

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2 January 2020

C N Laband (*Chairman*)
M J Pulfer (*Vice Chairman*)
Mrs C Cheney
C C J Evans
Mrs S J Inglesfield
A C McPherson
H A Mordin
R A Nicholson

* Absent
** Apologies

Also present: Councillor R S Bates

97. Apologies

There were none.

98. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 9 December 2019 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

99. Substitutes

There were none.

100. Members' Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clive Laband 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) and as an appointed Member of the (MSDC) District Planning Committee. I further reserve the right to alter my views should the applications come before the District Planning Committee, based on contributions from the public, other Members or reports from MSDC Officers."

Councillor Mike Pulfer 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) and as an appointed Member of the (MSDC) Planning Committee. I further reserve the right to alter my views should the applications come before the Planning Committee, based on contributions from the public, other Members or reports from MSDC Officers."

101. Planning Appeals

There were none.

102. Licensing Applications

There were none.

103. Comments and Observations on Planning Applications

Members made comments and observations on 13 planning applications as per Appendix 1 attached.

104. Items Agreed as Urgent by the Chairman

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8:05pm.

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APPENDIX 1

Deferred from the previous meeting held on 9 December 2019

DM/19/4811 – Land north of Birchen Lane (grid reference 533311 125586) Heath
Relating to planning application DM/15/3415 (allowed on appeal reference number AP/15/0021). Proposed variation to section 2 and 3 to allow for the ownership and management of the woodland by a woodland management trust. Also variation to paragraphs 2.5 and 5.12 to allow for a post and wire fence around the woodland for security purposes.

This application has, for the time being, been withdrawn.

Week 1

DM/19/2249 – 26 Western Road Bentswood
Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a two storey side extension, part single, part two storey rear extension with rear first floor Juliette balcony. Internal alterations and roof lights to the south east (rear) elevation. Amended plans received 20/11/2019.

The Town Council notes the submission of amended plans (received by Mid Sussex District Council on 20/11/2019) and has no comment to make.

DM/19/4863 – 1 Beech Cottages, St. Johns Road Ashenground
Front porch, front driveway and rear parking.

This application has been made invalid pending the receipt of further information.

DM/19/4885 – Land adjacent to 1 Park View, The Heath Recreation Ground, Perrymount Rd Heath
Remove all poplars and replace with 12 hornbeams. (Amended description 10.12.2019.)

As it stands, this application is unclear. Whilst the Town Council notes the amended description dated 10/12/2019, the application form still bears the *original* description of works, which proposes the re-pollarding of the poplar trees back to previous pruning points. No explanation has been given for the change from re-pollarding to removing and replacing with hornbeams. This lack of clarity must be rectified to enable all interested parties to make an informed representation on what is now being proposed. Residents have already highlighted a number of concerns which merit proper consideration. The Town Council requests that more information is made available.

DM/19/4962 – 16 Orchard Way Heath
Single storey side extension at ground floor and conversion of existing loft including sloping roof dormer and new roof construction and Velux roof lights.

No comment.

DM/19/4965 – 23 Sergison Road Lucastes
Ground floor rear extension, first floor front extension, reduced garage door and associated alterations.

No comment.

DM/19/4972 – 14–16 Sussex Road Ashenground
Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for change of use from an office (Class B1a use) to 3 no. self-contained flats, 2 x 1 bed and 1 x 2 bed (Class C3 use).

No comment.

DM/19/4986 – Land rear of 24 Penland Road

Lucastes

T1 Oak – remove lowest, forked branch overhanging 22 and 24 Penland Road back to trunk and reduce other overhanging branches by up to 2.5m.

The Town Council defers this decision to Mid Sussex District Council's Tree Officer.

Week 2

DM/19/5071 – 55 Lucastes Avenue

Lucastes

Single storey side extension and enclose existing rear roof terrace to form a study/fifth bedroom with a Juliette balcony.

No comment.

DM/19/5076 – 9 Belvedere Walk

Lucastes

Loft conversion with new skylights. Single storey rear extension extends 3m to rear, eaves at 3m high and total build height at 4m. This is an application to establish whether the development is lawful. This will be a legal decision where the planning merits of the proposed use cannot be taken into account.

As this is an application for a Lawful Development Certificate and is therefore a legal matter, the Town Council defers the decision to Mid Sussex District Council.

DM/19/5077 – 6 Redwood Drive

Ashenground

Oak – monolith to a height of approx. 6 metres. Hazel x 3 – coppice to base.

The Town Council defers this decision to Mid Sussex District Council's Tree Officer.

DM/19/5078 – 7 Oldfield Drive

Franklands

Proposed felling of various trees on this site, as identified on accompanying sketch plan 1, 2 and 3.

The Town Council **objects** to this application and views it as unnecessarily destructive and antisocial, and requests that Mid Sussex District Council's Tree Officer uses every resource available to resist it. The proposed wholesale felling of trees would lead to considerable damage to local biodiversity and would undermine the objectives of the Lewes Road Conservation Area, within which the property is situated. Moreover, the proposed works are contrary to Policy DP37 (Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows) of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014–2031.

DM/19/5084 – 59 Rumbolds Lane

Ashenground

Front porch extension.

No comment.

DM/19/5089 – 2 Lucastes Lane

Lucastes

(T1) Sycamore – fell.

The Town Council defers this decision to Mid Sussex District Council's Tree Officer.

DM/19/5094 – 4 Lucas Way

Lucastes

Proposed two storey front and side extension, proposed single storey rear extension, proposed new entrance canopy and cat slide roof over. Proposed new permeable block paving to existing driveway.

No comment.