

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Wednesday 10th January 2024 AT 7.00PM

Committee: Cllr S Ody (Chair & Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr C Pond (Vice Chair)
Cllr F Visser (Town Mayor)*
Councillors: M Belsey, Gibbs, Mockford, Peacock*, Scott* and Whittaker
*= absent
** = present on zoom (this does not qualify as present for decision making)

Also Present: Town Clerk

265 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As there were no public present the chair moved to the substantive agenda

266 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were accepted from:

Cllr Peacock	personal commitment
Cllr Scott	unwell

267 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

268 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Whittaker declared that he was a member of the MSDC District Planning Committee and reserved his right to amend any views based on further information received from officers, professionals and members of the public.

Cllr Mockford advised that she was a member of the Mid Sussex DC licencing committee, she too reserved her right to amend any views subject to additional reports and professional advice or representations.

269 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that a Private members bill was progressing through the commons, which will bring in further obligations and discretions for the Planning Authority to impose social housing requirements for permitted development converting offices to homes. This was welcomed by the chair although noting that it was probably too late for East Grinstead.

270 BUDGET 2024/25

The Chairman spoke to introduce the budget figures for 2024/25 as regarding planning cost committee 500.

RESOLVED: Committee confirmed the budget allocation for cost centre 500 (planning) as laid down in the draft budget book. They recommend this as unaltered to the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 22nd January.

271 MID SUSSEX PLANNING APPLICATIONS (including protected trees)

RESOLVED: That Mid Sussex District Council be informed that the observations of the Town Council, on the applications set out in the appendix to these Minutes, are as indicated in column 4 thereof.

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting, and for all of their hard work during the year. He advised that the next meeting would be **Wednesday 31st January 2024**, and closed the meeting at 7.27pm.

Signed

Chair

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Plan No. (1)	Location & Applicant (2)	Proposal (3)	Town Council's Observations (4)	M.S.D.C. Decisions
DM/23/0990/FUL Imberhorne	Walnut Marches Crawley Down Road Felbridge East Grinstead Mr & Mrs M Lee	Demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of 6 dwellings with associated access, landscaping, garaging and parking. Arboricultural information received 23/11	The Committee of 10 th January noted the inclusion of the arboricultural reports and the bat roosting report. There are various varieties of bats on site and the European mitigation licence from Natural England needs to be secured before any work is carried out. Additional mitigation must be in place re lighting. It was noted that the committees views of 5 th September were unchanged as this re advertising was due to the arboricultural report. It is also noted that an archaeological survey was necessary due to the proximity of the old roman road. At this time the Committee remain dissatisfied regarding conformity with DP12.	
DM/23/2643/TREE Ashplats North	Sackville School Lewes Road East Grinstead West Sussex Sackville School	1 x Oak - Reduce to fence line and no further than previous reduction points. 1 x Oak - Reduce crown by 1.5m.	The Committee of 10 th January would support approval subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer	

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DM/23/3111/FUL Ashplats North	Land Parcel To The Rear Of 33A Hoskins Place East Grinstead West Sussex c/o agent	Proposed Beautician/studio building on empty parcel of land.	The committee of 10 th January are very concerned as to the health of the oak tree that has had the roots concreted over, services may have to disturb the roots and the ventilation unit may be unneighbourly. The tree has a TPO in place and it is strongly recommended that the tree officer visit this site. Committee recommend refusal.	
DM/23/3139/HOU Ashplats North	70 Greenhurst Drive East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3NE Modesta Bingelyte	Proposed room in the roof space	The committee of 10 th January had no objections but no specific comments.	
DM/23/3144/TREE Herontye & Ashplats South	3 Glendyne Close East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4NP Mr Marshall	T1 Crab Apple - prune by no more than 1m all around canopy, leaving height of approx 5 metres, and lateral spread of 6 metres.	The Committee of 10 th January would support approval subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer	
DM/23/3151/FUL Town South	146-148 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1ES T Ingino	Proposed loft conversion to create second floor self contained flat with 12 no. rooflights	Committee noted that there are some internal alterations which are not shown on the application nor description. In addition the work appears to have commenced. The Committee would support approval of the application but feel it needs to be properly listed.	

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DM/23/3162/TREE Ashplats North	Side Of 8 Surrey View East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3NF c/o agent	(T1) large Oak - reduce canopy by 2m from side of number 8 Surrey View	The Committee of 10 th January would support approval subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer	