



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

MEMBERS

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

✓=Present

In attendance: Ms Ongley (Town Clerk).
One member of the press and 5 members of the public attended.

142. Apologies for Absence

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

143. Declarations of Interest

Mr McAra declared an interest in agenda item 5.1 – planning application SDNP/19/00758/HOUS at Sherwood, Carron Lane, Midhurst as he is a close neighbour.

144. Representations from the Public

144.1 Three representatives of Metis Homes, a housing developer, addressed the meeting. They are the Managing Director, Planning Director, and Communications Manager. They showed the Committee artists’ impressions of a proposed development in the rear gardens of 10, 11 and 12 Park Crescent, which would add seamlessly to the current Lamberts Lane development of 20 dwellings. This proposal is for 9 dwellings which would be accessed only through the Lamberts Lane development, and not via Park Crescent. They described the location and sizes of the dwellings, and answered questions about parking spaces. This is in the pre-application stage at the moment, and all immediate neighbours have been written to. They hope to submit the application in the coming weeks, with a view to starting work this summer. Mr McAra commented that this is one of the sites allocated by the SDNP and MTC for the building of homes. The Committee is minded to support this application when it is considered in the future.

144.2 One representative of Midhurst Bowls Club addressed the meeting. Tonight’s agenda includes the consideration of a new application by the Club for 5 homes to be built on its June Lane site in order to fund a new Club in a different location. He stated that the previous application was refused, and the Club appealed the decision. The Inspector recommended a redesign which they have implemented in this new application, in the hope that it will now be passed. He spoke of the immense benefits to be gained by the town due to a better and bigger location, with its own parking, helping alleviate parking problems on June Lane. He stated that the membership would grow and there will be more provision for disabled players and young players, bringing fitness, health and wellbeing benefits to all who join in the future. He also stated that having 5 extra dwellings near the town centre will benefit the town.



145. Matters arising from the minutes of 25th February 2019

There were none.

146. Midhurst Plans

146.1 SDNP/19/00832/FUL – Bowling Green June Lane Midhurst GU29 9EL

– Demolition of existing bowls club buildings and erection of 5 no. dwellinghouses with associated landscaping and parking and creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access – revised scheme following appeal decision. There were no objections, on the conditions that there should be hedging retained on the frontage to June Lane, that the large tree in the corner should be retained, and that there should be an adequate planting scheme to ensure the area retains its countryside character.

146.2 SDNP/19/00758/HOUS – Sherwood Carron Lane Midhurst GU29 9LD

– Alterations to existing driveway and boundaries. Mr McAra did not participate in the discussion nor the decision (see minute 143). There were no objections.

146.3 SDNP/19/00834/LDP – 7 Lakeside Midhurst GU29 9SG – Single storey rear extension. There were no objections.

146.4 SDNP/19/00641/TCA – South Downs Centre North Street Midhurst GU29 9DH – Notification of intention to crown lift by approx. 4m (above ground level) by removing selected small-diameter lateral branches from around main union, secondary and tertiary branches from main scaffold limbs. Crown thin by up to 10% by removing selected small-diameter (<50mm branches) in the lower to mid crown to remove poor formed and crossing branches on 1 no. London Plane tree (T1). There were no objections.

147. Reported Decisions

147.1 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. Approved. MTC had no objections - min 132.5.

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

Proposed two storey side extension with various alterations and additions to fenestration. Refused. MTC had no objections – min 132.1.

148. Matters of Report

148.1 Mr McAra reported that Metis Homes are working with the main developer at the Old Brickworks Site in Bepton Road, and they have offered to attend this Committee in May or June this year.

148.2 Mr McAra expressed his thanks to the Clerk, Heather Ongley, for all her help and support to this Committee over the past year and 3 months.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.