

# Lindfield Parish Council

## Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** **Tuesday 5th January 2021**

The Meeting commenced at **19:00** and was undertaken using video conferencing.

**Present:**

Parish Councillors: Mr R Plass (Chair)  
Mrs M Hersey (Vice-Chair)  
Mr W Blunden  
Mrs A Matthews  
Mr I Wilson  
Mrs V Upton  
Mrs L Grace  
Mr C Wood  
Mr J Stevens  
Mr M Leach (joined after 19.00)

**Also present:** None

**In attendance:** Mr D Parsons (Deputy Parish Clerk)

**234. Apologies**

234.1 None

**235. Declarations of Interest**

None

**236. Approval of Minutes**

236.1 The Chair noted that the draft Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 had previously been circulated and sought any members comments. Cllr Hersey asked that her declared interest in item 233.1 be recorded and Committee **agreed** that the Chair should sign the Minutes, subject to this amendment, as a true record of that meeting as soon as Coronavirus restrictions allow.

**237. Questions/comments from members of the public**

237.1 None

**238. 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. For applications where Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS) had no comments to make or their view was 'No objection' this is not individually noted against the applications considered.

**i. DM/20/4374 – Springfield, Spring Lane**

2 x Ash - Fell.

**Lindfield Parish Council** has no objections to this application.

**ii. DM/20/4421 – Allens Wall, Black Hill**

Replace existing detached garage with a two storey garage, replace the roof covering of the existing house, first floor timber cladding, windows and render walls at ground floor.

**Lindfield Parish Council** has no objections to the application subject to the increased accommodation not being used for overnight stays and noting the property's proximity to the conservation area, that appropriate measures are put in place to protect the listed wall adjoining the site.

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## iii. **DM/20/4507 – White Gates, Black Hill**

Fell - Cherry tree.

**Lindfield Parish Council** has no objections to this application.

## iv. **DM/20/4583 – Linden, 45 West Common**

T1 - Lime tree - Thin crown by 20%, raise crown to 5.5 metres and deadwood. Remove 2 side trunks. T2 - Lime tree - Thin crown by 20%, raise crown to 5.5 metres to clear road and footpath, remove 2 side stems. Remove large ivy covered Lime side-shoot.

**Lindfield Parish Council** has no objections to this application.

## v. **DM/20/4626 – The Holt, 78 High Street**

Works to existing boundary wall to raise the existing internal ceiling/flat roof and provide parapet wall.

**Lindfield Parish Council** considers that its response to the previous application DM/20/4090 remains apposite to this latest request for works to the boundary wall. In particular that the boundary wall provides part of the curtilage of the setting of a listed building and that in the absence of any attempt at amelioration of the impact of the project, Listed Building Consent should be refused.

## vi. **DM/20/4671 – 5 Beckwith Close**

Existing Lawful Development application for an existing single storey rear extension. This is an application to establish whether the development is lawful. This will be a legal decision where the planning merits of the existing 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.

## **239. To receive reports on any significant planning decisions or issues made by Mid Sussex District Council.**

The Deputy Parish Clerk (DPC) advised:-

239.1 **DM/20/1937** relating to the Co-op, that MSDSC have given (retrospective) permission for the replaced cooling units which had been the subject of neighbour complaints. In the intervening period acoustic jackets and fan heads had been fitted. The permission includes the ability of the LPA to undertake a noise assessment during summer maximum operation to ensure that 5dB below background noise level was being met.

239.2 **DM/20/4220** relating to oaks in Wilderness Field overhanging 41 Barncroft; MSDC had given permission for pruning where the oaks overhang the applicant's property. LPC had objected to the breadth of pruning sought.

Members **noted** these decisions.

## **240. Budget Update**

240.1 In the light of the report provided, members **noted** that the Project Centre had been instructed to proceed with the consultation exercise costing £6,500.

## **241. Haywards Heath Town Centre Masterplan SPD**

241.1 Members **noted** the comments which had been provided to MSDC and thanked Cllr Grace for her efforts in this regard.

## **242. Lewes Road TRO**

242.1 Members **noted** that the planned launch of the consultation was likely to be delayed so as to allow maximum coverage and response to the exercise, hopefully in less Covid constrained circumstances. Cllr Leach expressed strong concerns as to the costs and the hoped for outcome from the consultation.

## **243. Action Points**

243.1 Members **agreed** to the proposed updates.

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## **244. Tree Warden Vacancy**

244.1 The DPC updated members that following the retirement of the Tree Warden a recruitment exercise appears appropriate and Cllr Blunden flagged information available on WSCC's website. Cllr Stevens advised that he had previously been involved with Tree Foundations and would be happy to help. Members **agreed** that the DPC should start to progress on suitable recruitment programme, recognising that the current Coronavirus constraints may impact on implementation.

## **Matters Arising**

244.2 Members **noted** the current national consultation in respect of Permitted Development Rights and that Cllr Grace would draft an appropriate response in conjunction with the Chair and DPC for members agreement.

The meeting closed at 19.29.

The **next P&TC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January** and is expected to be held online using video conferencing. Full details to follow.