



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on Monday 12th September 2022 at 6.45pm at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst.

MINUTES

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

Officer: Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk

Also: Sharon Hurr, Town Clerk and RFO

P/177/22 – Chairman’s Announcements

Cllr Watts welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked for a minute’s silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.

P/178/22 - Apologies for Absence: Cllr D Coote

P/179/22 - Declarations of Interest: None

P/180/22 - To approve Minutes of Meeting Held on 22nd August 2022

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

P/181/22 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 22nd August 2022

None

Meeting halted for Public Participation Session

P/182/22 - Public Participation Session

Mr Richard Dollamore raised worries over the erection of single storey side extension at Peacocks on Chichester Road. Mr Dollamore’s house is next door to this property and is concerned about the amount of glazing so close to his boundary.

Meeting reconvened.

P/183/22 - Planning Applications

183.1 SDNP/22/03558/LIS

Restoration of frontage on former Barclays Bank building.

Barclays Bank North Street Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9DL

Decision: Midhurst Town Council has no objections.

183.2 SDNP/22/03468/HOUS

Erection of single storey side extension and replacement of all existing windows with PPC double glazed windows with glazing bars.

Peacocks Chichester Road West Lavington West Sussex GU29 9QE

Decision: Midhurst Town Council objects to this application based on inappropriate design

183.3 SDNP/22/03548/HOUS

Create access to front of property, create a single car parking space with electric charging point, with dropped kerb.

10 Wyndham Place Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9FZ

Decision: Midhurst Town Council objects to this application based on inappropriate location

P/184/22 - Tree Applications – Midhurst

184.1 SDNP/22/02787/TCA

Notification of intention to crown reduce by up to 2.5m and remove 10 no. crossing branches within the tree's canopy on 1 no. Hornbeam tree.

Land at Gilbert Hannam Close Midhurst West Sussex

Decision: Midhurst Town Council maintain their previous position

184.2 SDNP/22/03760/TCA

Notification of intention to fell 1 no. Sycamore tree (T1) and 1 no. Conifer tree (T2).

Box Cottage 50 Petersfield Road Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9JR

Decision: Midhurst Town Council has no objections. However, in line with MTC's policy, it is recommended that an appropriate tree should replace the Sycamore tree.

P/185/22 – Decisions

These were circulated prior to the meeting and were noted.

P/186/22 – Review of South Down's National Park Authority (SDNPA) Local Plan

The National Park, as part of its planning review has issued a call for more potential housing sites and green spaces to be proposed. The current plan includes four sites identified by MTC, who now wish to add two further sites for submission to the National Park.

- The first is the former bus depot in Pitsham Lane.
- The second is the play area in Holmbush Way. This site, owned by Hyde Homes is a run-down play area, very lightly used and has a reputation for Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). The site is quite large and could accommodate around 15 homes, plus a new play area. As agreed the committee visited this site and agreed that it should be subject to housing development, along with a new playpark.
- In addition, no action has been taken over the caravan site at Holmbush. This has become overgrown with a likely loss of potential housing. A developer has attempted to communicate with the site owners, unsuccessfully. Given the need for house building sites, especially social and affordable housing in the area, it was agreed that MTC will approach the National Park and the developer to affect a Compulsory Order to acquire the site.

Action: Cllr McAra to draft a letter to SDNPA regarding the caravan site at Holmbush and the play area at Holmebush Way.

P/187/22 – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Project Funding

Cllr McAra provided a very helpful precis of how CIL money works.

P/188/22 – Other Planning Matters for discussion

a) Marmaduke's – Rumbold's Hill: Building work is progressing next to Marmaduke's on Rumbold's Hill, without, it is believed, the appropriate planning permission.

b) South Down's Property – West Street/Red Lion Street: An air conditioning unit has been attached to the outside of South Down's Property on Red Lion Street. It is believed that this has not received planning permission.

Action: Assistant Clerk to liaise with the planning authority Enforcement Officer regarding potential lack of planning permission on the above properties.

P/189/22 – Actions: Committee to review outstanding actions

All actions are now complete.

P/190/22 – Matters of Report

None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.37pm.

Signed: Date:.....
Chairman