

## WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

17th June 2013

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

Mr R. Blackmore	Mr. A. M. Brooks
Mr. P. A. C. Coote	Mrs L. A. Field
Dr I. P. Gibson	Mr. A. J. Lacey
Mr C. T. Larkin	Mr C. T. Phillips
Mrs. M. Stein	Mr. N. Walker

Mr N. Walker reported that the funeral and burial of the former Clerk, Mr. K. L. Wall, took place earlier today. Mr Wall's considerable interests were reflected in the service and the turn-out and the eulogy reflected the great affection in which he was held.

Mr C.T. Phillips congratulated Dr. I. P. Gibson on his recent election and welcomed him to the Council. Mr Phillips also commented on Mr Wall's funeral saying that despite the sadness of the occasion it was an enjoyable event. He thanked the many councillors who attended.

#### Public Speaking

- Gary Williams welcomed the two new councillors for Crawley Down, but was disappointed that the turn-out was only 14%. He felt that the lack of polling cards was the reason for this and that it is incredible that the Parish Council requested no polling cards.
- Tim Chapman asked if the Council knew what happening with the two building sites for affordable housing in Crawley Down where the building firm has gone bankrupt. The Clerk said that he was waiting to hear from Affinity Sutton, the housing association developing the sites.
- Peter Chatfield was representing both the Copthorne Police Neighbourhood Panel and the Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. He paid tribute to Mr K.L. Wall and thanked the new Clerk for his helpful circulation of minutes and other information. In the absence of Mr. E.M Livesey, he updated the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. They hoped to present the statistics and are looking to engage a consultant quickly now.
- John Plank spoke to Application 13/01146/FUL. He said that the Parish Council had shown great sense in objecting to the application at its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May. The revisions to be discussed tonight will lead to the loss of more trees, which he said the developer did not care about. He hoped that the result of the Parish Poll is taken into account.

12. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs. E. Anscorb; Mr. D.P. Blackman; Mr. E.M. Livesey; Mr. A. Lucas.

#### 13. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

- Mr. P.A. Coote declared a prejudicial interest in Application 13/01146/FUL on the basis that he is a member of the NE Area Planning Committee that will determine the application. He left the meeting for that item.
- Dr. I.P. Gibson declared a personal interest in Application 13/01146/FUL.

#### 14. **MINUTES OF MEETING ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2013.**

Mr. A.J. Lacey pointed out that he was not present at the meeting. With this one correction, it was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes.

#### 15. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013, be conveyed to the District Council.

**16. CONSULTATION ON CRAWLEY 2029**

It was noted that the Site 12, land to the east of Balcombe Road, Crawley (near to Copthorne) has now been removed from their list of possible sites.

**17. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

Mr. N. Walker said that in view of the Gleeson's development we must press on with the Neighbourhood Plans, engaging the consultants (it is hoped jointly with Copthorne) in good haste. He has been told by MSDC of an application for 174 units on the current Crawley Down Group site.

Mr. A.M. Brooks said that the survey has been extended to 9<sup>th</sup> July. Mr. C. T. Phillips said that Mr. D. P. Blackman and he attended a seminar where Nick Boles, Housing Minister, spoke of the need to have Neighbourhood Plans in place as otherwise there is no protection. Dr. I.P. Gibson spoke of the need to push MSDC to accelerate their Plan and that DP9 would be of some weight.

Chairman

The meeting started at 8.01 pm  
and finished at 8.50 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><b>WP/13/00498/FUL</b> Worth Dam, Balcombe Road, Turners Hill. – Erection of a storage container, details of 2 No. kiosks and a new gate.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><b>WP/13/01146/FUL</b> Land Parcel between Sunnymead and Huntsland Lodge, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down. – Erection of 26 units made up of 12 one and two bedroom flats and 14 units made up of two and three bedroom houses, with associated parking and new road from Turners Hill Road. Amended plans received 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 – revising layout and minor alterations to elevations.</p>	<p>OBJECT as previously notified and would agree with the 2009 MSDC Land Availability Assessment that it is an unreasonable and incongruous addition to the village and on the wrong side of a strongly village defensible boundary.</p>
<p><b>WP/13/01612/FUL</b> Sandlea, Sandy Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4HX - Proposed 4 bedroom bungalow.</p>	<p>OBJECT -on the basis of over development of the site and due to access restrictions</p>
<p><b>WP/13/01631/FUL</b> 3 Aviary Way, Crawley Down, RH10 4XR – Proposed porch to front door, rear conservatory and garage conversion.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><b>WP/13/01637/FUL</b> 7 Burleigh Way, Crawley Down, RH10 4UA – Two storey side extension.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><b>WP/13/01661/EOT</b> Ringwood, Felcot Road, Furnace Wood. – Extension of Time application for the erection of replacement detached bungalow.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p><b>WP/13/01669/FUL</b> St John The Evangelist Church, Church Road, Copthorne. – New church hall.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>

**Clerk  
Worth Parish Council  
18th June 2013**