

**Minutes of a meeting of Planning Committee
held on 03 August 2023
at 4.00 pm**

Present: G Marsh (Chairman)
D Sweatman (Vice-Chair)

A Bashar	C Cherry	T Hussain
P Brown	J Henwood	P Kenny
G Casella	J Hitchcock	

Absent: Councillors M Kennedy and J Dabell

The Chairman noted the apologies of the Vice Chairman, Councillor Kennedy and with the agreement of the Committee appointed Councillor Sweatman as the Vice Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Dabell and Cllr Kennedy.

2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA.

No declarations were made.

3 TO BE AGREED BY GENERAL AFFIRMATION THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2023.

The minutes of the meetings of the committee held on 06 July 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT BUSINESS.

None.

5 DM/23/1530 - LINDFIELD CRICKET CLUB, LINDFIELD COMMON CRICKET PAVILION, BACKWOODS LANE, LINDFIELD, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX, RH16 2EB.

The Chairman reminded Members the application was before the Committee as Mid Sussex District Council are the landowners and the application lies within a conservation area.

Nick Rogers, Head of Development Management introduced the report which sought the permission for works associated with the installation of a new rainwater harvesting system at Lindfield Cricket Club on Lindfield Common. He drew Members attention to the Agenda Update sheet, noting that a fourth condition had been included to reduce the water tank size. The application seeks to install 6 No. pop up irrigation system within the existing cricket square supplied by a rainwater harvesting system behind the existing cricket pavilion including a timber fence to secure it. There would be minimal visual and conservation impact to the surrounding area and residents. He noted it was an effective and efficient use of rainwater which did not rely on the main water supply to maintain the cricket pitch.

A Member sought clarification on whether hosepipe bans are applicable to cricket pitches. The Chairman advised they are not.

A Member raised concerns regarding the potential risk of Legionella disease and suggested a further condition be included to mitigate the risk. The Chairman advised Legionella disease only affects hot water supply, not cold water supply and that a fully enclosed tank system would be installed. The Head of Development Management reminded the Committee the Environmental Health team would deal with such issues. The District Council as landowner would also have their own processes in place to monitor and protect against any potential risks as necessary. It was not a material planning consideration.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman took Members to the recommendation, proposed by the Vice Chairman, Councillor Sweatman and seconded by Councillor Hitchcock. This was approved with 9 in favour and 1 against.

RESOLVED

Recommendation A

Planning permission was approved subject to the conditions listed at Appendix A and as referenced on the Agenda Update Sheet.

6 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.2 DUE NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN.

None.

The meeting finished at 4.13 pm

Chairman