLOCK PLAN)

“No objections”

223. 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

223.1 The Deputy Clerk had nothing to report to the meeting.

224. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE

224.1 The Vice Chairman reported on the success of the two exhibitions/workshops held on 15th September at the KEH and on 22nd September at the Millennium Centre, and that these had been quite well attended. The Committee wished to record a vote of thanks to John Jesson for providing the excellent photographs used for the exhibitions, and also to Cllr A Gomme for all his work in helping to organise these open day events.

225. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

225.1 None reported.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.