

Lindfield Parish Council

Minutes of the **PLANNING, TRANSPORT, and TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on Tuesday **19th September 2023** in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

P&TC Members:

Parish Councillors: Mrs V Upton* (Chair)
Mrs A Matthews (Vice-Chair)
Mrs A Beecroft
Mr W Blunden
Mrs I Burns*
Mrs L Grace
Mr S Nisbett
Mr T Webster
Mr I Wilson
Mr D Woolley
* Denotes absent from meeting

In attendance: One member of the public
Mr D Parsons (Deputy Parish Clerk)

The Meeting commenced at **20:00**.

77. Apologies

77.1 Cllr Matthews took the Chair, as apologies from Cllrs Upton and Burns were received and accepted.

78. Declarations of Interest

78.1 Cllr Grace declared an interest, as she lived opposite and had received the consultation notice from MSDC in respect of the application under item 81, Appendix One, Item 3: DM/23/2237 – 50 By Sunte, stating that she would not take part in any discussion on this application.

79. Approval of Minutes

79.1 The Chair noted that the draft Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 29th August 2023 had previously been circulated and sought any members comments. Committee **agreed** that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

80. Questions/comments from members of the public

80.1 None.

81. Planning Applications and other matters referred to the Parish Council by Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC), West Sussex County Council (WSCC) for consideration

Appendix One shows the application details and agreed responses.

For each application, the observations of the members who had specifically studied the plans were read out and any public comments received, before discussion by the Committee, as summarised below (where applicable). For applications where the Lindfield Society (LS) had no comments, or their view was 'No objection' this is not recorded.

81.1 **DM/23/2237 – 50 By Sunte** was considered first, as the applicant attended the meeting. The applicant advised that the tree was suffering from fungus and therefore had to be removed, noting also that its proximity to the property could lead to roots impacting the foundations. A replacement was being investigated but needed to be a suitable alternative whose roots would not affect the property. Committee **agreed** that no objection should be submitted, also observing that the planting of a new tree would be welcome.

82. To receive reports on any significant planning decisions or issues made by MSDC, West Sussex County Council (WSCC) or other authority for consideration and to agree any further action which may need to be taken before the next scheduled meeting.

82.1 None reported.

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83. Report on any issues addressed under the councils Scheme of Delegation and to consider further action required, if any.

83.1 None – a response to the Consultation of Operational Reforms to the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project consenting process was submitted today and details will be provided at the next PTTC meeting.

84. To consider Licensing Application 81 High Street

84.1 Committee **agreed** that no response should be provided, recognising the number of existing premises on the High Street which held alcohol licences and the four licensing objectives which applied. Further that any proposal which assisted businesses to continue trading should be welcomed. Members were, however, concerned at the possibility of any changes that may in future lead to the loss of the Village Post Office.

85. Cycleways

85.1 Cllr Grace advised that SHLAT's next meeting is on 26th September and that SHLAT were planning to approach LPC to write a similar letter in support of their proposals as LRPC have agreed (copy awaited).

86. Outstanding Action Points

86.1 Committee **noted** the currently outstanding items and plans for a meeting with LRPC, attended by the Chair and Vice Chair of PTTC, regarding the joint Neighbourhood Plan.

87. Matters Arising (for noting or deferral to a future meeting only)

87.1 None

The meeting closed at 20:20.

The **Planning, Transport and Traffic Committee next meets on Tuesday 10th October 2023**
at 8pm in the King Edward Hall.

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Appendix One – Responses to Planning Applications received from Mid Sussex District Council

Item	Year	Reference	Property	Street	Proposal
1	2023	2187	5	Frederick Cottages	T1- Silver Birch, reduce crown by 3 metres in height and 1-2 metres in width
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.					
2	2023	2219	Opposite 7	St Nicholas Court	T1 Horse Chestnut – Fell.
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.					
3	2023	2237	50	By Sunte	Ash tree (T1) – Remove down to ground level and grind out stump.
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, although would welcome a suitable replacement tree.					
4	2023	2204	99-99A	High Street	The replacement of the existing hanging sign (like for like), the installation of new fascia signage on the existing awning box, the installation of a new white awning with printed signage & the installation of new internal walls to facilitate the use of the shop unit as a bathroom showroom. Internal alterations – non structural
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.					
5	2023	2250	Tinkers / 133	High Street	Replacement of existing rooflights like for like
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.					
6	2023	2323	36	By Sunte	Single storey rear extension. 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.
Response: no response submitted					

Notes:

1. Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) applications - no response will normally be provided.
2. Where application addresses are listed more than once with different reference numbers but the same description, this indicates that more than one type of planning application is required for the work (e.g., both a Householder or Full application and Listed Building Consent)