



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.00pm at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst.

MINUTES

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

Officer: Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk

Also: Sharon Hurr, Clerk and RFO

P/093/22 - Apologies for Absence

Cllr Coote and Cllr Upjohn.

P/094/22 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr McAra declared an interest in SDNP/22/01928/HOUS - Demolition of existing two storey bay. Replacement enlarged bay with pitched roof at Lea Side Carron Lane Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9LB.

P/095/22 - To approve Minutes of Meeting Held on 25th April 2022

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting held on 25th April 2022.

Proposed Cllr Fraser, seconded Cllr McAra, all agreed.

P/096/22 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25th April 2022

Cllr Watts explained that he had spoken with Veronica Cooper from the Eco Rother Action Group regarding an exchange of information on the health of the River Rother. A request has been made from the Eco Rother Action Group to MTC for funding towards the work they are doing to identify various mineral readings in the river.

Action: Assistant Clerk to send the Eco Rother Action Group a grant application form.

Meeting halted for Public Participation Session

P/097/22 - Public Participation Session

No members of the public were present.

Meeting reconvened.

P/098/22 - Planning Applications

98.1 SDNP/22/01878/LIS

Change of use of back office to flat.

Old Surgery Rumbolds Hill Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9BY

Decision: MTC rejects this application on the grounds that it is a listed building and the proposal is inadequate for the development. In addition, it is a loss of two offices within the town.

98.2 SDNP/22/01928/HOUS

Demolition of existing two storey bay. Replacement enlarged bay with pitched roof.

Lea Side Carron Lane Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9LB

Decision: MTC has no objection to this application.

P/099/22 – Tree Applications

99.1 SDNP/22/01936/TPO

Full crown reduction of 1.5 metres on 1 no. Oak tree (T1), subject to 95/00698/TPO.

Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd White City Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9NA

Decision: MTC has no objection to this application.

P/0100/22 - SDNP/22/01858/FUL - Erection of 18 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping following demolition and site preparation (resubmission of withdrawn application SDNP/21/04043/FUL) - Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens Egmont Road Easebourne West Sussex.

Although the proposed development has reduced the height of the building and reduced the number of rooms from twenty to eighteen dwellings, MTC still have concerns about the impact on the local infrastructure. MTC welcome the number of social housing being made available.

Action: Assistant Clerk to provide SDNPA with the above comments.

P/0101/22 - Telecoms Planning Pre-Application Enquiry for a proposed telecommunications installation at Bepton Road

This pre-planning application from Dot Survey is proposing to roll out a new G5 16m high 'slim line' street pole at CHC20861 Heathfield Cottage on Bepton Road. However, the application will be in the name of CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd who will be responsible for construction of the site, the Operator will be H3G better known as Three. The committee are very concerned about this proposal.

1. The proposed 16 meters mast and ancillary equipment is visually, extremely intrusive in an urban setting.
2. The site is on the main southern entrance to Midhurst and is severely at odds with the landscape value of the location, which is at odds with its location in the centre of the Southdown's National Park. This contradicts the National Parks duty of maintaining and improving the landscape of the National Park.
3. The proposal would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the adjacent Grade 2 Listed Building.
4. The Town Council is concerned about the close location to Midhurst Primary School as well as the play school and nursery, all within 100 meters of the installation. As yet, there is no long-term evidence that the signal effect on children is benign.

Action: Assistant Clerk to formally respond to Dot Survey.

P/0102/22 – Decisions

These were noted.

P/0103/22 – Actions

The actions were provided to the committee before the meeting. Cllr McAra has liaised with the Midhurst Vision to ensure that their work aligns with the Design Guide. The office has written to SDNPA articulating the committee's strong support for the EPDS.

P/0104/22- Matters of Report

It was noted that the North Street bridge has been badly damaged.

It is not clear who has responsibility for the damaged fence that borders the North Street car park and the causeway.

Action: Cllr McAra to liaise with Cowdray and CDC to ascertain who owns the fence.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

Signed: Date:.....
Chairman