

# LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019** in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at **20.00**

**Present:**

Parish Councillors: Mr R Plass (Chair)  
Mrs M Hersey (Vice Chair)  
Mrs L Grace  
Mr I Wilson  
Mr M Leach  
Mr C Wood  
Mr W Blunden  
Mr J Stevens

**Also present:** One member of the public  
Lindfield Preservation Society

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

The Chair explained the emergency procedures.

**27. Apologies**

27.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs Upton and Matthews and the reasons accepted.

**28. Declarations of Interest**

28.1 None

**29. Approval of Minutes**

29.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Subject to a minor amendment, it was **agreed** to **approve** the Minutes and for the Chairman to **sign** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

**30. Questions/comments from members of the public** (Limited to a maximum of 15 minutes).

30.1 None

**31. 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/19/2252 – 35 West Common Drive**

Erection of first floor front extension, single storey rear extension and single storey front extension (porch).

**Lindfield Parish Council has no objections** to this application, subject to materials matching existing.

**ii. DM/19/2347 – 7 Denmans Close**

Demolition of existing 1980's single storey side and rear extensions and construction of a new two storey extension together with a front porch extension.

**Lindfield Parish Council has no objections** to this application, subject to materials matching existing.

**iii. DM/19/2378 – 9 Portsmouth Wood Close**

Side/rear first floor extension

**Lindfield Parish Council has no objections** to this application, subject to materials matching existing.

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### iv. DM/19/2701 – 17 West Common Drive

Single story infill rear extension, first floor extension over existing ground floor, partial conversion of existing garage to play room and new timber and brick open porch

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, subject to materials matching existing.

### 32. 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.

32.1 None

### 33. Traffic Study (update, if any)

33.1 The Chairman advised that there were no further updates at this time and a meeting of the Working Group would be arranged in due course.

### 34. Developments (if any) re Proposed TRO on the Lewes Road between Gravelye Lane and Lindfield High Street

34.1 The Chairman advised that WSCC has declined to progress this application and the applicant, was understood to be considering the next steps. Members **noted** the position.

### 35. Speed Indicator Devices (update)

35.1 Cllr Blunden considered that the SIDs had a calming effect and he considered them to have been a very worthwhile purchase. The Chairman advised that he was very pleased with the SIDs which have been well received by residents.

35.2 Members noted that average speeds at all but three of the thirteen sites monitored was below 30mph, with the peak on West Common (Haywards Heath bound) 31.1mph. Whilst this was a good position, instances of speeds up to 81mph were recorded on the Lewes Road and West Common.

35.3 The Chairman advised that the SIDs are being deployed on the second rotation of sites and data would be used to inform the Council and WSCC Highways accordingly. Following completion of the second round, a review of future sites and potential permanent locations would be considered. Members **noted** the data provided by the SIDs.

### 36. Balcombe Road Closure 2020 (resident's question – see briefing paper)

36.1 Cllr Plass suggested that a letter be sent to MSDC and WSCC registering the Council's concern at the significant disruption that the planned closure would cause and seeking detailed proposals re the Traffic diversion routing, both to allow feedback and ensure that residents were fully informed well in advance of the works, which should be timed to minimise disruption. Cllr Grace noted the CLC's view that traffic lights would be even more disruptive and lead to longer queues than the planned closure and diversion. Cllr Blunden commented that Cllr Bradbury had been instrumental in challenging the originally proposed 6-month closure in 2019, resulting in the latest proposal. Cllr Hersey asked whether LPC had been consulted regarding the closure and timing (it had not). Cllr Hersey also sought to understand the District Councillor's views and input to the proposals.

36.2 Members **Agreed** that a letter should be written by the Deputy Parish Clerk in conjunction with the Chair and Vice Chair.

### 37. Construction Management Plans (update)

37.1 Following approval by Full Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the draft letter would be sent to the appropriate Councils.  
Members **Noted** the position.

### 38. Action Points from Previous Meetings

38.1 The Action Points were circulated to Councillors and four were agreed as completed. The outstanding items were all in course and pending developments.  
Committee **Noted** the position.

39. **Matters Arising** after the preparation of this Agenda, which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent.  
None

The meeting concluded at 20.20.