

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 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: Councillor Chris Hersey (MSDC), John Jesson (Lindfield Preservation Society), and two 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.

387. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

387.1 There were no apologies for absence.

388. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

388.1 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.

388.2 In respect of item 4(i) on the Agenda, Councillor Snowling declared a personal interest as he has some connection with Little Black Hill in this regard.

389. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (PLANS ONLY) HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2013.

389.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 04 November 2013. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

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

390.1 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.

390.2 13/03536/TCA – FIVESTONES, 2 LITTLE BLACK HILL
ROW OF 8 LIME TREES IN REAR GARDEN TO RE-POLLARD 5 METRES.

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

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- 390.3 13/03648/FUL – LANTERN COTTAGE, SPRING LANE
SINGLE STOREY AND TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSIONS, BLOCK UP EXISTING FRONT DOOR AND UTILISE EXISTING WINDOW OPENING TO FORM A NEW FRONT DOOR (REVISED PROPOSALS TO 13/02445/FUL).

AGREED RESPONSE: “The Parish Council notes that this is now on a smaller scale, and therefore it has no objections to this application. However, it also notes in passing, that part of the garden to this house lies within Lindfield Rural Parish Council.”

- 390.4 13/03669/TREE – OAKLEA HOUSE, 3 THE WILDERNESS
OAK T1 – FELL.

AGREED RESPONSE: “Having noted that there is fungus in the Oak, the Parish Council has no objections to this application. However, it would like to see a replacement tree planted if possible.”

- 390.5 13/03755/FUL – 107 HIGH STREET
OAK FRAMED DETACHED GARAGE.

Mr Jesson commented that a location plan was not sufficiently detailed or clear to show precisely what is being proposed. Consideration of the application is too premature before seeing a decent and proper block plan. It was agreed to build these comments into the Parish Council’s response.

AGREED RESPONSE: “There are no objections to this application. However, the Parish Council supports the comments of the Lindfield Preservation Society, in that the location plan is not sufficiently detailed or clear to be able to determine precisely what is proposed, and particularly in circumstances where the application is in a Conservation Area (as is of course the case here) there needs to be a suitable block plan.”

- 390.6 13/03706/FUL – TAMARIU, ROUNDWOOD LANE
FIRST FLOOR ADDITION TO REPLACE DORMER.

AGREED RESPONSE: “There are no objections to this application.”

- 390.7 13/03841/TREE – 1 BARRINGTON CLOSE
T1 – OAK – FELL TO GROUND.

AGREED RESPONSE: “There are no objections to this application subject to the planting of a suitable replacement.”

391. 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.

- 391.1 The Deputy Clerk reported that planning application, reference number: 13/002968/TREE, for 3 Barrington Close (Oaks – fell because excessively large and potentially dangerous due to their proximity to the property on site) had been refused by MSDC, but had now gone to appeal under reference APP/TPO/D3830/3546. This application was considered by the Planning & Traffic Committee at its meeting on 24th September 2013, which had raised objections to the proposal.

392. PENLAND FARM OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION

- 392.1 Councillors Gomme and Blunden stated that they had attended the Haywards Heath Town Council (HHTC) Planning meeting where the above application was discussed. It had been a long meeting, and the Penland’s Farm Action Group, supported by the Haywards Heath Society, had spoken forcibly against the application. All HHTC Councillors were opposed to the application, as were members of the public. The view was that the development was not sustainable, and the Town Council voted

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unanimously against the application. Councillor Blunden referred to the large roundabout that would be built at the junction of Balcombe Road and Hanlye Lane. There was a view that its size would be to accommodate further development in the area. Councillor Gomme observed that the development would not enhance the neighbourhood of Hayward's Heath. The Clerk read out the salient points from the response that Balcombe Parish Council had made to MSDC, and it was also noted that Cuckfield Parish Council had lodged an objection. Councillor Snowling noted the possible domino effect of such a development on the surrounding areas. He commented that it should be clear that Lindfield Parish Council has a direct interest in the application, because of the change in the characteristics of the area.

392.2 It was agreed to ask the Deputy Clerk to draft a letter of objection to MSDC reflecting the nature and tone of the Councillors comments above. The draft should be agreed with Councillors Gomme and Blunden. Councillor Hersey would normally be involved as Vice-Chairman, but felt it was inappropriate on this occasion, because of her wider role as a District Councillor.

393. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

393.1 Councillor Blunden raised an issue of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order being promoted by the developer of the former Blackthorns Nursing Home site, which could possibly affect local residents. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not so far been notified, or consulted about any such matter, nor were the details clear. The Deputy Clerk was asked to look into the matter further and report back.

The Meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.