



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on Monday 26th July 2021 at 7:00pm at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr R. Watts, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr G. McAra, Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr M. Purves, and Cllr D. Fraser

Officer: Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk

P/135/21 – Apologies for Absence – Cllr D. Coote

P/136/21 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr McAra: SDNP/21/03453/HOUS - Erection of replacement conservatory to rear elevation.

Cllr Lintott: SDNP/21/03451/HOUS - Erection of single and two storey house extensions.

P/137/21 - To approve Minutes of Meeting Held on 12th July 2021

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

Proposed Cllr Purves, seconded Cllr Fraser, unanimously agreed.

P/138/21 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12th July 2021

None

P/139/21 - Public Participation Session

There was no public participation.

Meeting Reconvened

P/140/21 - Planning Applications

140.1 SDNP/21/03448/FUL

Erection of 70 new homes with associated access, parking and landscaping following demolition of the existing buildings.

Council Depot Bepton Road Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9QX

Decision: Midhurst Town Council supports this application for 70 houses in Bepton Road Midhurst.

We are pleased to see that the Council's concerns over the entrance to the site has been addressed as is the need for much safer pedestrian access to Bepton Road. The Council also endorses the greater availability of vehicle charging points and the improvement in the Passive House requirements, improving the developments contribution to sustainability and protection of the environment.

The Council also finds the redesign and relocation of the housing in the northern sector acceptable and an improvement on the initial submission. The Council continues to question the inclusion of a substandard and rusty 'industrial' shed as part of the development, seen as a planner's whim, when the area could be used for more housing, or as originally suggested, employment use, similar to the example that the Town Council submitted to the developers at the start of this process. Finally, the Council asks if it is feasible to add a children's play park to the development and also, that a suitable long term management plan is included in the conditions to ensure the care and maintenance of the green spaces (including sedum roofs).



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140.2 SDNP/21/03453/HOUS

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of replacement conservatory to rear elevation.
112 Poplar Way Midhurst GU29 9TD

Decision: MTC has no objection to this application.

140.3 SDNP/21/03451/HOUS

Demolition works and for the erection of single and two storey house extensions.
Ivybank Carron Lane Midhurst GU29 9LB

Decision: MTC has no objection to this application.

P/141/21 - Tree Applications

None.

P/142/21 – Decisions

These were noted with no comments.

P/143/21 – North Mill Bridge

Following the meeting by the new owner of North Mill, Cllr Kate O’Kelly, Harvey Tordoff and Mike Dare from WSCC Highways about the state of the bridge surface and the subsequent e-mail from the new owner, a site visit was undertaken by the committee members. It was agreed that the suggestion to remove the narrow pavement on the north side which protects the bridge structure was not feasible. Nor was it financially or technically feasible to build a pavement on the south side.

Action: Cllr Watts to write to the new owner of North Mill and inform him of the committee’s decision.

P/144/21 – SDNPA Design Guide SPD Consultation

The SDNPA is consulting on a draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The aim of the Design Guide SPD is to raise design standards in the National Park and to provide best practice guidance regarding the design of new development. The Design Guide SPD applies to both residential and non-residential development and will be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications once adopted. The consultation will run until Monday 6 September 2021. It was agreed that the SPD does not affect Midhurst that much and a that response be sent to SDNPA supporting the document.

Action: Mr Quail to write to the SDNPA informing them that MTC support the document.

P/145/21 – Actions

The actions were provided to the committee before the meeting, who reviewed those that were outstanding. A number were closed and a revised table is attached to the minutes indicating the latest progress.

P/146/21 - Matters of Report

None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm.



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Signed:
Chairman

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