

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on
Monday 6th August 2018 in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at **20.00**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr C Snowling (Chairman)
Mr R. Plass (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs V Upton
Mrs S Richmond
Mrs M Hersey

Also present:

Eight members of the public
Two members of the Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS)
Councillor Andrew Lea (West Sussex CC and Mid Sussex DC)

In attendance:

Mr D Parsons (Deputy Parish Clerk)

Not present:

Mr M. Damsell
Mr W Blunden

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

488. Apologies

488.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Damsell and Blunden and the reasons were accepted.

489. To consider developments in respect of Lindfield Parish Council's Traffic Study Consultation

489.1 This item was brought forward in view of the number of members of the public attending for this purpose. The Deputy Parish Clerk advised that a meeting had been held the previous Friday between the Council's Working Group and key stakeholders. The Working Group was looking further into the matters raised and a fuller update would be provided to the next P&TC meeting. The Chairman apologised to those who had attended this meeting and were expecting something more substantial at this time.

490. Declarations of Interest

490.1 Councillor Hersey stated that she reserved the right to express a different opinion from that given at this meeting, when present at any meeting at Mid Sussex District which considered any matter discussed at the present meeting, having seen officers' reports and heard representations from members of the public and fellow Members. Councillor Richmond (see item 491.1 below) advised that she lived in Blackthorns and therefore had an interest in the traffic issues being raised.

491. Questions/comments from members of the public (Limited to a maximum of 15 minutes).
(There will be an opportunity to speak on planning matters, which are agenda items, as they arise).

491.1 Mr Ronald Ledbury representing Blackthorns Community Association (BCA) expressed great concern at the traffic congestion and, on occasion, associated poor driving, at dropping off and picking up times outside Blackthorns School. He asked if the issue could be included in the scope of the Council's Traffic Study. In answer to a question from the Chairman, he confirmed that BCA were in discussion with Councillor Andrew Lea and West Sussex Highways Department. BCA was seeking a TRO under the Safer Schools Initiative with West Sussex Highways advising that any further restrictions should be tagged onto a larger (traffic) initiative.

491.2 Mr Geoff Heath, a resident of the High Street, asked what was being proposed under the Traffic Study and questioned the cost incurred to date. The Deputy Parish Clerk advised that he was aware a budget of £10k had been set originally but would investigate the exact figures involved.

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- 491.3 Mr Graham Turner, a resident of the High Street, argued that an appropriate Traffic Management Plan should be required when the Local Planning Authority consulted with the Highways Authority over larger developments. He cited his direct engagement with Barratts to remove their contractors' trucks from the High Street and that there were currently some 64 truck movements per day in the High Street. He suggested that the Parish Council and District Council needed to work together with the Highways Authority to manage the situation effectively. He had engaged with County Councillor Bob Lanzer (Cabinet Member, Highways & Transport WSCC) to seek a joined-up approach.
- 491.4 County Councillor Andrew Lea advised that he was particularly interested in cycling and sustainable transport, parking and congestion issues, the impact of lorries and road quality / potholes. In the context of West Sussex Highway's response to consultations, Councillor Lea advised that "no comment" did not mean that they hadn't looked at the situation. He agreed that a Traffic Management Plan should be agreed for all larger developments and undertook to email the appropriate Cabinet members at both West and East Sussex CC with a view to agreeing an appropriate cross boundary approach. He advised that he would be attending the next P&TC to address Traffic Issues.
- 491.5 At this point, seven members of the public left the meeting as their primary interest was in the Traffic Study.

492. Approval of Minutes

- 492.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 17th July 2018. It was AGREED to APPROVE the Minutes, and the Chairman SIGNED the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

493. Planning Applications and other matters referred to the Parish Council by Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) for consideration

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.

- i. DM/18/2819 – ARDEN HOUSE, 17 BARRINGTON WOOD
Maple (T1) reduce east side over neighbour's garden by 3.5m

Lindfield Parish Council has no objection to this application.

- ii. DM/18/2084 – 23 HIGH STREET
Paint the exterior brickwork in a pastel colour.

Lindfield Parish Council's preference, given District Plan Policy DP24 (Character and Design) is that the brickwork is restored. However, if it is painted a specific colour it must be identified and should be approved by the Planning Authority

- iii. DM/18/2812 – CLOUGHS DELI, 27 SUNTE AVENUE
Proposed first floor side extension over existing ground floor with rear dormer in roof forming a second floor creating an additional flat.

Lindfield Parish Council objects to this application. Although the Applicant has made efforts to overcome the objections to the previous application, we do not feel that those efforts are sufficient for LPC to change its earlier objections.

- iv. DM/18/2856 – TOWNLANDS, 143 HIGH STREET
Weeping Willow - Fell

Lindfield Parish Council has no objection to this application.

- v. DM/18/2873 – 3 PELHAM PLACE COTTAGES, BLACK HILL
T1 Cherry - Fell

Lindfield Parish Council has no objection to this application.

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vi. DM/18/2905 – 7 CHALONER CLOSE

Proposed loft conversion with three roof lights to the front and a full width dormer to the rear. 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.

As this is a request for a Lawful Development Certificate **Lindfield Parish Council** can only comment that there are no reasons for legal, valid objections as far as we are aware.

494. 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.

- 494.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk advised the Committee that MSDC had given permission for DM/18/0422; proposed replacement garage between 52 & 53 Meadow Lane, which the Council had raised objections to. Conditions imposed included restrictions on use of the garage to exclude trade or business or use as living accommodation.
The Committee **NOTED** these matters.

495. To consider progress with follow up actions from previous Planning & Traffic Committee Meetings

- 495.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk advised the Committee that there were three outstanding items from previous meetings:-
(i) the conflict between the Neighbourhood Plan and the new District Plan; advising that this would be progressed further with Lindfield Rural Parish Council and MSDC shortly
(ii) debating as to whether to include more detailed references of Planning Application Types in meeting papers; advising that there did not appear to be a strong weight of opinion behind this approach
(iii) addressing with all relevant parties the increased lorry movements through the village. This has partially been overtaken by events and is ongoing, as detailed under 491 above.
The Committee **NOTED** these matters.

496. To consider progress and next steps in respect of the proposed purchase of Speed Indicator Devices.

- 496.1 Councillor Plass advised that final costings had been obtained and that two devices would be ordered within the next fourteen days. That a site survey would be undertaken to ascertain suitable posts for use as fixing points and that WSCC had indicated that they may be able to assist with siting additional posts if needed and undertaking training for the Parish Council's operatives.
The Committee **NOTED** these matters.

497. Budgetary matters. Planning & Traffic Committee Budget progress 2018/19: to review payments made to 30th June 2018.

- 497.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk highlighted that there had been no further expenditure following the papers previously circulated to all councillors.
The Committee **NOTED** these matters.

498. Any other business

- 498.1 None

The meeting concluded at 20.32