

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Present:

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

Also present:

Mr. J. Jesson, Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS)
Mr. C. Hersey (MSDC Councillor)
4 members of the public (for part of the meeting)

In attendance:

Mrs. C Irwin (Parish Clerk).

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

091. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

091.1 All Members were present.

092. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

092.1 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.

092.2 Item 4 ii: DM/15/4940 - All Saints Church. Councillors Hersey and Upton declared personal interests in this item as members of the Church congregation.

092.3 Item 4.vi: DM15/5059 - 143 High Street (Townlands). Councillor Upton declared a personal interest in this item as she was acquainted with the applicant.

093. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (PLANS ONLY) HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2015.

093.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 December 2015. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting. The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman, Councillor Hodgson, for chairing the meeting in his absence.

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

094.1 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 also agreed, where necessary,

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to alter the order of the Agenda for the benefit of those persons present with an interest in a particular application.

094.2 DM/15/4940 – ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HIGH STREET

NEW BRICK PAVING TO EXISTING PATH LEADING TO THE WEST TOWER AND ACCESS DOOR TO CURRENT VICAR VESTRY AND REGRADING OF EXISTING PATH LEADING TO THE SOUTH PORCH ENTRANCE TO PROVIDE LEVEL ACCESS, INCLUDING RE-SITING OF EXTERNAL LAMP LOCATED INSIDE THE EAST WALL OF SOUTH PORCH BY THE CURRENT VICAR VESTRY DOOR EXTERNALLY.

Councillors Hersey and Upton, having declared personal interests in this item, as recorded at Minute 092.2, remained present but did not take part in the discussion or the decision.

Mr. Jesson expressed the view that the existing stone paving of the pathway to the Vestry should be replaced like-for-like, but had no difficulties with the proposal to replace the gravel path with brick paving. The stone paving was in sympathy with the Grade II listed Church building. Mr. Jesson stated that otherwise the proposal was acceptable.

Mr. R. Ransley, Chair of the Aspire Project of which this was part, stated that he was sympathetic to the views of Lindfield Preservation Society and did not foresee any problems with relaying the stone flagstones.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application".

094.3 DM/15/5032 – LITTLE PELHAM, BLACK HILL

LIMES (T1 AND T2) REDUCE CUT BACK FROM GARDEN BY 2-2.5M.

The applicant stated that the application had been submitted because long branches were growing over the canopy of their house which they were about to replace. The trees had been pollarded in the past, but had been left to grow for many years and large branches were breaking off. The proposal was to remove two branches overhanging the property.

Concerns were expressed that this work may result in unbalancing the tree and it was suggested that WSCC should be consulted.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, subject to the trees not being left in an unbalanced condition. We also feel that WSCC who own the trees as they are on the highway verge, should be asked for their views".

094.4 DM/15/4928 – LITTLE PELHAM, BLACK HILL

REPLACE EXISTING ROOF FINISH TO CANOPY DUE TO LONG TERM DETERIORATION.

Mr. Jesson stated that the canopy and framework were noticeably deteriorating and LPS had no objection to the proposed work.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application".

094.5 DM/15/4838 – 12 SAVILL ROAD

FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION AND REAR DORMER IMPROVEMENT IN CONTINUATION OF DM/15/2927. PART RETROSPECTIVE.

Councillor Snowling declared a personal interest in this item as he was acquainted with the applicant. He remained present but did not take part in the discussion or decision.

Mr. Jesson stated that the proposal to extend to the side on the first floor would result in a more balanced appearance than the previously approved scheme.

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AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application".

- 094.6 DM/15/4948 – 103 THE WELKIN
OAK T1 CROWN LIFT 3M AND REDUCTION BY 2M.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application".

- 094.7 DM/15/5059 – 143 HIGH STREET (TOWNLANDS)
YEW (T1) - FELL. ROW OF LAWSON CYPRESS (T2) - REDUCE BY 3.0M. HOLLY (G1) REDUCE BY 4.0M.

Councillor Upton, having declared a personal interest, as recorded at minute 092.3, remained present but did not participate in the discussion or the decision.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application".

095. 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.

- 095.1 DM/15/4715 – Buxshalls, Ardingly Road. This application (in the Lindfield Rural Parish) was for removal of the condition relating to a previous permission (14/01120/FUL) which restricted occupancy of the dwellings to be by persons 55 years of age or over. In order to meet the deadline of 25.12.15, the Deputy Clerk had submitted a response under delegated authority,

It was **AGREED** to endorse the response which was worded as follows:

"Lindfield Parish Council objects to this application. It is noted that no reason or justification for the proposal appears to have been given by the applicant. However, Lindfield Parish Council supported the original planning application for the redevelopment of this property, for a number of reasons. One of these was the fact that the application would help achieve the aim of providing additional need for elderly persons' accommodation near to, and around Lindfield. The Parish Council is not aware that this need has diminished, and if it was acknowledged at the time by the developer (just a year or so ago) that the provision of such accommodation was instrumental to the success of the application, and that the obligation was attached by a planning condition, then the requirement is still valid and so the condition should remain in place."

096. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 096.1 Planning application DM/15/4457 by Wates for development of land to the south of Scamps Hill. . The Chairman drew attention to the Agenda for the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 12 January 2016, which had been published and circulated earlier in the day. This meeting had been called to agree the Council's response to MSDC. The agenda for the public meeting to take place on 6 January had been circulated by Lindfield Rural Parish Council that afternoon; it was **NOTED** from this Agenda that a Consultant had been appointed and the Clerk had been asked to contact the Clerk at Lindfield Rural Parish Council for details.

- 196.2 Development at Penland Farm, Haywards Heath. Redrow were circulating invitations to an exhibition on 15 January at the Methodist Church in Perrymount Road, at which the detailed designs for the development would be displayed.

The Meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.