

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 23 JULY 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 R. Plass

Also present: Mr John Jesson (Lindfield Preservation Society), Councillor Christopher Hersey (MSDC)

In attendance: Mr I. McLean (Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Councillors Mrs V. Upton, Mr C Snowling and Mr S. Hodgson

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

342. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

342.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Upton, Snowling, and Hodgson and the reasons were accepted.

343. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

343.1 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.

343.2 In respect of item 4(iii) on the Agenda, Councillor Blunden reminded the Committee that it was traditional for the Parish Council not to comment on applications relating to neighbouring properties.

344. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (FULL) HELD ON 02 JULY 2013.

344.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 02 July 2013. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

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

345.1 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.

345.2 **13/01569/LDC – 36 HIGH STREET**
RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR A GREEN UTILITIES BOX IN THE FRONT GARDEN OF 36 HIGH STREET, LINDFIELD TO SUPPLY BANK COTTAGE, LEWES ROAD, LINDFIELD. THIS 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.

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Mr Jesson commented on the application, in terms of both the evidence, and the planning history of the Site (including as to the Planning Inspector's report at the appeal stage). He expressed his support for the Council's comments.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council finds it difficult to accept, without any firm evidence, that the cabinet was installed by the statutory undertaker for the purposes of its undertaking, rather than simply at the request of the developer. That being the case, the General Permitted Development Order 1995 cannot apply. The Council therefore objects to the application on the grounds that it is inappropriate and unlawful for an LDC to be granted in circumstances where to do so would have the effect of overriding and negating the usual planning rules that would apply to a structure erected in a Conservation Area. The Council believes that a retrospective application must be made, so that the planning merits of the structure can be properly and duly considered."

345.3 **13/01615/TREE – 41 FINCHES GARDENS**
T1 CONIFER – REDUCE BY 30% AND CROWN RAISE. T2 SYCAMORE – CUT DOWN TO GROUND LEVEL.

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

345.4 **13/02028/ADV – MACWALDER HOUSE, LEWES ROAD**
1 FASCIA, 2 SIDE PANELS AND 1 FREE STANDING SIGN. NO ILLUMINATIONS.

Mr Jesson noted that the 1 fascia sign is slightly wider than the existing sign for the former car showroom.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no comments to make on this application."

345.5 **13/02115/FUL – LINKSWAY, ROUNDWOOD LANE**
GARAGE CONVERSION AND INFILL TO PORCH.

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

345.6 **13/02149/TREE – 9 SUMMERHILL GRANGE**
T14 OAK – REDUCE HEIGHT BY 3M AND SIDE GROWING TOWARDS HOUSE BY 2M. THIN BY UP TO 15%.

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

345.7 **13/02106/TREE – 5 PICKERS GREEN**
OAK – REDUCE CROWN BY 2 METRES LEAVING THE TREE AT APPROXIMATELY 16M HIGH.

Mr Jesson echoed the Council's comments, but was concerned about the effect that the work might have on the water uptake. It was agreed to include reference to this.

AGREED RESPONSE: "This tree is in a prominent position and any work carried out will need to be Done most carefully. Whilst the Parish Council does not object to the principle of some cutting back, it urges that before any work is done, the Tree Surgeon who will do the work should consult the Tree and Landscape Officer at MSDC for his guidance. Further, the effect of the work in terms of the uptake of water, and ground effects, should be assessed."

345.8 **13/02153/TREE – LIVERTON HOUSE, ROUNDWOOD LANE**
T1-T3 CONIFER – CROWN LIFT OVER ROAD AND GARAGE TO APPROXIMATELY 3 METRES AND REDUCE BY 5 METRES.

Mr Jesson commented that as the proposed work is quite severe and major, the Tree and Landscape

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Officer at MSDC should be regularly consulted and involved. It was agreed to add a reference to this.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, but recommends that as the proposed reductions are quite severe and major, the Tree and Landscape Officer at MSDC should be regularly consulted and involved."

345.9 **13/02303/TREE – 16 PORTSMOUTH WOOD CLOSE**
T1-T3 ASH ON NORTHERN SIDE – REDUCE HEIGHT BY 4M. T4 -T5 ON SOUTHERN SIDE – REDUCE HEIGHT BY 2M.

AGREED RESPONSE: "Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, subject to clarification on the nature of the application, which has been sought. The application is a TPO matter, but the application forms indicate that the trees in question are not listed."

346. 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.

346.1 The Deputy Clerk reported (i) that 13/01600/FUL – 32 Luxford Road (two dormers in front roof and construction of barn end to roof) had been refused by MSDC, (ii) that 13/01575/LDC – 76 Meadow Lane (extension to form new dining room) had not been granted by MSDC, (iii) that 13/01607/CND – Shanly Homes Development site, Blackthorns Close (variation of conditions 11 and 12 of 12/03227/FUL relating to the provision of a Traffic Regulation Order) had been called in, and duly went to MSDC's North East Planning Committee meeting on 18th July 2013.

On (iii) Councillor Hersey reported that the application had been approved, despite some objections. Other issues surrounding the nature of the works being carried out on this site were discussed, and it was noted that stop notices had recently been issued by MSDC.

347. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

347.1 Councillor Blunden reported that he had received, in his capacity as Chairman of Council, a letter from William Goodwin confirming that the "loafing" works at Hill House Farm had ceased, and that therefore the lorry movements had stopped. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk should acknowledge the letter on behalf of the Chairman, and ask whether any further works of this nature were planned in the future.

The Meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.