

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on **TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2015** 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. M Hersey
Mr. S Hodgson (Vice Chairman)
Mr. C Snowling
Mrs. V Upton
Mr. R Plass
Mr. S Shortland
Mrs. J Durrant
Mrs. E Hinze

Also present: Mr. J. Jesson, Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS)
Councillor C. Hersey (MSDC)

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

Absent: None

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

035. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

035.1 None.

036. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

036.1 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, 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.

036.2 There were no other declarations of interest.

037. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (FULL) HELD ON 21 JULY 2015.

037.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 21 July 2015. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

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

038.1 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.

038.2 DM/15/2815 – THE CLOCK HOUSE, SPRING LANE
CONIFER – REMOVE.

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

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- 038.3 DM/15/2927 – 12 SAVILL ROAD
SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND GARAGE EXTENSION AND REAR DORMER.

Mr Jesson said that the extension represented a considerable alteration to the street scene, and came along way forward of the front building line. The rear elements of the proposal were acceptable, but the front treatment meant that the application was questionable in planning terms. Councillors having studied the plans, Councillor Snowling said that he was in agreement with Mr Jesson's observations and that the change will be very noticeable, and adversely affect the appearance of the street scene. He therefore felt that the Parish Council should object to the proposal. Councillor Durrant said that the proposal could be made more sympathetic, but it was noted that the Committee could only deal with the application before it. Councillor Hodgson proposed, and Councillor Upton seconded that the response should be along the lines of the objections raised, and this was agreed.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council notes that the extension will come out a long way to the front building line, and will change the appearance of the frontages. As such it will not be in keeping with the street scene, and will have an adverse effect on it, particularly as regards neighbouring properties. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy B1 of the 2004 Local Plan, and so in line with these objections, the Parish Council cannot support this application."

- 038.4 DM/15/2983 – LAND BETWEEN LITTLE BLACK HILL AND MEADLANDS, LITTLE BLACK HILL
CONIFER (T1) – FELL.

Councillor Gomme noted that the tree is becoming unsafe.

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

- 038.5 DM/15/2993 – 7B PELHAM ROAD
(T1) OAK - REMOVE DEAD EASTERLY BRANCH BACK TO MAIN TRUNK. REMOVE ALL DEAD LIMBS/WOOD BACK TO SUITABLE GROWTH POINTS. REMOVE SPLIT LIMB. REMOVE EASTERN LIMB BACK TO FORK. REMOVE TWO LIMBS OVERHANGING WESTERLY PROPERTY BACK TO MAIN STEM. OVERALL CROWN REDUCTION UP TO 2M TO SUITABLE GROWTH POINTS.

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

- 038.6 DM/15/3064 – 7 FINCHES GARDENS
(T1) OAK - REMOVE LOWER BRANCHES TO A HEIGHT OF 0.5-1 METRES, THIN CROWN TO REMOVE APPROXIMATELY 10% OF LIVE BRANCHES AND REDUCE CROWN HEIGHT AND SPREAD BY APPROXIMATELY 1-1.5 METRES.

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

039. **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.**

- 039.1 14/04279/HOUS – 48 Savill Road, for new pitched roof over existing garage to provide additional annexe accommodation: The Deputy Clerk had reported at the meeting on 30 June 2015 that the application, having been refused by MSDC, had gone to appeal. It was now confirmed that the appeal had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate on 3rd August 2015. A copy of the appeal decision has been sent to Councillors, and a copy is available in the Parish Council office.

- 039.2 DM/15/2629 – 1 Chestnuts Close, for T1 Scots Pine – crown lift by removing three lowest branches overhanging roof, garden and decking and one branch overhanging road. The Deputy Clerk reported that the application had been refused by MSDC on the grounds that the proposed work was excessive

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and would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the tree and therefore contrary to Policy B7 of the Mid Sussex Local Plan 2004.

040. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

040.1 There was none.

The Meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.