

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on **TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 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. S Shortland
Mrs. V Upton
Mr. R Plass

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

Not present: Councillors Mr. C Snowling, Mrs. M Hersey, and Mr. W Blunden

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

184. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

184.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Snowling, Hersey, and Blunden, and the reasons accepted.

185. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

185.1 Councillor Upton declared a personal interest in Agenda items 4(iii) Malvern Cottage, Pondcroft Road, as she was acquainted with the applicants.

186. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (PLANS ONLY) HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2016.

186.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 23 August 2016. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

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

187.1 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, where necessary, for the benefit of those persons present with an interest in a particular application.

187.2 DM/16/3227 – LAND ADJACENT TO BURNT HOUSE FARM, BLACK HILL
2 YEW TO BE TRIMMED BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE SHADING + LOW AMENITY VALUE. TO TRIM BRANCHES BY APPROX. 15% TO LET LIGHT THROUGH.

NOTED: "There are no objections to this application." (Submitted to MSDC on 05.09.16 under the delegated authority procedure.)

187.3 DM/16/3398 - 12 SUNTE AVENUE
NEW DORMER WINDOW TO FRONT OF ROOF.

Mr Jesson felt that the proposal did not meet the objectives of guideline 3 in the Village Design Statement, and expressed the view that the look of the properties should be protected. He noted that there is a precedent for similar work in a neighbouring property, but nonetheless felt uncomfortable with

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this particular proposal. Councillor Plass said that he understood the point, but took the view that the proposal did not detract from the look of the building, and thought it acceptable.

AGREED RESPONSE: Lindfield Parish Council does not believe that this proposal will be detrimental to the street scene, and therefore it has no objections to the application.

187.4 DM/16/3450 - MALVERN COTTAGE, PONDCROFT ROAD.
REPLACE 4 BAY WINDOWS AT FRONT OF PROPERTY.

Mr Jesson said that he also felt uncomfortable with this proposal. The property is in the Conservation Area, and it would have been preferable for the replacement to be of similar crittall style windows, which can still incorporate double glazing. Councillor Plass said that he agreed with the point made by Mr Jesson, and said that the original style of windows is intrinsic to the properties in this road. Councillors Shortland and Hodgson also expressed agreement with the points made.

AGREED RESPONSE: Lindfield Parish Council cannot support this application. The property is within the Conservation Area, and the proposal clearly goes against the stated aims set out in the Mid Sussex Local Plan 2004, which the policy in respect of conservation areas seeks to protect. Therefore, the Parish Council does not feel that the proposal is appropriate for this area, and believes that the existing type of windows is intrinsic to the properties in this road.

Note: In accordance with her declaration of interest above, Councillor Upton took no part in the discussion and decision relating to this item.

187.5 DM/16/3471 – 14 SUMMERHILL GRANGE
REDUCE CROWN (T1) BY UP TO 3.5 METRES AND REDUCE LATERAL BRANCHES BY 3.5 METRES.

NOTED: “There are no objections to this application.” (Submitted to MSDC on 05.09.16 under the delegated authority procedure.)

187.6 DM/16/1138 – 34 DUKES ROAD.
PROPOSED TWO STOREY EXTENSIONS TO THE SIDES AND REAR, INCLUDING REMODELLING OF THE FIRST FLOOR TO CREATE FOUR BEDROOM TWO STOREY DWELLING WITH DOUBLE GARAGE. AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED 15.08.16 SHOWING AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN OF THE EXTENSION.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

187.7 DM/16/3129 – HIGH BEECH, ROUNDWOOD LANE
PROPOSED NEW BRICK BUILT PIERS WITH WOODEN GATES TO THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY. (AMENDED PLANS AND DESCRIPTION 19.08.16).

Mr Jesson said that he thought this proposal even better than the previous one, and that it is even more in keeping with the property and area. Accordingly, the LPS has no objections.

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

187.8 DM/16/3535 – THE MALLOWS, 16 OAK BANK
SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

Mr Jesson said that there were no objections, but that matching materials and finishes should be used, particularly as regards the brickwork.

AGREED RESPONSE: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, provided that matching materials and finishes are used, especially as regards the existing brickwork.

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- 187.9 DM/16/3648 – SAXON GATE, 1A LINDEN GROVE
MAGNOLIA (T1) REDUCE BY 0.5-1M AND THIN BY 15-20%. ORNAMENTAL CHERRY (T2) REDUCE BY 1-2M. ORNAMENTAL CHERRY (T3) REDUCE BY 1M.

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

- 188. 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.**

- 188.1 DM/16/2971 – Lindfield Motors, Lewes Road: Partial demolition of existing workshops and construction of new workshop. The Deputy Clerk reported that the application had been approved by MSDC on 5th September 2016, but that there was no mention of the possible parking issues that the Parish Council had expressed in its response.

- 189. TO CONSIDER/AUTHORISE A REQUEST FROM LINDFIELD RURAL PARISH COUNCIL TO CONTRIBUTE ONE HALF OF THE COST OF PRODUCING THE LEAFLETS (AS DELIVERED TO HOUSEHOLDS IN BOTH PARISHES) IN RESPECT OF WATES' SCAMPS HILL PLANNING APPLICATION, REF. NO: DM/16/4457.**

- 189.1 It was **AGREED** to make a payment to Lindfield Rural Parish Council of one half of the cost as above, amounting to £130.56, and on the back of this item to make a further payment of one half of the costs of hiring the King Edward Hall for the public meeting relating to the application amounting to £21.60. It was acknowledged that the reason for these payments is the extensive effect that the proposals would have on this Parish, if the application should be successful.

- 190. NOTED:** The action taken under the delegated authority procedure not to agree a request from Lindfield Rural Parish Council (LRPC) to contribute towards the costs and maintenance of a Speed Indication Device (SID) machine in Gravelye Lane, because of the need to await the outcome and recommendations of the Parish Council's own traffic survey/study. The action had been necessary because LRPC wanted an answer by the 5th September 2016.

- 191. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 191.1 Councillor Gomme asked about the progress of the traffic survey/study since the last meeting, and the Deputy Clerk was able to advise that the consultant had finally sent in, this afternoon (13th September), the detailed interim report. A copy would be sent to all Councillors, and then as the next meeting (on 3rd October 2016) is a full meeting, the matter would be put on the Agenda for discussion and any necessary decisions at that meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 8.17 p.m.