

# Lindfield Parish Council

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## To: Members of the Planning and Traffic Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Planning and Traffic Committee** to be held on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019** in the King Edward Hall (Jubilee Room), Lindfield, at **8.00p.m.** to transact the following business:

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Welcome and emergency announcements.

### AGENDA

1. To receive and accept any **apologies** for absence.
2. To receive any **Declarations of Interest** by Members in respect of any item on the Agenda.
3. **To confirm and sign the Minutes** of the meeting of the Planning and Traffic Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 [previously circulated].
4. **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).*
5. **To consider responses to Planning Applications** and other matters referred to the Parish Council by Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) for consideration.  
*N.B. Up to two people for and up to two against each planning application will be permitted to speak for a maximum of two minutes each at the invitation of the Chairman.*

Due Date to MSDC	Application Details
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- i. 18.1.19 DM/18/4958 – 75 Brookway  
Proposed single storey rear extension and garage conversion together with associated internal and external alterations
- ii. 18.1.19 DM/18/4865 – AllensWall, Black Hill  
Demolition of conservatory and provision of two storey side extension
- iii. 18.1.19 DM/18/4995 – Land at High Beech Lane  
x2 Oak Trees and 1x Beech Tree - Reduce back from garden by up to 2 metres
- iv. 18.1.19 DM/18/5016 – St Nicholas Court  
Liquidambar (T1 opposite no.4) to reduce height and spread by 2m to give 3m clearance from ground level. Judas (T2 opposite no.2) reduce lateral branches growing toward properties by 1-2m. Maple (T3 outside no.6) reduce height

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- v. 25/1/19 DM/18/4960 – 16 Woodpecker Close  
Two storey side extension and revised driveway
  - vi. 25/1/19 DM/18/4999 – 42 Meadow Lane  
Part demolition and single storey rear extension together with replacing the existing roof tiles and rendering the whole building
  - vii. 25/1/19 DM/18/5035 – Tachbrook, Lewes Road  
Demolition of existing bungalow and kennel buildings. Construction of a detached chalet bungalow fronting onto Lewes Road and construction of one new detached dwelling to replace kennels buildings
6. **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.
  7. **Traffic Study Developments** (if any)
    - At the time of preparation of this agenda, there are no material developments – it is understood that WSCC Highways plan to review (score) the proposals during the first few weeks in January 2019
  8. **Proposed TRO on the Lewes Road** between Gravelye Lane and Lindfield High Street
    - Update including request for letter of support from Lindfield Parish Council (extract from Minutes 30.10.18 P&TC attached)
  9. **Speed Indicator Devices**
    - Verbal update
  10. **Action Points** from Previous Meetings
    - See Action Point Summary
  11. **Finance update** (if any)
  12. **Matters Arising** after the preparation of this Agenda, which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting or deferral to a future meeting only.

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**David Parsons**  
**Deputy Parish Clerk**

cc: All other Parish Councillors, MSDC and WSCC Cllr Andrew Lea, MSDC Cllr Anthea Lea

**Extract from Minutes 30.10.18 P&TC**

531. Proposal for a Traffic Regulation Order on the Lewes Road (between Gravelye Lane and High Street)

531.1 Following an invitation from the Chairman, Mr Graham Turner, a resident of the village presented his paper (previously circulated). Mr Turner quoted Pevsner "...Lindfield as having the 'finest village street in East Sussex' (the county boundaries were later redrawn)" and observed that there are 96 listed buildings in the High Street. He noted that WSCC restricts heavy vehicles from using routes other than those recommended in its advisory lorry routes map and that all villages south of Lindfield have heavy vehicle restrictions however Lindfield does not. Further that under S72 of the Road Traffic Act it is illegal to drive on the footpath, yet by allowing such actions the Council is effectively condoning such behaviour.

531.2 His proposal is to seek appropriate signage to encourage heavy vehicles to use the A272 and not turn up into the Lewes Road when passing between Haywards Heath and Uckfield. His research indicates that this would cost a maximum of £1k in physical infrastructure (road signs). He noted that whilst the road had been surfaced in the High Street in the distant past, and that bollards and York stones were installed outside the Butchers some years ago, he was concerned that nothing gets done and advised that the road resurfacing was again being delayed, from November 2018 to March 2019.

531.3 He drew attention to the proposal to restrict heavy vehicles in Queens Road and adjoining roads in Haywards Heath. Noting that this road was 7.7m wide compared with 4.65m at the Lewes Road/High Street junction, he questioned why Lindfield should not get similar support for protection against the vibration, noise and air pollution caused by such vehicles when Lewes, Chichester and Burgess Hill all benefit from such restrictions. He considered that lorries based in Crawley and Copthorne, for example, will change their behaviours of using Lindfield as a route if the HGV restrictions were effected, noting WSCC policy to push such movement to A roads.

531.4 The Chairman stated his support and that the Council should look to facilitate Mr Turner in making this application to WSCC with Cllr Lea's support. Cllr Hersey felt very strongly that the council should support this application but was concerned over the potential impact on other roads (e.g. High Beech Lane) if the lorry movements were altered. She suggested that Mr Turner liaise with local councils to the North (e.g. Ardingly and Turners Hill) to seek their support. Cllr Blunden stated that the PC should support this scheme as he had been concerned for many years about lorries and 4x4s at the High Street/ Lewes Road junction in particular. He noted that there were current proposals to close the Balcombe Road whilst a roundabout was built and the impact that this would likely have on the village. He considered that Lindfield had not been well served by WSCC whilst Cuckfield had benefited from resurfacing and additional crossings in recent years.

531.5 Cllr Wilson advised that he had recently seen a lorry and trailer cause 10 minutes of delays in the High Street whilst negotiating the junction and that traffic was everywhere. He fully supported the proposal. Cllr Hersey added that it was important to keep pressure on the CC including Cllr Ackerman to take this matter forward. The Chairman agreed that dialogue with other villages was needed to strengthen the case but that whilst this might be a benefit to Ardingly and Turners Hill, it might also delay any progress.

531.6 Mr Turner noted that the previous proposal that he and John Jesson had worked on for area wide lorry ban had been lost in the long grass at WSCC and that following complaints, WSCC had apologised for the delays in providing any response. He felt that his current proposal could be quickly implemented and was cheap and effective.

531.7 In conclusion, The Chairman confirmed his support and that the Council should facilitate Mr Turner in making this application. Cllr Blunden stated that he could not see that this would have any effect on High Beech Lane and that Mr Turner should submit his application facilitated by the council.

531.8 The Committee agreed that the Chairman should act as Working group to support Mr Turner with this application.

Minute	Meeting date	Subject	Action Agreed	Responsibility	Due Date	Status	Date Completed	Comments
481.1	26/6/18	Lorries in Lindfield High Street - 'Matthews' and future development management plans	Committee agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to the haulage contractor, builder and MSDC with a view to seeking the use of appropriate dust covers and reduced speed.	Deputy Parish Clerk	None specified - 6/9/18	Completed	06/08/2018	6/8/18 P&TC 495.1 Correspondence with developers (undertaken by residents) and haulage contractor completed.
491.3	6/8/18	Traffic Management Plan	Consider cross council co-ordination for larger developments	Cllr Andrew Lea	06/09/2018	Completed	18/12/2018	Councillor Andrew Lea to email cabinet members in E&WS about a joined up countywide approach. T/C DPC and Andrew Lea 18/12. Slightly disjointed responses from Cabinet Members however some evidence that WSCC considering appropriate TMP . Need to watch implementation and future applications.
491.4	6/8/18	Development Traffic Management Plan	should be agreed for all larger developments and Cllr Andrew Lea to email the appropriate Cabinet members	Cllr Andrew Lea	06/09/2018	Completed	18/12/2018	Councillor Andrew Lea to email cabinet members in E&WS about a joined up countywide approach. T/C DPC and Andrew Lea 18/12. Slightly disjointed responses from Cabinet Members however some evidence that WSCC considering appropriate TMP, ES position less clear. Need to watch implementation and future applications.
496.1	6/8/18	Speed Indicator Devices	a site survey would be undertaken and undertaking training for the Parish Council's operatives.	Cllr Ron Plass	31/01/2019	Incourse		WSCC training undertaken Nov 18, site planning and formal permssions being sought from WSCC, SSE dec 2018. Anticipated Launch be end Jan 2019
529.7	30/10/18	Traffic Study	...Richard Speller at WSCC be asked to review and score the proposals	Cllr Ron Plass	15/01/2019	Incourse		Dec 18, with Richard Speller. Resource allocated to assess early Jan 2019
531.8	30/10/18	Lewes Road TRO	The Chairman to act as a Working Group to support Mr Turner with this application	Cllr Ron Plass	13/01/2019	Incourse		Following recent request from Mr Turner, P&TC Chair reviewing
532.1	30/10/18	Lindfield Neighbourhood Plan conflict with adopted District Plan	DPC press for meeting with LRPC to address	Cllr Ron Plass	30/11/2018	Started		P&TC Chairman in discussion with LRPC
533.1	30/10/18	Blackthornes Community Assocation concerns with school traffic	The Chairman to faciliate a meeting between relevent parties	Cllr Ron Plass	30/11/2018	Overdue		Email by Cllr Plass sent to R Ledbury 5/11/18 DPC to arrange meeting of interested parties
533.3	30/10/18	Gravelye Lane / Taylor Wimpey	1. DPC to contact MSDC Solicitor re advice on Councillors attadning meetings with developers	David Parsons	30/11/2018	Completed		T/C Parsons/Clark - less issues as an agreed application (i.e. Predetermination not a consideration). Accordingly, Councillors can discuss issues and the Clerk should take notes of the meeting.
533.3	30/10/18	GravelyeLane / Taylor Wimpey	2. Cllrs to attend meeting with LRPC and developer	Cllr Ron Plass	30/11/2018	Incourse		Arranged for 11/1/19
546.3	18/12/18	MSDC / Lindfield Common	DPC to liaise with MSDC to enhance partnership approach to developments on the common (e.g. recent tree plantings)	David Parsons	18/01/2019	Completed		T/C Parsons/ Sweeney - agreed to meet and will look into the 'offending' tree planting at the top of the common