



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on Monday 10th May 2021 at 7:00pm at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Coote (Chairman), Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr G. McAra, Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr R. Watts

Officer: Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk

Also: Cllr D. Fraser

P/78/21 - Apologies for Absence – Cllr M. Purves

P/79/21 - Declarations of Interest – None declared at this time

P/80/21 - To approve Minutes of Meeting Held on 26th April 2021

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr Upjohn, all agreed.

P/81/21 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 26th April 2021

Following an action from the previous meeting, it was noted that the tree outside the fire station is not the Queen's Jubilee Tree but the Queen's 70th Birthday Tree.

P/82/21 - Public Participation Session –

There was no public participation.

Meeting Reconvened

P/83/21 - Planning Applications

83.1 **SDNP/21/01939/ADV** - 1 no. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. non-illuminated awning.

Midhurst Sports House West Street Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9NF

Decision: The Council had no objections.

83.2 **SDNP/21/00927/HOUS** - Single storey rear extension. 38 Pitsham Wood Midhurst GU29 9QZ

Decision: The Council had no objections.

P/84/21 - Cowdray Land in Easebourne – Three Submissions for Pre-Application Advice

Action: Cllr McAra to draft a letter for the committee.

P/84/21 - Cowdray Land in Easebourne – Three Submissions for Pre-Application Advice

Cllr Coote and McAra provided a summary of the proposal by Metis Homes and Cowdray Estate to build 60 houses across three sites. These are Easebourne Primary School (SDNP/20/04747/PRE), the former Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens Land at Egmont Road (SDNP/20/04754/PRE) and the Cowdray Works Yard Easebourne Lane (SDNP/20/04751/PRE).



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Although they are in the Easebourne parish the developments would impact on Midhurst and therefore appropriate for the TC Planning Committee to consider. Overall, there would likely be an economic benefit to Midhurst. Infrastructure and services were thought to be able to cope with the additional population. The committee did not consider other issues such as design, location, traffic, or sustainability. These aspects would naturally be part of the planning process if and when the schemes move beyond the pre – application stage. The additional employment opportunities that could be created by the commercial floor space at the Cowdray works site and the opportunity given in proportion with SDNP policy for affordable houses were welcomed. It was proposed by Cllr McAra, seconded by Cllr Coote, and agreed that a letter be drafted and circulated to the committee by Cllr McAra and once agreed sent to the SDNPA supporting these applications providing that affordable homes was key part of the developments.

PP/85/21 – Decisions

These were noted with no comments.

P/86/21 - Matters of Report

Cllr Upjohn asked for electronic bus stop notification signs to be erected at the North Street bus station.

Action: The Assistant Clerk to contact WSCC to arrange for the signs to be erected.

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

Signed:
Chairman

Date:.....