



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on Monday 25th July 2022 at 6.45pm at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst.

MINUTES

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

Officer: Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk

P/154/22 - Apologies for Absence: None

P/155/22 - Declarations of Interest: None

P/156/22 - To approve Minutes of Meeting Held on 11th July 2022

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

P/157/22 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 11th July 2022

None

Meeting halted for Public Participation Session

P/158/22 - Public Participation Session: No members of the public present.

Meeting reconvened.

P/159/22 - Planning Applications

None

P/160/22 Tree Applications – Midhurst

160.1 SDNP/22/02992/TPO

Fell 1 no. Western Red Cedar tree (T1) within Area, A1 subject to MI/61/01150/TPO.

1 Oakhurst Carron Lane Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9LG

Decision: MTC object to this application. The committee is opposed to the felling of the cedar tree as they believe there is no compelling planning reasons for its removal. The tree is healthy and is a reasonable distance from the applicant's house, causing limited shading. The two beech trees to the west of it are also healthy, are of a similar size and do not seem to have suffered and material damage by being in the proximity of the cedar tree. Finally, the committee emphasises that this area, the grounds of a former large house, have a prevalent nature of majestic cedar trees and it would not wish to see this landscape feature eroded.

P/161/22 – Decisions

These were circulated prior to the meeting and were noted.

P/162/22 – SDNPA Design Guide

The revised South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) Design Guide was discussed and it was agreed to support the SDNPA Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The issues of employment and rural transportation are due to be discussed at the next planning meeting when changes to the SDNPA Local Plan will be reviewed.

P/163/22 – Future off-street parking arrangements in Midhurst

Chichester District Council (CDC) are currently considering various options for off-street parking within their jurisdiction, including Midhurst. It is important that this is aligned with the SDNPA Design Guide and the Midhurst Vision. Of primary importance is the potential removal of free parking at both the Grange and North Street car park. MTC strongly reject any move to remove free parking. In addition, it is felt that no changes to the Grange car park construct should be made while the application for a new care home is still outstanding. It was noted that CDC are in favour of progressing electronic charging points but are cautious because there are still a number of key issues that require resolution, such as the type of chargers used; MTC favour ultra-rapid chargers.

Action: Cllr McAra to enquire further with CDC re the arrangement with WSCC's parking programme.

P/164/22 - Actions – Committee to review outstanding actions

All actions are now complete.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed: Date:.....
Chairman