

## LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on **MONDAY 05 DECEMBER 2016** in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at **8.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Parish Councillors: Mr. A Gomme (Chairman)  
Mr. S Hodgson (Vice Chairman)  
Mr. C Snowling  
Mr. S Shortland  
Mrs. V Upton  
Mr. W Blunden  
Mrs. M Hersey  
Mr. R Plass

**Also present:** Mr. J Jesson, Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS).  
Mr. C Hersey (Councillor; Mid Sussex District Council)  
(There were no members of the public present.)

**In attendance:** Mr. I. McLean (Deputy Parish Clerk).

**Not present:** None.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed those present, and announced the emergency procedure for the King Edward Hall.

**214. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

214.1 There were no apologies for absence.

**215. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

215.1 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 Planning Committee A, the District wide Planning Committee, or at any meeting which subsequently considered any matter discussed at the present meeting, having seen officers' reports and heard representations from members of the public and fellow Members.

**216. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.**

216.1 Mr Jesson said that he hoped that there would be some update on the traffic survey, in terms of forward action and planning. The Chairman responded by saying that the matter would be coming up later on the Agenda.

**217. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (PLANS ONLY) HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2016.**

217.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 November 2016. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

**218. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS REFERRED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL BY MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL (MSDC) FOR CONSIDERATION.**

218.1 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.

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- 218.2 DM/16/4619 – 9 PICKERS GREEN  
PROPOSED TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY FLAT ROOF EXTENSION TO THE SIDE, INCORPORATING PART OF THE GARAGE.

Mr Jesson agreed that that the work must be done to match existing materials and finishes.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, provided the external finishes match the existing.

- 218.3 DM/16/4686 – 28 BLACKTHORNS  
(T1) OAK - CROWN LIFT TO 5 METRES.

Mr Jesson made the point that the description of the proposed work in the application was somewhat different to the heading summary. Councillor Snowling said that the Parish Council would always assess the application from the former, not the latter.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application. This is an iconic Oak but will not be harmed by having its crown lifted.

- 218.4 DM/16/4734 – 49 NOAHS ARK LANE  
HAZEL TREES (T1, T2, T3) COPPICE SELECTIVELY AND REMOVE OLDEST STEMS. HAZEL TREES (T4 AND T5) FELL AND REPLACE.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application. These trees have TPOs on them but the Tree Officer at MSDC, has indicated that there is no objection as long as they are replaced by native trees. The Parish Council agrees.

- 218.5 DM/16/4703 – 46 MEADOW LANE  
TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** Lindfield Parish Council has are no objections to this application, providing matching materials are used.

- 218.6 DM/16/4862 – 44 MEADOW DRIVE  
PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, providing matching materials are used.

- 218.7 DM/16/4906 – 4 ALMA ROAD  
REAR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION.

Notified by MSDC: Currently invalid, as a Heritage Statement is needed. Once this has been received The application will be re-validated, and re-advertised for comment. It will therefore come back to the Committee in due course.

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

- 219.1 DM/16/3747 – Whitesands, Lewes Road: Side and rear two storey extension. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that this application had been refused by MSDC on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, as by virtue of its design, size and scale, the proposed two storey side extension is considered to be inappropriately prominent, significantly reducing the spaciousness at the junction of Noahs Ark Lane and the Lewes Road. It will be detrimental to the character and appearance of the area, and to the setting of the nearby Conservation Area. Therefore it fails the Plan policies cited in the decision notice.

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### 220. BUDGETARY MATTERS.

220.1 The Deputy Clerk introduced the paper, which set out the Committee's budget progress report for 2016/17. All payments up to 30.11.16 were recorded, and the available balances of the budget heads set out. The budget progress report was duly **NOTED**.

220.1 It was further noted however, that the Committee needs to set a budget for the next financial year 2017/18, but that as regards the Traffic Survey budget, further information was needed from the consultant on work to be done, and the projected costs, before the estimated budget could be finalised. The consultant would also be asked to provide a further invoice in order to capture all fee expenditure to date. Once all the information is to hand, the Deputy Clerk will bring a paper on the budget setting requirement to the next meeting of the Committee to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### 221. MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL – DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

221.1 The Deputy Clerk reported that three days of examination hearings into the housing aspects of the District Plan by the appointed Planning Inspector had taken place on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016, and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

221.1 It was noted that the objectively assessed housing need, currently set at 800 dwellings per annum, is likely to have to go up, and that MSDC will probably have to meet a greater amount of the unmet housing need of its neighbouring Authorities. It is not yet clear how the sustainability and environmental constraints issues in terms of site allocation will be played out.

### 222. UPDATE ON TRAFFIC SURVEY/STUDY.

222.1 After discussion, it was **AGREED** that the consultant should proceed with the experimental, temporary traffic lights at the junction of the Lewes Road with the High Street, in order to see whether the pedestrian safety aspects of the junction can be improved. It was noted that the effects of the lights will need careful monitoring in terms of the usage of other roads. It was noted that the costs implications of this proposal, will also need to be looked at, the Deputy Clerk will be pursuing this with the consultant. Once known, Councillor Plass said that the Parish Council would also need to look into the possible funding sources. It was noted that the trial will be aimed to take place in February/March 2017, outside of any school holiday period.

222.2 It was noted that it was important to ensure that residents were informed, and so an article will be placed in the January 2017 edition of Lindfield Life. Councillor Gomme agreed to draft this item. Councillor Blunden stated that it would be important to ensure that residents support any permanent solutions, and that the Parish Councils avoid other examples, where traffic solutions have either not been supported or haven't worked.

### 223. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

223.1 There was none reported.

The Meeting concluded at 08.20 p.m.