

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

3rd June 2013

Present: Mr.T. W. Thomas (Chairman)

Mrs E. Anscomb	Mr. D. P. Blackman
Mr R. Blackmore	Mr. A. M. Brooks
Mr. P. A. C. Coote	Mrs L. A. Field
Mr. A. J. Lacey	Mr C. T. Larkin
Mr. E. M. Livesey	Mr A. Lucas
Mr C. T. Phillips	Mrs. M. Stein
Mr. N. Walker	

Public Speaking

There were no questions from the Public.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs N.A. Raschia-Grau.

5. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

- Mr. A. Lucas disclosed a prejudicial interest in Application WP/13/01568/FUL as he is the applicant and he left the meeting for this item.
- Mr. A.M. Brooks disclosed a personal interest in Application WP/13/01524/FUL as he knows the family.

6. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2013-2014.

RESOLVED: That Mr. C.T. Larkin be appointed Vice Chairman for the year 2013-2014.

7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th May 2013, as circulated, were noted to have one correction:

- Item 71, first para. should say that “300 people attended a public consultation arranged by the Steering Group” not as written.

With this change the minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 6th June 2013, be conveyed to the District Council.

9. CONSULTATION ON THE MID SUSSEX DISTRICT PLAN

The Committee made the following points:

- The draft Plan is very comprehensive, quite good in places, but with one glaring omission and that is the lack of a clear link between the Neighbourhood Plans and the District Plan. The wording of the Housing Supply Document says that housing numbers (of up to 500 between 2011-31) is “planned”, whereas this is only indicative and may not be the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plans. This is against the spirit of Neighbourhood planning; the sites are being specified as if they were agreed and this is totally wrong.
- This emphasis appears to be developer-driven and gives insufficient weight to the central importance of Neighbourhood Plans.
- Too little weight is given to the enjoyment of heritage, the environment and high quality of life. Developments elsewhere in the District may have a cumulative impact on the Parish.

- Infrastructure development, and how to realistically achieve it, needs greater emphasis. How will this be done and what happens when infrastructure capacity has been reached?
- It is crucial that the various statutory undertakers get their act together as there are already severe infrastructure pressures, e.g. electricity supply. The District Plan must address this in a coordinated way.
- The Build Quality of houses is already an issue; the District Plan should specify Build Quality Standards.
- The road network is already under strain with increasing numbers of pot-holes etc. Significant amounts of money should be set aside for road improvements.
- Concern that construction traffic is already causing deterioration in nearby roads and that better re-instatement of roads is needed after the construction phase.
- There is nothing explicit on Wildlife Corridors – there needs to be clear policies on Trees, Hedgerows etc.
- Concern that the push appears to be to fit in houses where you can, rather a clear assessment of where are houses needed, say, close to jobs, which would also enhance sustainability.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Mr. A.M. Brooks said that the next Crawley Down Steering Group meeting is on Saturday 8th June 2013. The main task is to sort out the finance and the budget. The survey closes on 9th June 2013; they have had 302 responses so far and the Steering Group will decide whether or not to extend the survey period.

Mr. E. M. Livesey said that the Copthorne Steering Group hope to publish their statistics very soon. In order to re-assure the public there will be a further two consultations where the public will be encouraged to give their views.

11. POTENTIAL DISCUSSION WITH THE DEVELOPER OF FLORAN FARM

The Clerk reported that Mr. C. Maidment, on behalf of the developer, has requested an early opportunity to meet with the Council to discuss a possible future application. It was agreed that such a meeting would be without prejudice and would be open to all Councillors to attend. The date identified was 8th July 2013 at 7.30 pm, venue to be confirmed.

Chairman

The meeting started at 8.00 pm
and finished at 8.55 pm

To : Head of Economic Development and Planning, Mid Sussex District Council

The Parish Council has the following comments on the Planning Applications shown. Where the word "Support" is shown this indicates that the Parish Council supports the grant of planning permission subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions.

<p>WP/13/01106/FUL The Bothy, Turners Hill Road, West Sussex RH10 4LY- Retrospective application for replacement fence and gating to garden bordering Turners Hill Road inside the line of the previous fencing. Construction of 6m x 4.5m timber sectional building to be used as hobby room and store.</p>	<p>SUPPORT, subject to timber sectional building being restricted to family use only.</p>
<p>WP/13/1387/COU New Offices at Tudor Cottage, Old Hollow, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 4SZ – Conversion of outbuildings to use class B1.</p>	<p>SUPPORT, subject to being restricted to Office use only.</p>
<p>WP/13/01455/FUL Woodside, Furnace Farm Road, Furnace Wood, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 2PU – Demolition of existing garage and workshop extensions and alterations to existing dwelling house. Erection of new double garage.</p>	<p>SUPPORT, subject to being restricted to family use only.</p>
<p>WP/13/01490/FUL Shrublands Farm, Turners Hill Road, West Sussex, RH10 4PE – Replacement of mobile home with new three bedroom dwelling and definition of residential curtilage.</p>	<p>OBJECT, as it is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p>
<p>WP/13/01507/FUL Heatherwood West, Sandy Lane, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4HR – Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annex living accommodation for dependant relatives.</p>	<p>SUPPORT, subject to being restricted to family use only.</p>
<p>WP/13/01524/FUL 26 Aviary Way, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4XR – Extension and internal alterations including garage conversion. Extend across back of house at ground floor level. Extend bedroom at rear at first floor level. New porch to front of property.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>WP/13/01568/FUL 53 Burleigh Way, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4UG – Proposed single storey side/rear extension and first floor en-suite.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>WP/13/01570/LDC Land west of Keeper Knights, Copthorne Road, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3PB – Use of areas D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K for valet parking of vehicles (of Gatwick Airport passengers) for 28 days a year.</p>	<p>OBJECT as evidence may not prove 10 years continuous use. In such case, suggest a full planning application would be appropriate instead.</p>
<p>WP/13/01581/TREE Land Parcel Adjacent to 92 Lashmere, Copthorne, West Sussex – T14 Oak – Prune back tree to previous cut points.</p>	<p>No comment as Worth Parish Council is the applicant.</p>
<p>WP/13/01593/TREE Lampson Court, Copthorne Common Road, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3SL – Two conifers – reduce by 30%.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>

Clerk
Worth Parish Council
6th June 2013