

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30 May 2017

C N Laband (*Chairman*)
M J Pulfer (*Vice Chairman*)
Mrs C Cheney **
R J R Clarke **
E W Dwight
A C McPherson **
H A MUNDIN

* Absent
** Apologies

Also present: Councillor Mrs S M Ellis
Councillor L S Wickremaratchi

Regarding application number DM/17/1801 – 40 Summerhill Close:
Mrs Yekta Dymond, who had registered to speak *against* the application.

1. Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Member	Reason for Absence
Cllr Mrs C Cheney	Long-standing personal commitment
Cllr R J R Clarke	Personal engagement
Cllr A C McPherson	Holiday

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 8 May 2017 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Substitutes

Councillor Mrs Ellis substituted for Councillor Mrs Cheney.
Councillor Wickremaratchi substituted for Councillor Clarke.

4. Members' Declarations of Interest

Councillor Howard MUNDIN 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."

5. Planning Appeals

There were none.

6. 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/17/0811 It's Magic	Premises	The Broadway	New premises licence

They had **no objections**, acknowledging that It's Magic had a proven track record of running well organised events.

7. Comments and Observations on Planning Applications

Members made comments and observations on 25 planning applications as per Appendix 1 attached.

8. MSDC Proposal for the Release of Section 106 Monies to Fund the Renovation of the Skate Park in Victoria Park

Members had before them a report giving details of an MSDC proposal to use a number of Section 106 'Formal Sport' contributions, totalling £124,655.99, to fund a project to replace the skate park in Victoria Park, which was coming to the end of its serviceable life. In the main, these contributions related to Agreements arising from developments that were taking place or had taken place within Haywards Heath. The report had been prepared by the Clerk, who had discovered that the proposal was due to be determined by MSDC's Cabinet Grants Panel on 5 June 2017, without there having been any formal consultation with the Town Council.

Members were concerned and disappointed that on this occasion, MSDC did not appear to have adhered to the established protocol of formally consulting with the Town Council on proposals involving the release of Section 106 contributions that related to Haywards Heath. This had usually worked well – with the Town Council being consulted early on in the process – and had helped to build a good working relationship between the two Councils.

Notwithstanding this apparent hiatus in communication, Members **AGREED** that they would like to support the proposal wholeheartedly because they were aware of how popular and well-used the existing skate park was. They were also mindful of the need to preserve and enhance facilities for young people wherever possible, particularly at times when the availability of funds was restricted.

As the project moved forward and in the interests of co-operation and partnership working, it was requested that MSDC consult with the Town Council on the key stages of development such as design, construction, costings and feedback from potential users of the facility.

9. Items Agreed as Urgent by the Chairman
There were none.

The meeting closed at 9:11pm.