

Lindfield Parish Council

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**
Tuesday 12th May 2020

This minute reflects a meeting held via Microsoft Teams during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Meeting commenced at **19:00**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr R Plass (Chair)
Mrs M Hersey
Mrs L Grace
Mrs A Matthews
Mrs V Upton
Mr W Blunden
Mr C Wood (joined during 151.iv)

Also present: None

In attendance: Mr D Parsons (Deputy Parish Clerk)

147. Apologies

147.1 None received.

148. Declarations of Interest

148.1 None.

149. Approval of Minutes

149.1 The Chairman noted that the draft Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 21st April 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 as soon as Coronavirus restrictions allow.

150. Questions/comments from members of the public

150.1 None

151. 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/20/1331 – 45 Savill Road

Single storey rear extension/ Single storey side extension/ Alterations to front porch canopy and external finishes.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

ii. DM/20/1409 – 10 Woodpecker Chase

Oak (T1) - Section dismantle

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to the principle of removing a tree which is diseased and dangerous; however, its tree warden advises that such is not evident from a ground level visual inspection. Accordingly, the Council asks that MSDC's Planning Officer is satisfied that the ascribed honey fungus both exists and is sufficiently material to necessitate removal of the oak tree as proposed, otherwise an alternative approach should be required.

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- iii. **29/5/20 DM/20/1436 – White House, 73 High Street**
Single storey rear and side extension

Lindfield Parish Council has no objection to this proposal providing the materials used and design meet conservation area standards.

- iv. **29/5/20 DM/20/1493 – Apple Tree Cottage, 8 Meadow Lane**
A single-storey rear extension with a flat roof, and a single-storey side extension with a pitched roof. 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

- 152. 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.

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153.1 None reported

154. Action Points

154.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk advised that four items were currently outstanding (detailed in the report circulated to Councillors) and that item 532.1 (P&TC meeting 30/10/18) was now considered completed noting that a review of the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan is due in 2021.

154.2 From the P&TC Meeting 19/11/19, Items 87.2 and 91.1 related to Traffic Study and Construction Management Plans; in the current Coronavirus pandemic such items will be updated as circumstances allow. Item 90.1 relates to signage for the proposed Balcombe Road closure and the Deputy Parish Clerk will now write to MSDC and MSDC reiterating its concerns that such closure will cause to residents and businesses alike. Assuming that it is to go ahead, seeking comprehensive signing for diversions and avoidance of unsuitable roads, one-way options for narrow roads such as Copyhold Lane, and that businesses remain open for business (Coronavirus conditions allowing) during the works, which should be completed in the shortest possible time.

Committee **noted** the above.

155. Budget

155.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk reminded committee that members had agreed since the previous committee meeting to meet half of the costs incurred by Lindfield Rural Parish Council, in obtaining professional advice to object to the Planning Application for Haywards Heath Golf Course and that this will be paid in due course.

Committee **confirmed** member's previous email agreement to this cost.

156. Matters Arising after the preparation of this Agenda, which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent.

156.1 None

The meeting closed at 19.14.

The **next P&TC Meeting is due on Tuesday 2nd June 2020 at 7pm** and is expected to be held online using video conferencing. Full details to follow.