

Lindfield Parish Council

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**
Tuesday 14th July 2020

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

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr R Plass (Chair)
Mrs M Hersey
Mrs L Grace*
Mr W Blunden
Mr C Wood
Mr M Leach
Mr C Wood*
Mr I Wilson
**joined at item 175i*

Also present: None

In attendance: Mr D Parsons (Deputy Parish Clerk)

171. Apologies

171.1 Received from Mr J Stevens and Mrs V Upton were **accepted**.

172. Declarations of Interest

172.1 Cllr Blunden advised that he owned a property nearby items 175i/ii and would not participate in the discussion on these.

173. Approval of Minutes

173.1 The Chairman noted that the draft Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 23rd June 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.

174. Questions/comments from members of the public

174.1 None

175. 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/20/2025 – 55 Meadow Lane

Erection of a timber pre-fabricated single storey granny annexe for ancillary use to the main dwelling

Lindfield Parish Council (LPC) is concerned that the proposed structure is too large for this location and therefore potentially dominant and oppressive for neighbouring properties. LPC however recognises that its use is intended to support very specific needs and accordingly suggests that planning permission, if approved by MSDC, is time/use limited to that of the applicant recognising the circumstances as set out in the supporting statement to the application.

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ii. **DM/20/2035 – 55 Meadow Lane**

Use of the land for sitting a mobile home for use ancillary to the main dwelling and the proposed mobile home meets the definition of a caravan as set out in the Caravan Sites Act 1968, and as amended in October 2006 (CSA). 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** (LPC) can only comment that there are no reasons for legal, valid objections as far as we are aware. LPC asks that its response to the concurrent application DM/20/2025 at this site are taken into consideration.

iii. **DM/20/2141 – 3 Dukes Road**

Single storey rear extension with conversion of existing garage and utility.

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

iv. **31/7/20 DM/20/2289 – 41 Barncroft Drive**

T1 Oak: reduce the canopy overhanging the rear gardens at 39 and 41 Barncroft Drive by 2.5m and raise the canopy by 2.0m.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

176. 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.

176.1 None

177. Action Points

177.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk advised the currently outstanding action points which were **noted** by members.

178. Lewes Road TRO

178.1 The Deputy Parish Clerk advised that a proposed consultation approach had been received from the firm of consultants suggested by West Sussex County Council Highways, indicating a cost of £6.5k for this work. The proposal has been referred to WSCC Highways for comments and to ensure that the proposal addresses the required aspects. Committee **noted** this development.

179. Budget progress – no new developments advised

The meeting closed at 19.15.

The **next P&TC Meeting is on Tuesday 25th August** and is expected to be held online using video conferencing. Full details to follow.