



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on Monday 11th May 2020 at 6:45pm by video conference due to COVID-19.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Coote (Chairman), Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr G. McAra, Cllr Morley, Cllr M. Whittaker
Officer: Melanie Kite, Town Clerk

P/49/20 - Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman informed the Members that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of the Clerk's notes only.

P/50/20 - Apologies for Absence

Cllr G. Upjohn

P/51/20 - Declarations of Interest

None declared.

P/52/20 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14th April 2020

There were no matters raised.

P/53/20 - Public Participation Session

No members of the public were present.

Meeting re-convened

P/54/20 – Planning Applications

54.1 SDNPA/20/01325/LDP & SDNP/20/01326/HOUS - Single storey rear extension with change to fenestration. 1 no. dormer to rear and 3 no. roof lights to front of property. Change of fenestration to existing detached garage

3 Beech Grove Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9JA

Decision: The committee agreed to this application

Proposed Cllr Rev. Coote, seconded Cllr Morley all agreed

54.2 SDNP/20/01166/LIS & SDNP/20/01165/FUL - Full internal refurbishment to provide upgraded office space, all windows to have new secondary glazing internally, proposed bicycle storage, refurbishment and repairs to the roof, all chimneys to be rebuilt as existing with new lead trays, installation of photovoltaic panels, replacement of all existing UPVC rainwater goods, SVPS, and services cast iron, alterations to external lighting and fenestration including removal of external fire escape and all windows to be redecorated in Cowdray gold/yellow.

Capron House North Street Midhurst GU29 9DH

Decision: Objection. The Town Council recommends refusal due to the inappropriate window colour for a listed building of that nature and its position within the town. Midhurst Town council recommends that all exterior windows are kept white.

Proposed Cllr McAra, seconded Cllr Purves, unanimously agreed



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P/55/20 - Tree Applications

55.1 SDNP/20/01374/TPO - Crown reduce by up to 4m (all round) on 1 no. Unknown tree (marked on plan as T1) within Area, A1 subject to MI/58/00667/TPO.

61 Elmleigh Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9HA

Decision: No Objection

Proposed Cllr Rev Coote, seconded Cllr Morley, all agreed

55.2 SDNP/20/01270/TPO

Crown reduce by 2.5m (all round) on 1 no. Beech tree (T1). Crown reduce by 2m (all round) on 1 no. Beech tree (T2). Crown reduce by 3m (all round) on 2 no. Beech trees (T3 and T4). All 4 no. trees are within Area, A1 subject to MI/59/00668/TPO.

19 Heatherwood Midhurst GU29 9LH

Decision: No objection

Proposed Cllr Purves, seconded Cllr McAra, 5 agreed, Cllr Morley abstained. Motion carried.

P/56/20 - St Margaret's Communal Garden - Petersfield Road - It was resolved to write to West Sussex County Council and Clarion Housing Association requesting the immediate removal of the two signs reading 'Private Gardens No Right of Way' and 'Private Estate'.

Cllr McAra to draft a letter for the Clerk to send.

P/57/20 - Cowdray Tree Houses- It was resolved to write to South Downs National Park Authority and Mr. Jonathan Russell, Cowdray Estates, supporting Cowdray Estate's proposal for tree houses at Highfield Copse and Lodge Wood.

Cllr McAra to draft a letter for the Clerk to send.

P/58/20 - Midhurst Greenway cycle route – Members of the committee were asked to visit the site of the footbridge and path, individually in order to adhere to social distancing. Further discussions will take place by virtual meeting next week.

P/58/20 - Midhurst Brickworks and WSCC Depot, Metis Homes – Members of the committee were asked to forward their comments by email to the Chairman. Cllrs Rev. Coote and McAra will draft a response which will be brought to the next planning meeting on 26th May to be approved.

P/59/20 – Cowdray Tree Cutting at the north entrance to Midhurst – This was an additional item due to the urgency of the situation.

A letter had been received by Midhurst Town Council on 13th May informing it that the felling of the diseased trees would start on Monday 18th May.

There had been a number of 'posts' and a feeling of dismay from residents that this work was being undertaken during the bird nesting season; members of the committee were also reticent about the work going ahead at this nesting time. It was agreed to write to Cowdray Estate requesting a delay in felling, expressing the concerns of the town council and of Midhurst residents. The council would also ask for confirmation that the number of saplings to be planted equalled the number of trees being felled.

Cllr Rev Coote to draft a letter for the Clerk to send.

P/60/20 - Decisions List – these were noted.

P/61/20 - Matters of Report - There were no matters of report.



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Meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Signed:
Chairman

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