

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 December 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Leslie Campbell (Chairman) Judith Foot  
Chris Bere Frank Rylance

Clerk: Linda Baker

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Jane Baker and Bill Hatton. Absent without apology, Penny Wadsworth.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** None.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 December 2013.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 4. Applications.**
  - HA/13/04075/TREE 77 Mackie Avenue, Hassocks.**

Fell (T1) Oak tree  
Response: recommend refusal.  
The tree is a magnificent specimen, and should be retained at all costs unless there is compelling evidence that it is so diseased that felling would be the only option. No expert technical evidence has been provided to confirm that the tree is in poor health, and there is no external evidence of fungal attack or disease. The oak is a mature tree, possibly 75 years old, and mature oaks often go into a state known as “staghorn” for several years and then recover. Some limited professional pruning to remove dead wood might be considered to prolong the life of the tree.
  - HA/13/04083/FUL 38 Adastra Avenue, Hassocks.**

Proposed two storey extension to side of property.  
Response: recommend approval.
  - HA/13/04109/FUL The Tower, St Marys Meade, Ockley Lane, Hassocks.**

Construction at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor level of 2 projecting dormer window units, and single rooflight into existing east facing roof slope, inset dormer unit and 2 rooflights replacing 2 existing rooflights into south facing roof slope, single rooflight on north facing roof slope. Other remedial and maintenance works.  
Response: recommend approval.
- 5. Results.** The following APPROVALS were noted:  
HA/13/03432/FUL 75 Chestnut Drive, Hassocks  
SDNP/13/05044/HOUS Bankside House, Underhill Lane, Clayton.
- 6. MSDC District Plan.** The committee noted the email dated 3 December 2013 from Cllr Gary Wall, Leader, MSDC, reporting that the Inspector examining the MSDC District Plan is not satisfied that the District has fulfilled its Duty to Co-operate, and that therefore the Plan will have to be resubmitted. The

committee regretted this decision, and the delay this would cause, which would make Mid Sussex more vulnerable to inappropriate development.

**7. Date of Next Meeting.** 6 January 2014 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....