HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28 August at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Leslie Campbell (Chairman) Jane Baker Kristian Berggreen (for items 4-11) Judith Foot Bill Hatton

Clerk: Linda Baker

- 1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Chris Bere and Penny Wadsworth.
- **2. Declarations of Interest.** None. The meeting was adjourned for public participation, but there were no members of the public present.
- **3.** Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 August 2012. The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 4. Applications.

HA/12/02746/FUL 41 Downs View Road, Hassocks.

Two storey extension to south side.

Response: recommend approval, but the council would wish to see the magnolia tree retained.

HA/12/02820/FUL, 52 Oak Tree Drive, Hassocks.

Garage conversion to study.

Response: recommend refusal. This would set a precedent for other garage conversions, and the site is already congested and suffering on street parking problems. The Planning Inspector, in granting the appeal for development on the site, put in a condition prohibiting garage conversions for this very reason, and the council would wish to see this condition upheld, and any reduction in off street parking space resisted strongly.

HA/12/02834/FUL The Malthouse Theatre, Malthouse Lane, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks.

Single storey side and rear extension to existing house and attached single storey rear garage extension to outbuilding.

Response: recommend approval.

HA/12/02869/FUL 1 Grand Avenue, Hassocks.

Two storey side extension.

Response: recommend approval.

HA/12/02870/FUL 6 Ockley Lane, Hassocks.

New front garage and conversion of existing basement garage into residential accommodation.

Response: recommend approval.

SDNPA/12/01564/LIS Hillside, Underhill Lane, Clayton.

Replacement rear dormer, French doors, conservation roof lights and flue to kitchen.

Response: recommend approval.

SDNP 12/01716/HOUS Faversham, Underhill Lane, Clayton.

Proposed single storey extension and installation of 4 dormer windows Response: recommend approval.

SDNP/12/01576/HOUS 23 The Crescent, Hassocks.

Construction of tennis court and perimeter fencing

Response: recommend approval.

The committee discussed the way in which SDNP planning applications were being processed and advertised. The Parish Council received a list of all the applications for the SDNP, and had to extract details of any applications in Hassocks, and while the council received notification of individual applications from the SDNP, paper plans were not provided, and could only be viewed on the WSCC website. Responses had to be sent to MSDC. It was not clear where and if the applications were advertised to the public. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Gary Marsh at MSDC, the Cabinet members responsible for planning, asking if MSDC had agreed the new arrangements, and why parishes and towns had not been consulted.

5. Keymer Road, Hassocks Traffic Regulation Order. The draft Order was considered. It was agreed that a response would be sent indicating that the council had expected the width of the loading bay to be increased so that lorries could park off road safely, and asking WSCC to consider this in conjunction with the introduction of the traffic order.

6. Results.

The following APPROVALS were noted:

HA/12/02220/FUL 21 The Crescent, Hassocks.

HA/12/02240/CON 21 The Crescent, Hassocks

HA/12/02531/FUL Elstree, Ockley Lane, Hassocks

HA/11/00586/FUL Station Cottages, Station Approach West, Hassocks.

HA/12/02336/FUL Engine House, Ockley Lane, Hassocks.

HA/12/02221/FUL Weald Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club, South Bank, Hassocks.

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The following REFUSAL was noted:

HA/12/02320/TREE Hassocks Railway Station, Station Approach West, Hassocks.

7. Jack Mill. A report was given of the site visit on 23 August 2012, attended by Jane Baker, Leslie Campbell and Bill Hatton, which had been very useful. Jolyon Maugham had provided details of the outline proposals for the site. The committee were very pleased that the preservation of Jack windmill was included in the plans, as the council had been pressing for a number of years for action to be taken to save this iconic landmark. The committee were

supportive of the draft proposals for the site, subject to a detailed planning application being submitted. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Jolyon Maugham confirming the committee's view.

- 8. Woodsland Road/Clayton Mills Access. The committee was disappointed with the proposals for bollards, which would not solve the problem of vehicles from Clayton Mills using the track. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Gary Marsh, MSDC cabinet member for planning, copied to the District Councillors, expressing the council's disappointment that an effective solution had not been found.
- 9. Grand Avenue Traffic Calming. There was nothing to report.
- **10. Estate Agent Advertising Signs.** Judith Foot had asked for the issue to be discussed, but reported that this was not a problem at the moment, but she would keep the situation under review.
- **11.Date of Next Meeting.** 17 September 2012 at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman reported that this would be the last meeting attended by Kristian Berggreen as he was resigning from the council. He thanked Kristian for his work on the Planning Committee over a number of years.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

Chairman..... Date.....