

Lindfield Parish Council

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**
Tuesday 2nd June 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 V Upton
Mr W Blunden
Mr C Wood
Mr M Leach
Mr C Wood (joined during 161)

Also present: None

In attendance: Mr D Parsons (Deputy Parish Clerk)

157. To Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Planning & Traffic Committee.

- 157.1 Cllr Blunden as Chair of the Council asked for proposals to Chair the Planning & Traffic Committee and nominated Cllr Plass, who agreed to stand and was seconded by Cllr Leach.
157.2 Cllr Plass asked for nominations for Vice-Chair and Cllr Blunden proposed Cllr Hersey, who agreed to stand and was seconded by Cllr Upton.

158. To agree membership of the Traffic Study Working Group.

- 158.1 Cllr Plass proposed that the members continued as in the previous year; **agreed** unanimously.

159. Apologies

- 159.1 Received from Mr J Stevens.

160. Declarations of Interest

- 160.1 Cllr Blunden advised that as Chair of the Management Committee of the King Edward Hall and a Trustee of the Lindfield Club, he should declare an interest in the applications at 162.i. as the property adjoined the hall and 162.iv. as the cottage was next door to the cottage owned by the Club. Accordingly, he would not take part in any discussions on these items.

161. Approval of Minutes

- 161.1 The Chairman noted that the draft Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 12th May 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.

162. 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/20/1510 – Pear Tree House, 30 High Street

T1 Cedar- felled and replaced with more suitable variety. T2 Pine, remove upper limb which unbalances tree. T3 Holly fell. T4 Yew - reduce one over extending branch over border by 2 metres to shape.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

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- ii. **5/6/20 DM/20/1550 – 1 Tollgate**
(T1) Ash -re-pollard, remove all deadwood

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

- iii. **5/6/20 DM/20/1577 – 47B Compton Road**
Garden Room/Shed 5 x 3 metres, at end of garden

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, provided that the space is not permitted to be used as overnight accommodation.

- iv. **19/6/20 DM/20/1487 – Appledore Cottage, Lewes Road**
Two single storey rear extensions with new front porch

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

- v. **19/6/20 DM/20/1520 – 35 Compton Road**
Prunus (T1) prunus entwined with neighbours magnolia, prune trees to separate crowns leave in good form. Ash (T2) - large ash at rear – Fell

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

- 163. 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.**

163.1 None

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

164.1 The Chair referred to the email recently circulated to members in respect of the development East of High Beech Lane, proposing to seek MSDCs solution to the omission of Portsmouth Wood Close from the stability survey.

164.2 The Chair referred to the Public Consultation Leaflet from the Southern Housing Group in respect of Land at Walstead Park, in Lindfield Rural Parish. He urged members to closely review this and in particular consider how to protect the parish from the inevitable increased lorry movements during the construction phase and general traffic as occupation increased. Members were requested to provide their views to the Deputy Parish Clerk, who would compile the appropriate critique to respond to the consultation document.

164.3 Cllr Hersey was keen to ensure that the three District Councillors were fully aware of the consultation, noting in particular Cllr Andrew Lea's interest in sustainable transport. Cllr Blunden suggested that the Council's Climate Change Working Group should consider the impact of the development. Cllrs expressed concern that the 'green space' would in fact materialise and be protected, rather than being swallowed up by development in the future. Cllr Grace noted that the local 'gossip' Facebook pages appeared to not understand that Outline Planning Permission is already in place and suggested that the Parish Office set out the position on the Council's social media.

Committee **noted** these developments and that they would be progressed under the delegated authority allowed to the Parish Clerk and P&TC Chair to address urgent matters.

The meeting closed at 19.18.

The **next P&TC Meeting is due on Tuesday 23rd June 2020 at 7pm** and is expected to be held online using video conferencing. Full details to follow.