



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on Monday 27th June 2022 at 6.45pm at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr D Coote, Cllr D. Fraser, C. Lintott, Cllr G. McAra, Cllr D Merritt, Cllr G Upjohn, Cllr R. Watts

Officer: Sharon Hurr, Town Clerk

Members of the Public: Mr B Sharp and Ms G Taylor from the Chichester Society

P/132/22 - Apologies for Absence: None

P/133/22 - Declarations of Interest

All Councillors declared an interest in SDNP/21/05692/ADV, as this is the Council's own planning application.

P/134/22 - To approve Minutes of Meeting Held on 13th June 2022

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Lintott, seconded by Cllr Upjohn and agreed by all.

P/135/22 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 13th June 2022.

None.

Meeting halted for Public Participation Session

P/136/22 - Public Participation Session

Mr Sharp provided the Chichester Society's views regarding the potential closure of Chichester Bus station. This presentation is attached.

Cllr Watts, sought clarification regarding the proposed location of the new bus stops, which were confirmed as on Avenue De Chartres between the pathway from the train station rear entrance to Waitrose supermarket.

Ms Taylor added that currently not all bus services were running to the bus station but turning short of this location, causing inconvenience to passengers.

It was agreed that this would be added to the next meeting's agenda for discussion, regarding a response to Chichester District Council.

Meeting reconvened.

P/137/22 - Planning Applications

SDNP/21 /05692/ADV

1 no. non-illuminated Cor Ten steel sign.

Bus Shelter, North Street, Midhurst, GU29 9DJ

Decision: As this is the Town Council's own application, the Town Council has no objection.

SDNP/22/02542/LDP

Single Storey rear extension.
45 Poplar Way, Midhurst, GU29 9TB

Decision: No objection.

SDNP/22/02804/PA16

Proposed 5G telecoms installation:H3G Phase 9 high street pole with further additional equipment cabinets and ancillary apparatus.

Land at Bepton Road, Midhurst

Decision: Strong objection.

- The site is on the main southern entrance to Midhurst and is wholly unsuitable within the landscape value of the location, and the centre of the South Downs National Park. This contradicts the Authority's duty of maintaining and improving the landscape of the National Park.
- The proposed 16 meters mast is visually, extremely intrusive within the urban setting.
- The proposal would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the adjacent Grade 2 Listed Building.
- The bench at this location is well-used and the suggested re-positioning would be less desirable to users.
- The Town Council is also 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.

P/138/22 – Tree Applications

None.

P/139/22 – River Rother Pollution

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Watts would prepare a response to Southern Water regarding their five-year plan, and also prepare a letter to Gillian Keegan MP regarding her position in relation to the strategic intent of Southern Water.

Cllr Fraser arrived at 7.17pm

Actions: Cllr Watts to prepare a response to Southern Water and prepare a letter to Gillian Keegan MP.

P/140/22 Review of South Downs Local Plan

Following a short discussion, it was agreed to repeat this item on the next meeting's agenda.

P/141/22 – Decisions

None.

P/142/22 – Actions

Cllr McAra to forward a response to the Clerk regarding the response to Dot Surveying in relation to the proposal to place a 5G Mast on Lambert's Lane.

P/143/22 – Matters of Report

Cllr Watts requested that an item regarding North Mill Bridge and the request from a resident to remove the pavement is included on the next meeting's agenda.

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

Signed: Date:.....

Chairman

