



Midhurst Town Council

Rosemary's Parlour North Street Midhurst GU29 9SB

Minutes of a meeting of Midhurst Town Council Planning & Infrastructure Committee held at Rosemary's Parlour, North Street, Midhurst on 14th January 2019 at 7.00pm.

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| ✓ Mr G McAra (Chairman) | Mr M Purves (Chairman of the Council) |
| ✓ Rev D Coote | ✓ Mr G Upjohn |
| ✓ Mr G Evans | ✓ Mr M Whittaker |
| Ms J Fowler | |

✓=Present

In attendance: Ms Ongley (Town Clerk)
The press and 1 member of the public attended this meeting.

120. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Fowler. Mr Purves was absent without apology.

121. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

122. Representations from the public

There were none.

123. Matters arising from the minutes of 10th December 2018

There were none.

124. Midhurst Plans

- 124.1 **SDNP/18/06366/CND** – 20 Ashfield Road Midhurst GU29 9JS – Change of use of roof space to habitable accommodation and associated works – Variation of condition2 SDNP/17/02091/HOUS – acceptance of the attached drawings and allowing the rear dormer to be higher than originally permitted. There were no objections.
- 124.2 **SDNP/18/06556/TPO** – 98 Poplar Way Midhurst GU29 9TD – Remove 2 no. stems closest to house and crown reduce by 50% on 1 no. Bay tree (T1), subject to MI/82/01100/TPO. There were no objections.
- 124.3 **SDNP/18/06403/LIS** – Old Surgery Ground Floor Office Rumbolds Hill Midhurst – Proposed internal works. There were no objections. The Committee commended the application as an improvement.
- 124.4 **SDNP/18/05711/HOUS** – 34 Taylors Field Midhurst GU29 9PN – Extension and conversion of existing dayroom into one bedroomed annexe. There were no objections, with the recommendation that a condition be attached to any Approval restricting the use of the Annexe solely for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the main house (34 Taylors Field Midhurst).
- 124.5 **SDNP/18/06295/LDP** – 9 Ashfield Close Midhurst GU29 9RP – Single storey rear extension and associated alterations. There were no objections.



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125. Reported Decisions

- 125.1 **SDNP/18/05202/FUL** – St Mary's Presbytery Bepton Road Midhurst GU29 9HD – Internal and external alterations to existing meeting hall, provision of new porch entrance and 1 no. disabled parking space. Approved. MTC had no objections (Min 112.3).
- 125.2 **SDNP/18/05402/HOUS & LIS** – Granville House Market Square Midhurst GU29 9NP – Internal/external alterations to the kitchen and utility room. Approved. MTC had no objections (Min 112.1).
- 125.3 **SDNP/18/05135/TPO** – Treetops 1 Little Court Close Midhurst GU29 9SS – Reduce height by 3-4m, reduce all sectors by 2m and crown lift by up to 6m (above ground level) on 1 no. Oak tree (T1) subject to MI/83/00680/TPO. Approved. MTC had no objections (Min 104).
- 125.4 **SDNP/18/05155/LIS** – 1 Gate House Edinburgh Square Midhurst GU29 9NL – Installation of gas boiler central heating with external flue vent. Approved. MTC had no objections (Min 112.5).
- 125.5 **SDNP/18/05147/TCA** – St Annes, Sheep Lane Midhurst GU29 9NT - Notification of intention to remove lowest 1 no. North-West limb (back to source) on 1 no. Fig tree. Approved. MTC had no objections (Min 110.2).
- 125.6 **SDNP/18/05791/HOUS** – Brackendene Carron Lane Midhurst GU29 9LD - Proposed two-storey extension. Construction of linked single storey garage and home office to house. Approved. MTC had no objections (Min 117.5).

126. Matters of Report

- 126.1 The Clerk reported that an Appeal Decision had been received from The Planning Inspectorate dated 8 January 2019. Appeal Ref: APP/Y9507/W/18/3204385. Bowling Green, June Lane, Midhurst, GU29 9EL. The application was refused by the SDNPA in May 2018. The appeal is dismissed. The conclusion was "that whilst the appeal proposal would not have a harmful effect in terms of housing mix, living conditions or affordable housing provision it would result in an undue adverse effect on the character and appearance of the locality."
- 126.2 Rev Coote reported that the Clerk is currently writing a letter to the management of the Post Office to reiterate the unsuitability of the current access to Midhurst Post Office via a garage forecourt, and the Council's wish to see a more suitable entrance created. He also reported that he and Mr McAra are due to meet with the staff to explain there is no criticism of the staff in this regard, and that it is purely the physical access that is of concern, where elderly, disabled, and adults with buggies and pushchairs are endangered each time they approach the building.



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- 126.3 Rev Coote reported that he had attended a talk last week run by the Midhurst Society, with the speakers CDC Councillors Pam and Tony Dignum. Several questions came from the audience about planning issues, for example, the old Grange site and its suitability for a Care Home development, for which CDC have sold the land. These types of issues brought up by the public, within a planning context, have inspired Rev Coote to try to find some way of communicating with Midhurst residents how MTC gets involved in planning issues, and what can be achieved at Town Council level. He is minded to put this item on an agenda for a future meeting.
- 126.4 Mr McAra reported that the Midhurst and Petworth Observer had run a Zoopla survey on the 10 most expensive towns and villages in West Sussex, and Midhurst had come in sixth place, with the average house price of £516,000. This explains why all ages of people find it hard to get on the property ladder in Midhurst.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.26pm.