

## Haywards Heath Town Council

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 commencing at 7:00pm.**

### **Present**

S Inglesfield (Chair)  
D Pascoe (Vice Chair)  
A Bashar  
N Chapman  
B King \*  
D Nicholson  
A Platts \*\*

Also present: RFO, Committee Clerk

\*Absent

\*\*Apologies

### **139 Apologies**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Cllr Platts	Ill health

### **140 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

### **141 Substitutes**

There were none.

### **142 Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

### **143 Members Declaration of Interest**

Cllr A Bashar sits on Mid Sussex District Council's Planning Committee. In accordance with guidance received from the Monitoring Officer, he would not make any decisions or vote on any application, so to retain his ability to vote at District Planning meetings.

### **144 Planning Appeals**

Members noted that there were no appeals lodged or decided in the weeks commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### Licensing Applications

Members noted there were no licensing applications received for the weeks commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> March.

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### Planning decisions from Mid Sussex District Council.

Members noted the following decisions:

Application Ref	Address	Agenda Date	HHTC Comment	MSDC Decision
DM/23/1463 (relates to DM/18/4841)	Site of Former Red Cross Hall, 29 Paddockhall Road, RH16 1HQ	-	-	Withdrawn
DM/25/0009	98a South Road, RH16 4LJ	03/02/2025	No comment	Permitted
DM/25/0429	1 Oathall Road, RH16 3ES	17/03/2025	Defer to MSDC Tree Officer.	No Objection
DM/25/0443	21 Lucastes Avenue, RH16 1JU	17/03/2025	Defer to MSDC Tree Officer.	No Objection
DM/24/2413	Savannah Café Bar, 44-46 The Broadway	23/12/2024	No comment	Refused
DM/24/2894	Savannah Café Bar, 44-46 The Broadway	23/12/2024	No comment	Permitted
DM/25/0262	30 Wivelsfield Road, RH16 4EW	24/02/2025	No comment	Permitted
DM/25/0257	6 Kings Road, RH16 4EJ	24/02/2025	No comment	Permitted
DM/25/0327	38 Woodlands Road, RH16 3JU	24/02/2025	No comment	Permitted
DM/25/0032	10 Oahall Road, RH16 3EA	24/02/2025	No comment	Permitted
DM/25/0374	39 Edward Road, RH16 4QJ	17/03/2025	No comment	Permitted
DM/25/0237	35 Wood Ride, RH16 4NL	24/02/2025	No comment	Permitted

### 146 Comments and Observations on Planning Applications

Please note that Cllr A Bashar did not vote on any planning application decisions.

Members made comments and observations on 30 Planning Applications as per Appendix 1 attached.

**147 Items Agreed as Urgent by the Chair**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 7.54pm.

## Planning Applications Received Week 1

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Address/Description</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>DM/25/0603</b>	<b>The Vic Forster Centre, Franklands Village</b> 13x Oak trees – Various works. 1x Willow tree – Cut back branches over shed by 2-3m.	<b>Franklands</b>	The Town Council defers this decision to MSDC's Tree Officer.
<b>DM/25/0604</b>	<b>37 Muster Green South, RH16 4AL</b> Red Oak – fell.	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	The Town Council defers this decision to MSDC's Tree Officer.
<b>DM/25/0628</b>	<b>8 Badger Drive, RH16 1EP</b> Oak trees (T1 and T2) - Reduce by 2 metres	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	The Town Council defers this decision to MSDC's Tree Officer.
<b>DM/25/0578</b>	<b>Site of former Red Cross Hall, 29 Paddockhall Road</b> Request to modify existing S106 agreement relating to planning application DM/18/4841 to allow financial contributions to be made payable upon completion and to amend wording referring to the provision of affordable housing to instead refer to First Homes and the parameters that First Homes are required to adhere to.	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0585</b>	<b>19 Lucastes Road, RH16 1JN</b> T1 Yew - crown reduce by 1.5m T2 Hazel - fell, T3 Beech - fell. T4 Holly x2 - coppice. T5 Beech - thin by 15%, T6 Yew - crown reduce by 1.5m, crown raise by 3m. G1 Hazel 9-10 stools - fell. Holly x5 (approx) - coppice. Larger Holly w/self set limbs - crown reduce by 8m. T7 Elder - coppice. T8 Holly - crown reduce by 5m. T9 Yew - crown reduce by 1m . T10 Beech - crown reduce by 1.5m. T11 Conifer - fell.	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	The Town Council defers this decision to MSDC's Tree Officer.
<b>DM/25/0638</b>	<b>East Lodge. 23A Bolnore Road</b>	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	No comment.

	Proposed single storey extension.		
<b>DM/25/0648</b>	<b>61 Turners Mill Road, RH16 1NH</b> Demolition of existing detached garage and rear infill extension, proposed new two-storey pitched roof side extension.	<b>Haywards Heath North</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0664</b>	<b>57 Ashenground Road, RH16 4PS</b> Proposed new access and extended parking area.	<b>Ashenground</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/24/2754</b>	<b>Haywards Heath Football Club, Hanbury Park Stadium</b> The replacement of the existing grass football pitch with a new 3G pitch (third generational artificial grass), new football stand to the north-east of the replacement pitch and removal and replacement of the existing 3G with 2Nr. padel courts. (Amended description 25.11.2024, light report submitted 03.01.2025, noise report submitted 23.01.2025 amended BNG 07.03.2025).	<b>Bentswood and Heath East</b>	<p>The Town Council supports the application for the all-weather pitch.</p> <p>The Town Council does, however, wish to raise concerns regarding the proposed padel courts. The Town Council is concerned about noise emanating from the courts and supports the concerns of Mid Sussex District Council's Environmental Health Officer concerns regarding issues with the received noise report. Potential noise levels could have a significant detrimental impact on the amenity of residents living nearby and this would be unacceptable.</p> <p>The Town is also concerned about the lack of Biodiversity Net Gain offsetting and awaits further assessments from Mid Sussex District Council regarding this, as this is a mandatory requirement of all plans.</p>

			Additionally, the Town Council is concerned about parking around the stadium and would like to see possible mitigation options (ie; a park and ride, lift-share incentives) included in the plans.
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### Planning Applications Received Week 2

Application Reference	Address/Description	Ward	Comments
DM/25/0432	<b>68 Sydney Road, RH16 1QA</b> Proposed two storey side extension.	<b>Bentswood and Heath West</b>	No comment.
DM/25/0729	<b>Former St Francis Hospital, Colwell Road</b> Removal of Lawson cypress identified as T12C12 and T11C12. Removal of Beech identified as T13U.	<b>Franklands</b>	The Town Council defers this decision to MSDC's Tree Officer.
DM/25/0214	<b>Land to the rear of 43 Wivelsfield Road, RH16 4EN</b> Demolition of existing car port and construction of a three bed dwelling with associated landscaping.	<b>Ashenground</b>	In principle, the Town Council welcomes the development of this type of underutilised space in the town in order to provide a unit of accommodation. However, the Town Council is disappointed with the lack of clarity regarding the creation of the parking spaces mentioned in the application. The Council feels the plan is confusing and does not adequately or accurately show where the 4 parking spaces will be and to which properties they will be allocated.  The Council has concerns regarding the narrow access roads to the site and how construction traffic will impact Wivelsfield Road and residents living nearby.

			<p>Should the application be approved, the Council requests that the following conditions should apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Construction Management Plan must be provided.</li> <li>- Any damage caused to the access roads during the course of construction shall be repaired upon completion of the development;</li> </ul>
<b>DM/25/0665</b>	<b>63 Ashenground Road, RH16 4PS</b> Proposed timber decking in the rear garden.	<b>Ashenground</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/24/2985</b>	<b>8 Quarry Hill, RH16 1NQ</b> Proposed garage conversion, first floor side extension and ground floor part rear extension.	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/24/3009</b>	<b>20 Lucastes Road, RH16 1JL</b> To remove existing windows in the kitchen to the back of the property and to replace with a bidfolding door. (Additional plans received 19/03/2025)	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0673</b>	<b>9 Wickham Close, RH16 1UH</b> Proposed single storey rear extension.	<b>North East</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0752</b>	<b>Laurels. 15A Harlands Close, RH16 1PS</b> Minor alteration to the previously approved and constructed raised deck to the rear garden	<b>North West</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0755</b>	<b>65 Blunts Wood Road, RH16 1ND</b> Installation of air source heat pump to rear of property.	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	No comment.

<b>DM/25/0707</b>	<b>London and Quadrant Housing Trust, Old Farm Close, RH17 7GA</b> Conversion and minor external amendments of existing property to form 2no. 1 bed flats.	<b>Franklands</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0730</b>	<b>4 Beech Close</b> Proposed single storey rear extension, internal remodelling and a replacement front porch. This is an application to establish whether the development is lawful.	<b>Lucastes and Bolnore</b>	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.

### Planning Applications Received Week 3

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Address/Description</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>DM/25/0846</b>	<b>25 Oathall Road, RH16 3EG</b> Lime Tree – Cut back to previous pollard points with crown lifting/removal of branches under 12 metres.	<b>Bentswood and Heath West</b>	The Town Council defers this decision to MSDC's Tree Officer.
<b>DM/25/0847</b>	<b>25 Oathall Road, RH16 3EG</b> Hawthorn – Cut back overhanging branches on top of garage.	<b>Bentswood and Heath West</b>	The Town Council defers this decision to MSDC's Tree Officer.
<b>DM/25/0704</b>	<b>3 Oathall Avenue, RH16 3ES</b> Proposed single storey rear wrap around extension with front porch.	<b>Bentswood and Heath East</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0771</b>	<b>19 Dellney Avenue, RH16 3LX</b> Single storey rear extension and workshop.	<b>Bentswood and Heath East</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0788</b>	<b>72 Barnmead, RH16 1UZ</b> Single storey front porch conversion, change of materials tile hung to cladding. Garage conversion to home office.	<b>North Central</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0815</b>	<b>9 Mill Hill Close, RH16 1NY</b>	<b>North Central</b>	No comment.



	T1 Lime – Pollard back to safe point approx. 50%. T2 Lime – Pollard back to safe point approx. 50%. Lime 3 – Pollard back to previous knuckles, reducing by 40%.		
<b>DM/25/0775</b>	<b>31 Sunte Close, RH16 1QT</b> Removal of the existing single storey rear extensions and the erection of a new single storey rear extension.	<b>North East</b>	No comment.
<b>DM/25/0776</b>	<b>31 Sunte Close, RH16 1QT</b> Roof alterations comprising the alteration of the existing hipped roof and the provision of a rear dormer window under Class B and the provision of a front rooflight under Class C of the GPDO. This is an application to establish whether the development is lawful.	<b>North East</b>	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.
<b>DM/25/0786</b>	<b>7 Redwood Drive, RH16 4ER</b> Rear single storey house extension with crown roof and new crown roof to extend over existing flat roofed rear extension This is an application to establish whether the development is lawful.	<b>Ashenground</b>	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.
<b>DM/25/0765</b>	<b>Trees adjacent to 57 Franklands Village, RH16 3QZ</b> 1 x Oak - reduce crown by 2m. 3 x Silver Birches - Fell. 1x Sweet Chestnut - Fell	<b>Franklands</b>	The Town Council defers this decision to MSDC's Tree Officer.