

Lindfield Parish Council

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on
Monday 9th March 2020 in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at **20.00**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr R Plass (Chair)
Mrs L Grace
Mrs A Matthews
Mr J Stevens
Mrs V Upton
Mr W Blunden
Mr M Leach

Also present: n/a

In attendance: Mr D Parsons (Deputy Parish Clerk)

The Chair explained the emergency procedures.

123. Apologies

123.1 Received from Cllrs Hersey, Wood and Wilson, and the reasons accepted.

124. Declarations of Interest

124.1 None.

125. Approval of Minutes

125.1 The Chairman noted that the draft Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 18th February 2020 had previously been circulated and sought any members comments. Committee **agreed** that the Chair should **sign** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

126. Questions/comments from members of the public

126.1 None

127. 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 LPS had no comments to make or their view was 'No objection' this is not individually noted against the applications considered.

i. DM/20/0576 – 28 Beckworth Lane

Replace existing steps and canopy with oak framed porch

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application provided that the materials used match those in the existing property.

ii. DM/20/0653 – 63 Denmans Lane

Oak (T3 and T4) - Reduce back longer side limbs over Hickmans Lane to suitable secondary cut points and the remaining crown to shape. Oak (T2) reduce the longer limb over Denmans Lane to suitable secondary cut points.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

iii. DM/20/0680 – 157 High Street

T1 Ash - Sectionally dismantling and removing the stem closest to the house. T2 Sycamore - Crown lift by 6 metres (removing 6 lowest branches) on the side overhanging the house.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

iv. DM/20/0140 – 9 Sunte Avenue

Single storey rear extension together with all associated internal and external alterations.

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Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application provided that the materials used match those in the existing property.

v. DM/20/0599 – Wallace Lodge, 14 Summerhill Drive

Proposed Conservatory to the rear

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

vi. DM/20/0717 – 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 and loft conversion with a rear dormer window. Construction of single storey side extension (significantly reduced in size to that approved under planning DM/18/4589).

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application provided that the materials used match those in the existing property.

vii. DM/20/0753 – 24 Pickers Green

Creation of new window opening and installation of window to rear first floor bedroom.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

viii. DM/20/0185 - Garage Block Adjacent To 1-3 Pelham Road

Demolition of existing garage block. Proposed residential development of 1 no 4 bedroom dwelling.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

ix. DM/20/0804 - 21 Meadow Drive

To take down conservatory and garage and erect a rear extension and two storey side extension.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

x. DM/20/0815 - Lindfield Motors, Lewes Road

Partial demolition of existing workshops and construction of new workshops.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

xi. DM/20/0835 - 1 Finches Park Road

Single storey side/rear extension and enclosed porch

xii. DM/20/0895 - 5 Francis Road

Magnolia Tree - Reduce by 1.5 - 2 metres

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application. It is usually advised that such work is undertaken once flowering has finished and the Council hopes that the appropriate protocol is followed.

128. 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.

128.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk advised that:-

1. **DM/19/4812 – Grace Cottage, 52 Meadow Lane** MSDC had refused an application for a loft conversion citing the harm caused by the proposed dormer windows to which LPC had not objected but raised concerns about the loss of a further bungalow in the village.
2. **DM/20/0483 - Mabrook, Summerhill Lane** – proposed new open porch and brick and metal railings and gates to the front. Whilst outside the parish, a response was given to the Planning Authority under Delegated Authority in respect of this property which borders LPC

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and Haywards Heath Town Council in an Area of Townscape Character. The proposal was considered to be unsuited to the green informal hedging commonly seen in this location.

129. Traffic Study Working Group (update following Feb meeting)

129.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk advised that the group had met and were looking to undertake a review of S106 monies held by both WSCC and MSDC to support LPC's endeavours, alongside the availability of grants for SIDs. Further, that LPC's Chair would approach Cllrs Ash-Edwards and Lea at MSDC in support of both S106 monies and to further the proposed TRO at the High Street end of the Lewes Road

130. Construction Management Plans (update)

130.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk advised that the South Downs National Parks Authority has still not responded and will be contacted again.

131. Action Points from Previous Meetings

131.1 Three items remained outstanding and the Deputy Parish Clerk would progress accordingly.

132. Budget

132.1 No changes to report

133. Planning Application (DM/20/0559): Haywards Heath Golf Course - proposed cross-council liaison.

133.1 Members agreed that the proposed Public Meeting should be supported by LPC and that it would be appropriate to share the costs (~£500) with LRPC as the proposal would impact significantly on Lindfield Parish Residents. Further noting that Haywards Heath Town Council and Ardingly Town Council has been consulted by the Planning Authority and were actively supporting the planned public Meeting. In the light of the developing Coronavirus situation, it was recognised that the Public Meeting plans may need to change and that electronic media (websites, Facebook and email) may need to take a significant part of the workload.

133.2 Cllr Plass flagged the potential for the employment of a specialist planning consultant to support meeting preparation, the meeting itself and subsequent response to the planning authority. A figure of £2-3k was mentioned alongside financial support from Lindfield Rural Parish Council (to be agreed). Members were in favour of appropriate support but keen to emphasise that there was not a 'bottomless pit' to fund such work. It was **agreed** that funding should be recommended at Full Council.

134. Matters Arising after the preparation of this Agenda.

134.1 Cllr Plass advised of a recent meeting held with Blackthorns Community Association, sustrans and Cllr Andrew Lea (MSDC) in respect of the ongoing school parking issues and that the potential solutions of increased walking and cycling fitted into the Council's Environmental Working Group agenda and that cycle paths were supported by the Neighbourhood Plan. He suggested that the Council would work alongside BCA to see if funding can be unlocked from WSCC/MSDC to support such initiatives.

The meeting concluded at 20.35 and the **next P&TC Meeting is set for Tuesday 31st March 2020.**