

Lindfield Parish Council

Minutes of the **PLANNING, TRANSPORT, and TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on Tuesday **29th August 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: Lindfield Society
Mr D Parsons (Deputy Parish Clerk)

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

64. Elect a Chair for this meeting

64.1 In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr Woolley was proposed by Cllr Nisbett, seconded by Cllr Webster, and elected by members to chair this meeting.

65. Apologies

65.1 Apologies from Cllrs Upton, Beecroft, Matthews, and Blunden were received and accepted.

66. Declarations of Interest

66.1 Cllr Burns declared an interest, as she was friends to neighbours of the application under item 69, Appendix One, Item 2: DM/23/2021 – 8 Compton Road.

67. Approval of Minutes

67.1 The Chair noted that the draft Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 8th 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.

68. Questions/comments from members of the public

68.1 None.

69. 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.

69.1 **DM/23/3177 Rose Cottage, Lewes Road** – the Lindfield Society noted that the latest plans had been modified to address the neighbour's concerns. Committee **agreed** that LPC's response of no objection remained apposite.

70. 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.

70.1 **DM/23/1909 Hickmans Lane Pavilion** – members were advised that following the issues raised relating to the application, MSDC advised that no photovoltaic panels are proposed due to the risk of vandalism or theft, nor was rainwater harvesting included within the scheme. Further, that the application would be heard by MSDC's Planning Committee on 7th September 2023. Committee **noted** these updates.

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

71.1 None

72. Policy proposals - Sustainable Design and Flooding

72.1 Cllr Webster considered that having an appropriate policy would help to achieve a consistency of approach when considering planning applications. Committee considered the report previously circulated and **agreed** to follow the recommended action. Accordingly, the proposed policy will be passed to the Council's Climate Change Working Group for their input.

73. Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Planning System

73.1 Committee considered the report previously circulated and **agreed** to follow Option 3. Members sought clarification as to whether the Gatwick Airport second runway proposals would be addressed under consultation 3, and that if this was not the case, no response would be provided to this consultation.

74. TRO Updates

74.1 WSCC had approved the TRO for yellow lines in Backwoods Close and yellow lines had now been applied to the carriageway on Black Hill. Committee **noted** these developments.

75. Outstanding Action Points

75.1 Committee **noted** the currently outstanding and completed items.

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

76.1 Cllr Grace advised that SHLAT's next meeting was on Thursday, 31st August and Committee **noted** this.

The meeting closed at 20:55.

The **Planning, Transport and Traffic Committee next meets on Tuesday 19th September 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	2051	16	Chestnuts Close	Proposed ancillary Annex to replace garage store
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, provided that the annex shall be occupied solely for purposes incidental to the occupation and enjoyment of 16 Chestnuts Close as a dwelling house and shall not be used as a separate unit of accommodation.					
2	2023	2021	8	Compton Road	Proposed conservation roof lights to front roof slope and second floor window to side elevation
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, although recognising the neighbour's concerns regarding overlooking, suggest that consideration be given to the proposed second floor window to the side elevation being obscure glazed and non-opening below 1.7m above floor level.					
3	2023	2063	27	High Street	T1 Tulip - Crown lift and remove lower limbs over numbers 25 and 29 High Street
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application					
4	2022	3177	Rose Cottage	Lewes Road	Proposed two storey side and rear extensions, removal of conservatory and replacement garage, together with associated alterations. Amended plans received 10.08.2023 showing revised design for the proposed rear extension.
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application					
5	2023	2096	Land To The Rear Of Residents Parking Area	Lime Tree Grove	G1 Hazel, Hawthorn, Blackthorn and Elder - reduced and maintained as a hedge up to 5m high. T1 Oak - Thin crown by 15%, remove Ivy and damaged or diseased branches.
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application					
6	2023	2059	Malling Priory / 88	High Street	Change in colour to the front door, windows, quoins and banding and installation of security cameras and intruder detection sounders.
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application					
7	2023	2120	The Well House / 95	High Street	T1 Cherry - Fell
Response: Subject to confirmation from an Arboricultural survey that the disease is as asserted in the application form and that are no other approaches available to avoid the destruction of this mature tree, Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this proposal.					

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8	2023	2139	14	Old School Court	T1 and T2 Lime - To re-pollard for annual maintenance
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application					
9	2023	2162	Lindfield Cricket Club, Lindfield Common Cricket Pavillion	Backwoods Lane	T1 Oak - Raise canopy by 3m and remove over extended limbs on house side.
Response: Lindfield Parish Council has no objections to this application, subject to the MSDC Tree Officer's satisfaction that the proposed works will not unbalance or destabilise the tree.					

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)