



# Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 6.45pm at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst.

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr D. Coote, Cllr R. Watts, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr M. Purves and Cllr D. Fraser

**Officer:** Jessica Brown-Fuller, Events Officer

**P/189/21 – Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr G. Upjohn and Cllr G. McAra.

**P/190/21 - Declarations of Interest** – None

**P/191/21 - To approve Minutes of Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr R. Watts, seconded Cllr D. Fraser, unanimously agreed.

**P/192/21 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021** - None

**P/193/21 - Public Participation Session** - There was no public participation. Meeting Reconvened.

**P/194/21 - Planning Applications**

**194.1 SDNP/21/05551/HOUS**

Single storey side extension, window/door alterations/additions and associated works.

**27, Downsview Drive, Midhurst, GU29 9LW**

**Decision:** MTC has no objection to this application.

**194.2 SDNP/21/05653/HOUS**

Single Storey Rear Extension.

**62, Heathfield Park, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9HL**

**Decision:** MTC has no objection to this application.

**194.3 SDNP/21/05770/HOUS**

Installation of raised decking, balustrade and replacement of double windows with double door to rear of property at ground floor level. Brick up side windows in living room and master bedroom on RHS elevation.

**18 Goodwood Close, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9JG**

**Decision:** MTC has no objection to this application.

**P/195/21 – Tree Applications**

**195.1 SDNP/21/05697/TCA**

Notification of intention to reduce heights by 2-3m and remove laterals back to stem by approx. 2-3m on (east sector) on 2 no. Yew Trees (T1 and T2). Reduce height by 2-3m and reduce east sector by 0.5-1m on 1 no Yew tree (T3)

**Bierton House, Edinburgh Square, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9NL**

**Decision** – MTC has no objection to this application.

195.2 SDNP/21/05853/TCA

Notification of intention to fell no. Sycamore tree (quoted as T1).

**Bierton House, Edinburgh Square, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9NL**

**Decision** – MTC has no objection to this application.

**P/196/21 – Decisions**

Cllr D. Fraser questioned why SDNPA chose to approve SDNP/21/0352/HOUS when MTC chose to object to the application.

Cllr C. Lintott recommended looking at the SDNPA website for refusal reasons on the 2 planning applications that were refused.

**P/197/21 – Pollution of the River Rother**

The River Rother flows through the South Downs, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and since 2011, a designated national park. Flows in the river are swelled by discharges from several sewage treatment works. The entire river, including parts of some of its tributaries, is designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance by the local authorities through which it flows, in recognition of its value for wildlife.

Cllr R. Watts presented his report to Councillors and expressed concern about the pollution levels, specifically the discharge of sewage along its flow. It is evident that in the area observed, the Rother is one of the worst river for pollutants.

Cllr J. Sutton expressed concern that we have many people and dogs swimming in the Rother in the Summer if untreated sewage is being deposited into the Rother.

Cllr D. Coote has drafted a letter to Southern Water, asking them to come back to MTC on the ecological issues facing the river. This letter will be sent on behalf of Councillors. Councillors agreed that this was appropriate and requested the letter also be sent to Gillian Keegan MP and to local parish councils along the River Rother.

**P/198/21 – Community Highways Partnership**

Cllr C. Lintott and Cllr D. Coote are meeting with Steve Hills from WSCC on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to discuss initiating a community highways partnership. Midhurst Green Volunteers initiated contact but the partnership needs to be initiated by a Parish Council. Cllr C. Lintott will report back on the meeting at the next Planning & Infrastructure committee meeting in January.

**P/199/21 – West Sussex County Council Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

As part of a county-wide West Sussex County Council project, residents across West Sussex will see thousands of electric vehicle charging points installed within the next ten years. Midhurst Town Council were asked to put forward their suggestions for suitable locations within Midhurst for new charging points to be installed.

Councillors suggested the Grange Car Park as a suitable location and unanimously agreed that they should be fast-charge points rather than the 24 hour points.

**Action:** Clerk to respond to Emma Bishop , the community information officer at Chichester District Council.

**P/200/21 – Actions**

P/157/21 – 13 Sep 21 – The assistant clerk to ascertain further information regarding charities supported by the local Tescos. Assistant clerk has been awaiting additional information but despite a number of emails, has not heard back. Councillors are satisfied this is taken off the action list.

P/184/21 – 08-Nov-21 - Clr Coote to liaise with Mrs McCullough regarding the Vision requirement and the scope for Deacon Design re disability access across Midhurst. This has now been taking up by Cllr Kate O’Kelly at WSCC.

P/185/21 – 08 Nov 21 – Cllr Watts to deliver a report to the committee about the levels of pollution within the River Rother – Report has now been given, following up with a letter to Southern Water.

**P/201/21 - Matters of Report**

Cllr J Sutton has identified that the shop Marmadukes on Rumbolds Hill have builders in and are working on the upstairs of the shop to turn it into a flat and wondered why MTC haven’t seen a planning application for this work. Cllr J Sutton will ascertain the exact address and ask CDC if they are aware of the work.

Cllr D Coote has been approached by a resident regarding the drop curb on Pretoria Avenue at the corner, leading onto Bepton Road. This drop curb is regularly blocked by a parked car, making it difficult for a wheelchair user to access the path.

Cllr J Sutton spoke about the ‘Love West Sussex’ app, which has now rebranded to ‘Love Clean Streets’. The mobile phone app is a cloud based service that allows residents to report problems in their area to WSCC, including fly-tipping, kerb and edging problems, obstructions and potholes.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.27pm.

Signed: ..... Date:.....  
Chairman