**HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 7 November 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.**

Present: Leslie Campbell (Chairman) Kristian Berggreen

Judith Foot Jane Baker

Bill Hatton Penny Wadsworth

 Chris Bere

Clerk: Linda Baker

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Therewere no apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Jane Baker declared an interest in applicationHA/11/03307/FUL, Chevrons, Ditchling Road, Clayton, as she lived next door to the property.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2011.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Applications.**

**HA/11/02905/FUL, 1 Parkside, Hassocks**

Part retrospective, enlarged flat roof skylight, first floor window, enlarged first floor north elevation window etc.

Response: recommend approval.

**HA/11/03293/LDC Holt Valley Farm, Underhill Lane, Clayton**

Occupation of dwelling in non compliance with agricultural occupancy.

Response: noted.

**HA/11/03313/TCA 2 The Crescent, Hassocks.**

Fell one beech and remove lowest branch overhanging road.

Response: recommend refusal.

The tree is a very fine, mature specimen, appears to be healthy, and has many years of life in it. Felling the tree would create quite a “hole”, and would mean a loss of amenity, and be detrimental to the street scene.

**HA/11/03314/TREE, Hillside, South Bank, Hassocks.**

3 Sycamore crown lift to 4.5 m above ground.

Response: recommend approval.

**HA/11/02791/FUL, La Quinta, 5 Semley Road, Hassocks.**

Alterations to roof, internal alterations, replacement porch, demolition of garage and erection of replacement structure. Amended plan.

Response: recommend approval.

**HA/11/03307/FUL Chevrons, Ditchling Road, Clayton.**

South Downs National Park application for detached garage.

Response: recommend approval.

**HA/11/03360/TREE 14 The Minnels, Hassocks.**

Oak, reduce canopy by 1.5 m

Response: recommend approval.

**HA/11/03396/FUL, Land Rear of Stafford House, Ockley Lane, Hassocks.**

Erection of 17 dwellings.

Response: consideration of the application would be deferred until the next meeting. A public meeting had been arranged for Monday 14 November 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre for members of the public to make comments on the application. It was hoped that all members of the Planning Committee would attend.

**HA/11/03374/FUL Princes Ltd, Keymer Road, Hassocks.**

Retrospective application for replacement shopfront.

Response: recommend approval.

**HA/11/03402/FUL Holly Bush House, 11 Lodge Lane, Hassocks.**

Juliet Balcony style dormer.

Response: recommend approval.

**LW/11/0980/NP Land Adjacent to Pumping Station, Keymer Road, Ditchling**

Erection of three bedroom cottage.

Response: recommend refusal.

The development would be inappropriate in this location, the green gap between Hassocks and Ditchling should be maintained, the case for the need for this development has not been proven, particularly as the site is in the National park, and there are concerns about access across an unlit footway which is well used between the two villages.

1. **Results.**

The following APPROVALS were noted:

HA/11/02863/ 3 Hurst Road, Hassocks.

HA/11/02612/FUL 78 Keymer Road, Hassocks.

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HA/11/01631/FUL Sungate, Ockley Lane, Hassocks

HA/11/02699/FUL Puffins, Ockley Lane, Hassocks

HA/11/02590/FUL Wyndam House, London Road, Hassocks

HA/11/02759/FUL 14 Queens Drive, Hassocks

HA/11/02836/FUL, 17 Lodge Lane, Hassocks

The following REFUSAL was noted:

HA/11/02998/TREE Shands, Windmill Avenue, Hassocks.

1. **Communities and Local Government : Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.** A response was agreed at the meeting, to be sent to the department of Communities and Local Government.
2. **Mid Sussex District Plan: Consultation Draft.** The committeeconsidered the draft. It was agreed that a response should be sent to MSDC broadly approving the draft, but questioning how MSDC could ensure that infrastructure was put in place to support further development, and questioning the overall strategy, particularly the expectation that parish and town councils would begin preparing Neighbourhood Plans when the framework document they would be assessed against, the District Plan, would not be in place until mid 2013.
3. **Station Goods Yard.** It was noted that the Development Brief would be out to consultation from 10 November to 8 December 2011. A copy of the plan would be circulated for the next meeting.
4. **22-24 Keymer Road, Hassocks.** There was nothing further to report.
5. **Grand Avenue Traffic Calming.** There was nothing further to report.
6. **Jack Windmill.** The email dated 1 November 2011 from the South Downs National Park Historic Buildings Officer was noted. It was agreed that Roy Little, the National Park Planning Link Officer, would be contacted about the council’s concerns regarding the state of Jack Windmill, and the lack of action on this matter.
7. **Date of Next Meeting.** 28 November 2011 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

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