

## LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning and Traffic Committee** held on **11 JUNE 2013** at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors: Mr A. Gomme (Chairman)  
Mrs M. Hersey (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr M. Amor  
Mr W. Blunden  
Mrs J. Chatfield  
Mr C. Snowling  
Mr S. Hodgson

**Also Present:** Mr J. Jesson (Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS))

**In Attendance:** Mr I. McLean (Deputy Clerk)

**Absent:** None.

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

### **325. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

325.1 This being the first opportunity of the new Council year, Councillor Blunden, as Chairman of Council, called for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Planning and Traffic Committee for the Council year 2013/14. Councillor Gomme was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED**. There being no further nominations, Councillor Alan Gomme was duly **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Planning and Traffic Committee for the Council year 2013/14.

### **326. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

326.1 The Chairman called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Traffic Committee. Councillor Hersey was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED**, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Margaret Hersey was duly **ELECTED** as Vice Chairman of the Planning and Traffic Committee for the Council year 2013/4.

### **327. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

327.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Plass, and V. Upton, and the reasons accepted. Councillor W. Blunden was present for only the above two items due to a conflicting meeting.

### **328. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

328.1 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) North East 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.

328.2 Councillor Hersey also particularly referred to possible involvement in item 6(iv) of the Agenda in her capacity as a Ward District Councillor.

### **329. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 MAY 2013 (PLANS ONLY).**

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329.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 21 May 2013. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

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

330.1 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 any members of the public present at the meeting, to rearrange the order in which the planning applications were to be considered.

#### 330.2 13/01575/LDC – 76 MEADOW LANE

THIS IS AN EXTENSION TO FORM A NEW DINING ROOM. IT IS AN APPLICATION TO 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:** "The Parish Council has no comment to make in this matter."

#### 330.3 13/01599/FUL – 59 SAVILL ROAD

REPLACEMENT ENTRANCE AND ROOF OVER PORCH AND GARAGE.

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

#### 330.4 13/01600/FUL – 32 LUXFORD ROAD

TWO DORMERS IN FRONT ROOF AND CONSTRUCTION OF BARN END TO ROOF.

Mr Jesson expressed his support for the Members' comments as read out to the Committee, and referred particularly to the unbalancing effect of the proposal. Councillors Hersey and Hodge endorsed the comments, but Councillor Amor gave a contrary view.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** "The Parish Council considers the raised roof and the proposed dormers are out of character, and would not sit well within the street scene. The proposal will unbalance the neighbouring property. It therefore appears to be contrary to Policy B1 of the Local Plan. Accordingly, the Parish Council objects to this proposal."

#### 330.5 13/01607/CND – SHANLEY HOMES DEVELOPMENT SITE, BLACKTHORNS CLOSE

VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 11 AND 12 OF APPLICATION 12/03227/FUL FOR THE ERECTION OF 13 DETACHED AND SEMI DETACHED TWO STOREY HOUSES WITH ACCESS AND PARKING, TO ALLOW DETAILS REQUIRED UNDER CONDITIONS 11 AND 12 (RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO OCCUPATION.

Mr Jesson expressed his support for the Members' comments as read out to the Committee. Both the Deputy Clerk and Mr Jesson had noticed an apparent discrepancy in the numbering, and that clarification would be sought from MSDC. Councillor Hersey, in view of her declaration above, took no part in the discussion of this item.

**AGREED RESPONSE:** "The Parish Council considers that if these conditions were relevant in the first place, then they must still stand now, taking into consideration the importance of Blackthorns School and the traffic management issues that have been raised. It does not therefore agree with these proposed variations. Please also note that the reference to the numbering of the conditions appears to be incorrect, in that they appear to be 10 and 11, rather than 11 and 12"

#### 330.6 13/01638/FUL – KNOLL BANK, ROUNDWOOD LANE

CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION TO EXISTING DOUBLE GARAGE TO FORM FURTHER SINGLE GARAGE.

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**AGREED RESPONSE:** "There are no objections to this application provided matching materials and finishes are used."

**331. 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**

331.1 The Deputy Clerk reported that planning application ref: 13/01190/FUL at 42 Sunte Avenue (which was considered at the Committee's meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013) had been refused by MSDC, on grounds which very much reflected the Parish Council's comments.

331.2 The Deputy Clerk briefly reported on the latest position with regard to the lorry movements in and out of Hill House Farm, and that a detailed response to the concerns had been received from Claire Tester, the Head of Economic Promotion and Planning at MSDC (as previously circulated to Members). It was noted that a number of sources had indicated that the work would now be ceasing at the end of June. The matter would need to be further reviewed at the July meeting.

**332. TO DEAL WITH A BUDGET MATTER IN RESPECT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

332.1 It was *resolved* to agree and to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee accordingly, that the sum of £28,603.71 be transferred into a designated reserve for 2013/14. It was noted that the bulk of expenditure on Neighbourhood Planning was likely to fall into this year.

**333. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

333.1 No other items of business were raised, although Councillor Gomme had previously mentioned the need to ensure that the section 106 monies that had arisen as a result of the Blackthorns development, were directed at helping to fund local and community projects in the Parish, such as the toilets on the Common, and to enhance the play facilities at the Hickman's Lane recreation ground.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.