

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2013** 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)
Mrs J. Chatfield
Mr M. Amor
Mr W. Blunden
Mr S. Hodgson
Mrs V. Upton
Mr C. Snowling
Mr R. Plass

Also present: John Jesson (Lindfield Preservation Society), and three members of the public.

In attendance: Mr I. McLean (Deputy Clerk)

Absent: None

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

394. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

394.1 There were no apologies for absence.

395. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

395.1 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.

395.2 In respect of a matter that might come up under item 7 on the Agenda, being a planning application relating to Fullingmill Farm, Spring Lane, Councillor Blunden declared a personal interest as he was acquainted with the owner.

396. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (PLANS ONLY) HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2013.

396.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 26 November 2013. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

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

397.1 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.

397.2 13/03871/LBC – 97 HIGH STREET
REMOVE EXISTING FLAT ROOFED CANOPY TO REAR AND REPLACE WITH SINGLE STOREY LEAN TO ENCLOSED PORCH EXTENSION. INTERNAL ALTERATIONS WITH HEATING INSTALLATION AND ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS. WORKS TO INCLUDE REMOVAL OF FITTINGS FROM ONE OF THE 1ST FLOOR BATHROOMS TO CREATE A BEDROOM AND ADD

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SHOWER SPACE TO MAIN BEDROOM AND EN SUITE IN EXISTING REDUNDANT LOFT STORE ROOM.

Mr Jesson endorsed the proposed comments of the Parish Council, and particularly welcomed the involvement of English Heritage.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council feels that considerable care and consideration has been taken into account in the plans, in order to blend in with the existing building. It therefore has no objections to this application."

397.3 13/03942/FUL – 11 HICKMANS LANE
SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION.

Mr Jesson expressed some concern about the roof line, but as this was a detached garage, it was acceptable.

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

397.4 13/03763/FUL – 2 DUKES ROAD
REAR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS TO FRONT PORCH.

Mr Jesson commented that the right flank would be something of a carbuncle, but that this was not a ground for objecting.

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

398. 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.

398.1 The Deputy Clerk reported (i) that planning application, reference number: 13/002968/FUL, for 1 The Wilderness (ground floor extension with bedroom accommodation in roof to east elevation) had been refused by MSDC, but has now gone to appeal under reference APP/TPO/D3830/D/13/2209282. (ii) that planning application, reference number: 13/03509/FUL, for Corner Cottage, Roundwood Lane (erection of new five bed dwelling) has been approved by MSDC. (iii) that planning application, reference number: 13/03648/FUL, for Lantern Cottage, Spring Lane (single storey and two storey rear extensions) has been refused by MSDC. (iv) that planning application, reference number: 13/03545/FUL, for the White Horse Inn (various works to form kitchen and restaurant facility with additional residential accommodation) has been approved by MSDC, subject to conditions on ventilation, emission of odours, and soundproofing of plant and machinery. (v) that planning application, reference number 13/03515/TREE, for 11 Dukes Road (Willow tree - fell) on the "no-mans" land between the Limes development and the rear of properties in Dukes Road, has been approved by MSDC, subject to a re-planting condition.

399. PROPOSAL FOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) AT FAR END OF BLACKTHORNS CLOSE.

399.1 Councillor Hersey referred to the damage to the verges being caused by the contractors' vehicles, and other planning non-compliance issues, such as trees in the Conservation Area being cut back without apparent consent, and interference with the hoardings. These are enforcement issues, which need to be taken up with MSDC. As regards the TRO, which the Parish Council had been consulted upon by West Sussex County Council (WSCC), the view was that this was more a matter for the nearby Blackthorns CP School, and the local residents.

399.2 It was agreed that the response of the Parish Council should be that it had no comments to make on the proposal, and that the Deputy Clerk be asked to respond to WSCC accordingly. The Deputy Clerk was

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further asked to write to MSDC Planning Officers on the enforcement issues, with a copy to the Head of Economic Promotion and Planning.

400. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

400.1 Councillor Gomme updated the Committee on the progress of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. He confirmed that the 6 week consultation period closed on the 13th December, and that 62 responses had been received. He confirmed that the Steering Group would be meeting on 3rd February in order to consider the responses to all the various comments received.

400.2 Councillor Gomme raised the issue of the planning application for Fullingmill Farm under planning reference number LR/13/03948/FUL, and the possible effects this could have on Lindfield Parish. The application is for "*removal of existing fill placed on agricultural land and re-grading of the field to address poor drainage and allow for year round cattle grazing.*" It was noted that the importation of some material onto the site will be involved, and the lessons of the recent experiences of the project at Hill House Farm, Buxshalls, needed to be taken on board. These concerned increased heavy vehicle movements on the local road network, damage caused to the road, and the period of the duration of the works. Councillor Hersey said that proper wheel washing of the vehicles coming onto the land must also be properly dealt with. Councillor Snowling reminded the meeting that as this was an item arising under any other business, no firm decisions could be made. Councillor Blunden said that although the application was within Lindfield Rural Parish Council, the matter should have been brought to the attention of the Committee specifically, and much earlier by the Deputy Clerk.

The Deputy Clerk said that having noted the issues, he would write to MSDC in order to establish more precisely what the proposals involved, and to express Lindfield Parish Council's concerns as expressed by Councillors above.

The Meeting concluded at 8.27 p.m.