



# Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM  
IN THE MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD LIBRARY,  
KNOCKHUNDRED ROW, MIDHURST**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr G. McAra (Chairman), Cllr D. Coote, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr Morley, Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr M. Whittaker

**Officer:** Melanie Kite, Town Clerk

Cllr M. Richardson attended as a member of the public.

### **P/73/19 – Chairman’s Announcements**

The Chairman reminded committee members that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of the Clerk’s Minutes.

### **P/74/19 - Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D. Knight, Cllr M. Purves,

### **P/75/19 - Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

### **P/76/19 - Matters Arising from The Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

There were no matters raised.

### **P/77/19 - Public Participation Session**

There were no questions.

Meeting re-convened

### **P/78/19 – Planning Applications**

**78.1 - SDNP/19/05472/HOUS -** Single storey rear extension and internal alterations

16 Guillards Oak Midhurst GU29 9JZ

**Decision:** It was resolved to support the application.

### **P/79/19 – Tree Planning Applications**

**79.1 - SDNP/19/05495/TPO -** Fell 5 no. Conifers (T1-T5) and 1 no. Willow (T6) all within Area, A1 subject to MI/58/00667/TPO

**2 Elmleigh Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9HA**

**Decision:** It was resolved to inform the arboricultural officer at CDC that there were no documents available to view. It was, therefore, not possible for the committee to make an informed response.

This will be reviewed at a later date.

**79.2 - SDNP/19/05148/TCA -** Notification of intention to remove 2 no. limbs on south west sector (at a height of 4.5m and 5.5m) and 1 no. limb on west sector (at a height of 6m) giving 4m clearance above



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ground level on 1 no. Oak tree. Excavate ground within the root protection area of the Oak tree, and also an adjacent Horse Chestnut tree. Hand digging within a small section of the root protection area (south west sector) removal of roots up to 50mm in diameter where necessary.

Sewage Pumping Station The Wharf Midhurst GU29 9PX

**Decision:** It was resolved to support the application.

**79.3 - SDNP/19/05599/TPO** - Fell 1 no. double stemmed Silver Birch tree and reduce height by 50% (down to original hedge height) on 1 no. Hawthorn tree. Both trees within Area, A1 subject to M1/73/00672/TPO.

9 Ashfield Close Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9RP

**Decision:** It was resolved to support this application with a condition requesting that an appropriate native tree be planted following the felling of the Silver Birch.

## **P/80/19 - Decisions**

The Clerk read SDNPA’s decisions on previous applications. There were no comments.

## **P/81/19 - Matters Of Report**

The council had stipulated that on tree planning application SDNP/19/05260/TCA, that a TPO be placed on the other two oak trees to the south of the property. The Clerk read the reply from CDC:

*this is not necessary as all 3 no. Oak trees and any other trees with girths of 75mm (3 inches) or greater in diameter at 1.5m (above ground level) are already under the Local Planning Authority’s control/jurisdiction and cutting of any live growth on any of these trees would require the Local Planning Authority’s prior approval.*

Clerk was asked to get clarification as to whether this only applies to trees in a conservation area or generally.

Cllr Morley expressed his concern regarding the advertising posters and canvas signs that are regularly placed at the entrance to Midhurst Rother College and wondered about the visual impact it makes on the entrance to Midhurst. It was agreed that a letter to the college Head should be sent informing him of the twenty-eight day rule before planning consent is required.

Action: Clerk to write on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Whittaker had received comments from traders in Midhurst saying that sales during the Christmas Street party had been good this year.

Cowdray Estates had informed the council that tree work would be taking place on land opposite the Methodist Church.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:28pm.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date:.....