

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 8 October 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Leslie Campbell (Chairman) Judith Foot
 Chris Bere Bill Hatton
 Jane Baker

Assistant: Pat Elliott

There were 4 members of the public present.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Penny Wadsworth.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation. Sian Philips spoke against application HA/12/03165/TREE on the grounds that the Holm Oak is a living green landmark and that Network Rail have not been asked to look at alternative sites for the lift shaft. Margaret Ford Chairman of the HAA, Catherine Cassidy, Chairman HAA Rail Group and Linda Dyos of Fulking Parish Council and the Rail Group all spoke in favour of the application stating that although they agree that it is regrettable that this fine tree and roosting site for wagtails should be removed, it is necessary to balance this against the needs of the wider community. Hundreds of people find the steps to the underpass impossible or very difficult and from an engineering point of view it would be very difficult to place the lift shaft elsewhere and the opportunity of this massive investment in our local infrastructure should not be lost. Network Rail has agreed to replace the tree once the work is complete.

- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2012.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Applications

HA/12/03074/FUL 95 Dale Avenue, Hassocks

Erection of new porch and alterations to existing roof in keeping with proposed porch.

Response: Recommend approval.

HA/12/03165/TREE Adjacent to Hassocks Railways Station, Station Approach West, Hassocks

Removal of Holm Oak to provide space for the installation of Access For All (AFA) lifts.

Response: Recommend approval, but request that the application is referred to the Area Planning Committee for decision.

HA/12/03174/TREE 9 The Poplars, Hassocks

Holly Tree – Thin by 30% and remove lower branches.

Response: recommend refusal. This is a fine Holly Tree in good health. It is considered that crown thinning would be detrimental to the shape of the tree. The Tree Warden has suggested to the applicant that she submit a new application for crown lift and reduction.

HA/12/03235/FUL Sandbanks, South Bank, Hassocks

Proposed single storey to rear.

Response: recommend approval.

HA/12/03279/TREE 27 Mackie Avenue, Hassocks

1 Holly – Cut back by 1m and reshape

Response: Recommend approval.

HA/12/02284/FUL 11 Hassocks Lodge, Keymer Road, Hassocks

Replace wooden and aluminium windows with UPVC.

Response: Recommend approval.

SDNP/12/01944/HOUS Hillside Cottage, Underhill Lane, Clayton, Hassocks

Conversion of the existing garage and refurbishment of existing ancillary accommodation.

Response: Recommend approval.

SDNP/12/01945/LIS Hillside Cottage, Underhill Lane, Clayton, Hassocks

Conversion of the existing garage and refurbishment of existing ancillary accommodation.

Response: Recommend approval.

SDNP/12/02251/TCA Bankside Cottage, Underhill Lane, Clayton, Hassocks

Reduce Willow by 2m and reshape.

Response: Await Tree Wardens' report.

SDNP/12/02175/HOUS Streamside, 23 The Crescent, Hassocks

Erection of new garage with link and boot room. New games room and first floor study. Demolition of poolhouse/mower store and erection of replacement buildings. Erection of entrance walls/gates/fencing (Alternative to scheme 12/00461/FUL)

Response: Recommend approval.

5. Results

The following **APPROVALS** were noted:

HA/12/01019/ADV Powell House, 21 Keymer Road, Hassocks

HA/12/02621/FUL 3 Downs View Road, Hassocks

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

SDNP/12/01563/HOUS Hillside, Underhill Lane, Clayton, Hassocks

6. Street Name Request for the development at the Weald Tennis Club.

The email from MSDC requesting consideration of a street name for the new development of 9 properties in the grounds of the Weald Tennis Club was discussed. In order to avoid confusion with the public house, the name 'Hassocks Close' was suggested.

- 7. Woodsland Road/Clayton Mills Access.** Steve Ashdown of MSDC has reported that no work has commenced at the crossover point within the development with the Woodside Grange access road. As a consequence he is preparing instructions for a breach of condition notice to be issued. It was noted that of the existing bollards, one is missing and one is damaged.
- 8. Grand Avenue Traffic Calming.** Nothing further to report.
- 9. Jack Mill.** The email from Alma Howell of MSDC, dated 24 September 2012 was noted. The Assistant is to write to Alma Howell thanking her for the progress and for keeping us informed.
- 10. Clayton Mills.** Steve Ashdown's email response to the Parish Council's concerns regarding the maintenance of the balancing pond and the landscaping of the open space to the north of the development was noted. This item is to remain a standing item on the agenda.
- 11. Date of Next Meeting.** 29 October 2012 at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Chairman.....

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