

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2014** in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

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

Present: Parish Councillors: Mr A. Gomme (Chairman)
Mrs M. Hersey (Vice Chairman)
Mr S. Hodgson
Mrs V. Upton
Mr M. Amor
Mr C. Snowling
Mrs J. Chatfield

Also present: Mr J. Jesson, Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS). (There were no members of the public present.)

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

Absent: Councillor Mr W. Blunden

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

459. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

459.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Blunden and the reason was accepted.

460. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

460.1 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 B, 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.

460.2 Councillor Gomme declared a personal interest in Agenda item 4(iii) as he lives close by to the property in question, and so said that he would neither speak nor vote in the matter.

460.3 Councillor Snowling declared a personal interest in Agenda item 4(iv) as he was acquainted with the applicant, and so said that he would neither speak nor vote in the matter.

461. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (PLANS ONLY) HELD ON 20 MAY 2014.

461.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 20 May 2014. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

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

462.1 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 to alter the order of the Agenda in order to cater for those persons present wishing to speak to an application.

462.2 14/01607/LDP – 19 SUMMERHILL LANE
DETACHED OAK FRAMED SUMMER HOUSE/GARDEN SHED. THIS IS AN APPLICATION TO

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ESTABLISH WHETHER THE DEVELOPMENT IS LAWFUL: THIS WILL BE A LEGAL DECISION WHERE THE PLANNING MERITS OF THE PROPOSED USE CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

AGREED RESPONSE: "As this is a request for a Lawful Development Certificate for the development, the Parish Council can only comment that there are no reasons for legal, valid objections as far as it is aware."

- 462.3 14/01696/FUL – 23 BACKWOODS LANE
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE AND 2-STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

Mr Jesson echoed the proposed comments of the Parish Council, and said that the application in context, was acceptable.

AGREED RESPONSE: "At first glance the proposed extension would appear to be an overdevelopment but having studied neighbouring properties, the Parish Council cannot say that the proposal would be out of keeping."

- 462.4 14/01705/FUL – 9 FINCHES PARK ROAD
CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION. ENCLOSURE OF THE REAR GARDEN ON BOUNDARY WITH ROAD, WITH A 2M HIGH CLOSE BOARDED FENCE. ERECTION OF A 1M FENCE TO THE FRONT WITH A 5 BAR GATE AT DRIVEWAY.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the applicant had withdrawn the fencing/gate part of the application, but as the Parish Council had received no official notification of this, the Committee had to assess the application before in its entirety. Mr Jesson commented that this was a large extension, but it had to be viewed in context. He therefore shared the proposed comments of the Parish Council in that the extension was acceptable, but that the fencing was out of character and objectionable. Councillor Snowling said that he was particularly concerned about the proposed 2 metre high fencing, and that the gate and other fencing could not be supported.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the extension to the dwelling-house, it cannot support the installation of a 2 metre high fence as proposed in the application."

[Note: in accordance with his declaration of interest above, Councillor Gomme vacated the Chair and left the meeting for the duration of this item. Councillor Hersey as Vice Chair, took the Chair for the purposes of this item only.]

- 462.5 14/01770/FUL – 5 OAKFIELD CLOSE
TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, NEW PORCH TO FRONT OF PROPERTY AND SINGLE STOREY ADDITION TO REAR OF EXISTING GARAGE.

AGREED RESPONSE: "There are no objections to this application, subject to materials and finishes matching the existing dwelling-house."

- 462.6 14/01702/TCA – 29 DENMANS LANE
CROWN REDUCTION – ASH TREE (T1) – REDUCE HEIGHT BY 3 METRES. T2 HOLLY.

AGREED RESPONSE: "There are no objections to this application."

463. **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.**

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- 463.1 The Deputy Clerk reported and confirmed that the planning application (14/01134/FUL) for 1 The Wilderness “carport/garage and wood store” had been refused by MSDC in a decision dated 23rd May 2014. A copy of the decision notice had previously been circulated to Members.
- 463.2 Councillor Hersey reported that the revised planning application (14/01120/FUL) for Buxshalls, Ardingly Road, which the Committee had commented on at its meeting on 29th April 2014, is going to MSDC’s Planning Committee on 12th June 2014, with a recommendation for approval. It was noted again, that the application has lodged an appeal regarding the previously refused application.

464. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 464.1 There was none reported.

The Meeting concluded at 8.09 p.m.