

Lindfield Parish Council

Minutes of the **PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** Tuesday 6th October 2020

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

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr R Plass (Chair)
Mrs M Hersey (Vice-Chair)
Mr W Blunden
Mrs L Grace
Mr M Leach
Mrs A Matthews
Mr V Upton
Mr I Wilson
Mr C Wood

Also present: One member of the public

In attendance: Mr A Funnell (Parish Clerk)

202. Apologies

202.1 Received from Cllr Stevens, and the reasons were **accepted**.

203. Declarations of Interest

203.1 Cllr Blunden declared a personal interest in DM/20/3500 – Ladywell, Black Hill.

203.2 Cllr Grace & Wood each declared a personal interest in DM/20/3447 – 50 By Sunte.

203.3 Cllr Leach declared a personal interest in DM/20/3411 – Rear garden between 63 & 65 Savill Road.

203.4 Cllr Upton declared a personal interest in DM/20/3388 – Townlands, 143 High Street.

204. Approval of Minutes

204.1 The Chair noted that the draft Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 15th September 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 as soon as Coronavirus restrictions allow.

205. 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 Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS) had no comments to make or their view was 'No objection' this is not individually noted against the applications considered.

i. 16/10/20 DM/20/33362 – West Greenbank, Hickmans Lane

T1 - Thuja Plicata crown lifted by removing the lowest branches growing towards the road up to 6m. T2 - Thuja Plicata crown lifted by removing the lowest branches growing towards the road up to 5m.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections providing that the work is undertaken in compliance with BS3998 Recommendations for Tree Work.

ii. 16/10/20 DM/20/3388 – Townlands, 143 High Street

T1 Sycamore - reduce the canopy by 1.5m to previous pruning points. T2 Lime – reduce canopy by 1.5m to previous pruning points. H1 Western red cedar hedge and H2 Lonicera hedge - fell.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections providing that the work is undertaken in compliance with BS3998 Recommendations for Tree Work.

iii. 16/10/20 DM/20/3403 – 17 West Common Drive

Loft conversion with two dormer windows. 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.

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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.

iv. 16/10/20 DM/20/3411 – Rear garden between 63 & 65 Savill Road

Oak (T1) - Overall crown reduction up to 4m.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections providing that the work is undertaken in compliance with BS3998 Recommendations for Tree Work.

v. 23/10/20 DM/20/3447 – 50 By Sunte

T1 Ash - Crown lifting to height of 5m and reduce crown back to previous pruning points.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections providing that the work is undertaken in compliance with BS3998 Recommendations for Tree Work.

vi. 23/10/20 DM/20/3470 – 32 West Common Drive

Reduce Oak to crown break on the North side of the tree. Reduce to monolith (approximately 7-10 metre reduction).

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections providing that the work is undertaken in compliance with BS3998 Recommendations for Tree Work.

vii. 23/10/20 DM/20/3482 – 19 Summerhill Grange

T1 Oak - reduce back branches overhanging garage and neighbours by 2 metres.

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections providing that the work is undertaken in compliance with BS3998 Recommendations for Tree Work.

viii. 23/10/20 DM/20/3492 – 31 Brookway

Construction of a timber shed/ workshop in rear of garden.

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

ix. 23/10/20 DM/20/3500 – Ladywell, Black Hill

5 x Confiers (sic) - Reduce height by 4.6m and width 1.5m on the garden of Ladywell side

Lindfield Parish Council has no objections providing that the work is undertaken in compliance with BS3998 Recommendations for Tree Work.

206. To receive reports on any significant planning decisions or issues made by Mid Sussex District Council.

206.1 None of note.

207. Lewes Road TRO

207.1 The Chair advised that there was no update at present. The Deputy Clerk on his return would be liaising with WSCC Highways and the consultant on the process going forward.

208. Budget round 2021-22

208.1 The Chair advises member that on his return the Deputy Clerk would be obtaining figures for the items that had been proposed for 2021/22. Members were asked if they had any additional comments on the proposed items.

209. Matters Arising

209.1 The Chair **NOTED** that the retirement of LPC's volunteer tree warden. Steps were being taken regarding a replacement.

209.2 The Clerk **REPORTED** that the Deputy Clerk had submitted LPC's responses on the MSDC Draft Site Allocations DPD Consultation. The submitted response was as follows:

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Lindfield Parish Council (LPC) has no specific comments on the draft site allocations themselves however, LPC is concerned that the existing infrastructure (e.g. highways, parking, schools, hospital, doctors and railway services) are in normal times already fully utilised and in many cases overburdened. Consequently, LPC considers it to be essential that site development is properly co-ordinated with the necessary improvements to these services, rather than leaving such improvements to lag demand to the detriment of both existing and new residents, as has so often been the case in the past.

On a procedural note, LPC is aware of the concerns raised by Cuckfield Parish Council in respect of underestimating the calculation of contribution from windfall sites, and considers it to be critical that such calculations are appropriately undertaken to avoid further over developing Mid Sussex and its remaining open space.

- 209.3 Cllr Grace queried whether the SSALC briefing to members on government's white paper "Planning for the Future" had taken place. The Chair advised that both he and the P&TC Vice-Chair would be attending the virtual briefing on Thursday 8 October.

The meeting closed at 19.12

The **next P&TC Meeting is on Thursday 22nd October** and is expected to be held online using video conferencing. Full details to follow.