

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 18 April 2017

M J Pulfer (*Chairman*)
C N Laband (*Vice Chairman*)
R J R Clarke
Mrs S M Ellis
A C McPherson
H A Munding
L S Wickremaratchi *

* Absent

** Apologies

Also present: Councillor S R Hillier
Mr Eric Bassett, Chair of the Haywards Heath Society

Regarding application number DM/17/0331 – Gamblemead, Fox Hill:
Mrs Stephanie Went and Mr Brian High, both of whom had registered to make representations in respect of the application;
Mrs Andra Houchen;
Mr Hillier Simmons;
Mrs Frances Wallace.

135. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27 March 2017 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

136. Apologies

There were none.

137. Substitutes

There were none.

138. Members' Declarations of Interest

Councillor Howard Munding made the following declaration:

"I declare a personal interest in all planning applications under agenda item 6 as an elected Member of Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) appointed to Planning Committee B. I further reserve the right to alter my views should the applications come before Planning Committee B, based on contributions from the public, other Members or reports from MSDC Officers."

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138. Members' Declarations of Interest (cont.)

Other declarations were made as follows:

Member	Application No./ Agenda Item No.	Location	Nature of Interest
Cllr R J R Clarke	DM/17/1254	2-6 The Broadway	Is a director of Savannah Café Bar, 44-46 The Broadway, which, being an existing licensed premises, could be considered a competitor of any prospective restaurant business
Cllr Mrs S M Ellis	Agenda Item 8 – Amendments to MSDC Taxi Licensing Policy	n/a	Is a Mid Sussex District Councillor who sits on the (MSDC) Scrutiny Committee responsible for reviewing the proposed amendments to the Policy
Cllr H A Mundin	Agenda Item 8 – Amendments to MSDC Taxi Licensing Policy	n/a	Is a Mid Sussex District Councillor who sits on the (MSDC) Licensing Committee and the (MSDC) Scrutiny Committee responsible for reviewing the proposed amendments to the Policy

139. Planning Appeals

There were none.

140. Licensing Applications

Members noted that the following premises licence application had been lodged with Mid Sussex District Council:

Application No. & Applicant	Application Type	Premises Address	Nature of Application
LI/17/0555 Shell UK Oil Products Ltd	Premises	5 Lewes Road	Minor variations: changes to internal layout regarding CCTV cameras; remove and replace condition regarding location of spirits

141. Comments and Observations on Planning Applications

Members made comments and observations on 32 planning applications as per Appendix 1 attached. It should be **noted** that the following application was put to the vote – proposed by Councillor Laband and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ellis – as there were conflicting views about it constituting overdevelopment of the site with inadequate provision for amenity space:

DM/17/1259, Land to the rear of 14 and 16 Dellney Avenue – construction of 1 no. residential (Class C3) unit, access, car parking and associated works. Votes recorded as: **4 in favour**, 2 against.

142. Street Naming for Residential Development on land adjacent to Oldfield Drive

Members had before them a report, with accompanying Appendices A and B, outlining the requirement for a road name for a new development of seven dwellings on land adjacent to Oldfield Drive, permitted under application number DM/15/4930. The developer had put forward the suggestion of Oaklea Way but because there were already a number of long-standing 'Oak'-related names in the town, MSDC's Street Naming and Numbering Officer had concluded that in order to avert any potential address management problems, it would be preferable if the Town Council came up with a shortlist of alternative names that could be put to the developer to choose from.

To this end, Members **AGREED** that the names **Ivy** and **Primrose**, selected from Appendix A of the Town Council's reserve lists, should be put forward for consideration.

143. MSDC Consultation on Proposed Amendments to its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Licensing Policy

Members had before them a consultation document from MSDC regarding proposals for some amendments to its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Licensing Policy. The Policy had first been introduced in October 2012 and now, because of a number of legislative changes, it had been reviewed and some processes had been updated and amended. These amendments had been reviewed by MSDC's Scrutiny Committee for Community, Housing and Planning on 7 March 2017 and there was now a public consultation phase open until 7 May 2017.

Both Councillors Mrs Ellis and Councillor Muddin, being dual-hatted Members, commended the great deal of work that MSDC's Taxi Licensing Team had put into reviewing the Policy and they affirmed their support for the amendments that had been recommended.

Given that the purpose of the amendments was to **a)** keep abreast of new legislation, **b)** facilitate monitoring by use of online services and **c)** develop/enhance measures that would protect members of the public, Members **AGREED** to support them wholeheartedly. In order to clarify the language used in the second paragraph of the proposed amendment to section **1. Transfer of vehicle Licenses**, Councillor Laband suggested the following redrafted paragraph (refer to ***bold italics***), which would be passed to the Taxi Licensing Team for consideration as part of the consultation process:

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143. MSDC Consultation on Proposed Amendments to its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Licensing Policy (cont.)

'...Whilst there can be joint proprietary interest in a vehicle licence, vehicle proprietors should be aware that the vehicle 'plate' belongs to the Council *at all times*. The licence is not the property of an individual and so the licence cannot be transferred separately from the vehicle. *Therefore, it must be transferred immediately to the new owner of the vehicle. However, if the MSDC Licensing Department is not fully satisfied with all aspects of the transfer, including DVLA checks or a failure to comply with any other aspect required in the MSDC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Licensing Policy (see below), the 'plate' transfer may be suspended, withheld or cancelled.*

144. Items Agreed as Urgent by the Chairman

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9:31pm.