

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held virtually on Monday 16 November 2020 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Parish Councillors: Jane Baker, Kristian Berggreen, Robert Brewer, Leslie Campbell, Bill Hatton, Nick Owens (Chair) and Claire Tester.

In Attendance: Deputy Clerk: Tracy Forte

P20/96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

P20/97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllr Leslie Campbell declared an interest application DM/20/4024 Crown Point House Woodslan Road Hassocks West Sussex

P20/98 MINUTES. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2020, be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

P20/99 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. There were no members of the public present.

P20/100 APPLICATIONS

[DM/20/3785 39 Damian Way Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8BJ](#) Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. **Response:** RECOMMEND APPROVAL

[DM/20/3760 Southdowns North Bank Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8JG](#) Rear ground floor extension to form kitchen/family room and additional window to second floor. **Response:** RECOMMEND APPROVAL

[DM/20/4024 Crown Point House Woodslan Road Hassocks West Sussex](#) Copper Beech (T1)- Cut back outer branches to south by 1m to clear telephone lines. Raise branches overhanging the road to 6m. Cllr Campbell refrained from all participation in considering this application. **Response:** RECOMMEND APPROVAL

[DM/20/3653 7 Church Mead Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8BN](#) Variation of condition 4 of planning permission DM/18/3814/Hous to allow for obscured bathroom window to open. **Response:** RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds of overlooking the neighbouring property.

[DM/20/3898 12 Highlands Close Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8LD](#) Demolition of existing utility room and garage and erection of single storey side extension. **Response:** RECOMMEND APPROVAL

[DM/20/3674 Land In Central Lawn Of Sweetlands Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8LZ](#) Two Pine trees - reduce lateral limbs by 2.5 metres and reduce tops of both trees by approximately 3 metres. Remove major deadwood from both trees and any fractured limbs. **Response:** Awaiting Tree Warden's report.

[DM/20/4074 6 Newlands Close Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8BG](#) Proposed front hip to gable extension of the roof and a new side porch canopy. **Response:** RECOMMEND REFUSAL. The design of the proposed conversion is lacking respect for the character and scale of the surrounding buildings. Hassocks Parish Council considers the application to be contrary to Policy 9 of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan and Policy DP26 of the District Plan, Character and Design. Furthermore, the conversion would have a negative impact on neighbouring properties and the current street scene, therefore making it contrary to principles DG49 and DG50 of the Mid Sussex Design Guide.

[DM/20/4057 6 Newlands Close Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8BG](#) Proposed side dormer.(LDC) **Response:** NOTED

[DM/20/4036 28 Kings Drive Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8DZ](#) Hip to gable loft conversion, rear dormer and front Rooflights. (LDC) **Response:** NOTED

[DM/20/4021 30 Lodge Lane Hassocks West Sussex BN6 8NA](#) Garage conversion and revised roof over with rooflights, replacement windows to match existing, new boundary wall and gate. **Response:** RECOMMEND APPROVAL

[SDNP/20/04255/FUL Field Opposite Clayton Wood Burial Ground Brighton Road Hassocks West Sussex](#) Change of use from field to recreational area for exercising dogs, including parking area and construction of deer fencing and gates (retrospective). **Response:** RECOMMEND REFUSAL. The proposal is contrary to Policy 6 of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan and SD1 of the South Downs Local Plan because it does not have regard to the purposes and duty of the Park Authority or conserve and enhance the landscape character, scenic beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Park. It is considered that this is a wholly inappropriate location for such a facility and has not been justified given that most of the demand for the facility appears to come from outside of the designated area. The development is contrary to policy SD19 of the Local Plan because the location is very car dependent and does not minimise the need to travel or promote the use of sustainable means of transport. It is also contrary to policy SD6 of the Local Plan because the deer fencing and other operational development does not conserve or enhance the views from the surrounding area, but rather has a negative impact on these views and particularly impacts on the views from surrounding public rights of way.

P20/101 Cllr Robert Brewer left the meeting.

P20/102 APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE OF PLANNING CONDITIONS.

[DM/20/3877 Discharge of planning condition nos 9 and 12 relating to planning application DM/17/3735.](#) Land East Of Weald House Ockley Lane Hassocks Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 0BH. The Committee agreed that it was very pleasing to see the construction of sustainable buildings within Hassocks and that buildings of this nature should be supported and encouraged wherever possible. The Deputy Clerk was requested to share this sentiment with MSDC.

P20/103 RESOLVED that the observations on the planning issues as agreed above be submitted to the relevant Planning Authority for consideration.

P20/104 PLANNING AUTHORITY DECISION NOTICES

The following decisions were noted:

Application details	Hassocks PC recommendation to Planning Authority	Planning Authority Decision (MSDC/SDNP)
DM/20/3676 55 Lodge Lane, Hassocks BN6 8LU	Recommend Approval	No Objection.
DM/20/3308 23 Hurst Road, Hassocks BN6 9NJ	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted
DM/20/2988 33 Church Mead, Hassocks BN6 8BW	Recommend Approval	Permission Refused
DM/20/2842 42 Mackie Avenue, Hassocks BN6 8NN	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted
DM/20/3463 4 Dale Avenue, Hassocks BN6 8LW	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted
DM/20/2682 Woodsland Road Bridge, Hassocks BN6 8EU	Recommend Refusal (28.10.20)	Permission Granted

DM/20/2880 21A The Crescent, Hassocks BN6 8RB	Recommend Refusal	Permission Refused.
DM/20/3192 Clayton Wickham Farmhouse, Belmont Lane, Hassocks	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted
SDNP/20/03456/HOUS Oldland Cottage, Oldlands Lane, Hassocks	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted
SDNP/20/03457/LIS Oldland Cottage, Oldlands Lane, Hassocks	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted
DM/20/3325 2 Stafford Way, Hassocks BN6 8QQ	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted
DM/20/3313 Wellhouse Farm, Wellhouse Lane, Burgess Hill	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted
DM/20/3286 13 Windmill Avenue, Hassocks BN6 8LH	Recommend Approval	Permission Granted

The following notifications of Certificate of Lawful Use or Development and/or General Permitted Development were noted:

Application details	Hassocks PC recommendation to Planning Authority	Planning Authority Decision (MSDC/SDNP)
DM/20/3386 7 Semley Road, Hassocks BN6 8PD (LDC)	Noted.	Certificate of Lawful development Issued
DM/20/3413 6 Holmwood Court, Keymer Road, Hassocks (GDP)	Recommend Approval	Prior Approval Given

- P20/105 MID SUSSEX DESIGN GUIDE.** Members were invited to note that new Mid Sussex Design Guide was formally adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document by Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) on 4 November and is available to view on the [MSDC website](#). Noted.
- P20/106 WEST SUSSEX TRANSPORT PLAN REVIEW SURVEY.** Members were invited to note correspondence received from West Sussex County Council inviting stakeholders to complete a Transport Review Survey. It was agreed that the Committee would consider and formalise a response on behalf of Hassocks Parish Council at the next meeting.
- P20/107 PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE SOFT SAND REVIEW – REPRESENTATIONS PERIOD.** Members were invited to note correspondence received from West Sussex County Council/South Downs National Park Authority regarding proposed modifications to the Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan For further information on the Soft Sand Review, please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf. Noted
- P20/108 Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting and/or inclusion on a future agenda.** There were no urgent matters.
- P20/109 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** Monday 7 December 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed.....Date.....