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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee of Midhurst Town Council held at Rosemary's Parlour, North Street, Midhurst on 11th February 2019 at 7pm

MEMBERS

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

✓=Present

In attendance: Ms Ongley (Town Clerk).

One member of the Press was present. Nine members of the public attended.

127. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Rev Coote, Mr Purves and Ms Fowler.

128. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

129. Representations from the Public

129.1 Councillor Guest spoke about the recent proposals to extract sand from several sites around Midhurst. She spoke on behalf of Friends of Midhurst Common, Midhurst Society, and members of the public who had approached her. She asked for clarity from MTC about its stance regarding the extractions, and asked MTC to work collaboratively with other groups and organisations to oppose the proposal and to express concerns. She asked the Council to consider holding a public meeting if appropriate.

129.2 Phillippa McCullough spoke about a working group that is working with both parishes affected, Bepton and Easebourne, and with the County Councillor Kate O'Kelly who is going to approach the MP for the area. The parishes had written jointly to Lord Cowdray to ask if he would disallow sand extraction on his land, but the answer was negative.

129.3 Katherine Steele reported that the action group was disappointed with the response from Lord Cowdray, and asked the Council if it would consider writing to him. If he took his sites out of the plan there would be no sand extraction in this area. She urged MTC to take part in the WSCC consultation. She expressed concern that the National Park status seemed to mean nothing if SDNPA allowed sand extraction.

129.4 Mr McAra thanked all the speakers.

130. Soft Sand Review

Mr McAra explained that there is currently a joint consultation organised by WSCC and the SDNPA. He explained that the SDNPA had already refused sand extraction in this area in its Joint Minerals Plan. The Government Inspector has forced this issue on the area, in order to fulfil a national need for sand for the building industry. The only successful way to oppose this is to prove that the government's calculations for this need are wrong, which is a difficult task.

Mr McAra pointed out that MTC has had a clear stance of opposing soft sand extraction in this area all the way through, from before the SDNPA wrote its Joint Minerals Plan.

Dated this 18th February 2019.....Chairman



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He read out his draft letter of objection from MTC, which can be written and sent to SDNPA and WSCC before the consultation deadline of 18th March. He agreed that collaboration and joint action were positive, and that MTC will do as much as it can to stop this extraction. Apart from the obvious environmental and aesthetic concerns, there will be a tripling of lorry movements on the roads on the town, up to 800 lorry movements per week, adding to the pollution and congestion problems already apparent in the area.

Mr McAra proposed that his draft letter be formalised and sent, Mr Whittaker seconded, all were in favour.

131. Matters arising from the minutes of 14th January 2019

There were none.

132. Midhurst Plans

132.1 SDNP/18/06612/HOUS – 24 Taylors Field Midhurst GU29 9PH –

Proposed two storey side extension with various alterations and additions to fenestration. There were no objections.

132.2 SDNP/18/06171/FUL – Spring Meadow New Road Midhurst GU29

9HW – Erection of gabion wall. There were no objections.

132.3 SDNP/19/00074/HOUS – 7 Downsview Drive Midhurst GU29 9LW –

Demolition of existing porch and erection of replacement porch. There were no objections.

132.4 SDNP/19/00065/TPO – 100 Poplar Way Midhurst GU29 9TD – Various

tree work. The Committee made no comment as the plans were unavailable online.

132.5 SDNP/18/06440/FUL – Old Town Hall Market Square Midhurst –

Removal of 4 no. existing bollards. Relocation and erection of 8 no. new bollards on eastern boundary of site. There were no objections.

132.6 SDNP/19/00014/FUL – Garage Block East of Roselawn June Lane

Midhurst – Redevelopment and roof extension of existing A1 building to create a mixed use of A1 use on part of the ground floor with two residential apartments on the upper floors. There were no objections.

133. Reported Decisions

133.1 SDNP/18/05140/HOUS – 5 Chartwell Mews Carron Lane Midhurst

GU29 9ST – Remove existing timber windows and replace with uPVC timber alternative windows. Approved. MTC had no objections – min 117.2

133.2 SDNP/18/05551/HOUS – Stonewell Chichester Road West Lavington

GU29 9PF – Replace existing lean-to and erect new greenhouse. Approved. MTC had no objections – min 117.3

133.3 SDNP/18/05801/LIS – 142 June Lane Midhurst GU29 9EW –

Replacement of all existing 14 no. PVCu windows and frames with new timber-framed windows and frame in similar style. Approved. MTC had no objections – min 110.1

133.4 SDNP/18/05812/HOUS – 16 Guillards Oak Midhurst GU29 9JZ – Single

storey rear extension with 2 no. roof lights and various alterations. Refused. MTC had no objections – min 117.1

133.5 SDNP/18/05869/HOUS – 21 Sandrock June Lane Midhurst GU29 9EX

– Change of use of loft into habitable accommodation. Refused. MTC had no objections – min 117.4



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- 133.6 SDNP/18/06317/TCA – 11 Beech Grove Midhurst GU29 9JA –**
Notification of intention to crown reduce by up to 30%, remove major deadwood and cut ivy at base of 1 no. Oak Tree (T1). Application Withdrawn. MTC gave no comment due to the Christmas and New Year break.
- 133.7 SDNP/18/05711/HOUS – 34 Taylors Field Midhurst GU29 9PN –**
Extension and conversion of existing dayroom into one bedroomed annexe. Approved. MTC had no objections – min 124.4
- 133.8 SDNP/18/06295/LDP – 9 Ashfield Close Midhurst GU29 9RP –** Single story rear extension and associated alterations. Approved. MTC had no objections – min 124.5
- 133.9 SDNP/18/06366/CND – 20 Ashfield Road Midhurst GU29 9JS –** Change of use of roof space to habitable accommodation and associated works – Variation of condition 2 SDNP/17/02091/HOUS – acceptance of the attached drawings and allowing the rear facing dormer to be higher than originally permitted. Approved. MTC had no objections – min 124.1

134. Matters of Report

- 134.1** The Clerk read out a letter received from the Post Office in reply to MTC's letter of complaint regarding difficulty of access to the Post Office in Midhurst due to customers being forced onto the fuel station forecourt to enter the building. The PO letter, from a Customer Service Adviser, claimed to have investigated the matter with the branch and they had assured her there is access to the branch without using the forecourt and without having to leave the pavement. They also assured her that the building is accessible from both entrances to the branch.
- 134.2** Mr McAra reported he has drafted a letter to the Government Inspector responsible for approving the SDNPA Local Plan regarding MTC's disappointment that the employment mix suggestion for the old brickworks site in Bepton Road has been ignored. He reported that the SDNPA had very little to say about employment opportunities on the site, and the Inspector had nothing to say.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.37pm.