

**WORTH PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS
COMMITTEE
10th NOVEMBER 2014**

PRESENT: Cllr L Field (Chairman) Cllr P A Coote arrived 7.36pm Cllr E M Livesey
 Cllr E Ancomb Cllr Gibson arrived at 8.20pm Cllr C T Phillips
 Cllr R Blackmore Cllr A Lacey Cllr M Stein
 Cllr A Brooks Cllr C Larkin Cllr G Williams

Clerk Mrs J D Saunders
Members of the Public 3

91 APOLOGIES: Cllrs: D Blackman, N Raschia-Grau, T W Thomas & N Walker
ABSENT: Cllr J Suckling

92 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTEREST: -
None

93 MINUTES HELD ON 27th OCTOBER 2014.
The minutes held on the 27th October 2014, were signed as a correct record.

94 UPDATE ON MSDC PLANNING APPLICATION COMMITTEE MEETING.
A Councillor wished to have clarifications on the different planning meetings at MSDC and what are the roles of the District Councillors.

- District Cllrs Coote & Walker are on the Planning Committee A.
- District Cllr Livesey is on Planning Committee B.
- There is also a District Planning Committee which deals with the larger Planning issues in the District on which Cllr Livesey also sits.

It was explained that a Planning Committee Member does not sit to represent his or her Wards but the District as a whole.

If a District Councillor is a Planning Committee member and wishes to represent a Parish issue they need to temporarily stand down from the Committee and make a separate representation as Ward member. Failure to follow this guideline would be seen as a predetermination and therefore against the code of conduct. For example when Dist. Cllr Livesey represented Worth Parish Council objecting to St Modwen he did not take part in The District Planning Committee decision making process.

95 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM MID SUSSEX:-
WP/03423/FUL Birchlands. WPC Objected, MSDC Approved.
This was **NOTED**.

96 FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER – to discuss traffic calming measures on the Turner Hill Rd.
A report from the Clerk was circulated with the agenda and attached to the minutes of this meeting. Cllr Brooks who attended this meeting gave the Councillors a short resume' of what had taken place. West Sussex Cty Council was looking at minor works to control the speed along this road. This included a request from the Parish Council for an 'average speed' camera. Traffic lights at Sandy Rd Junction. They explained they have no funding available until 2018 so any improvement will need to come out of the s106 monies for Worth Parish Council. They were not supportive regarding a pedestrian crossing by the Village Hall as there were several safety issues that could be a problem and they had no funding available for such a project. The Parish Council could fund this but it would have to include the consultation fees and even then this may not be agreed by the Highways Authority.

The short term costing and the Pedestrian crossing was meant to be sent by the Highways officers for the meeting however, this has not been received. The Council also discussed the figures received from the Hastoe Group regarding the Community land that could be a car park facility for the Village Hall. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk ask Hastoe to provide a marked up drawing of the Community site and explain that we are not looking for a 50 space car park as quoted in their letter. It was **RESOLVED** that the costing for the Pedestrian crossing and tarmacking of the Community land at Hastoe is deferred to the next Amenities meeting. Cllr Coote assured the Council that figures will be produced in writing from MSDC for this meeting.

97 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Chairman reported the following Road Closures that caused a major traffic problem through Copthorne:-

- Antlands lane –Surrey was closed due to flooding? This meant the traffic was diverted from Keepers Corner traffic lights along Copthorne Bank and then Shipley Bridge Lane. No notification was given to Worth Parish Council.
- Copthorne Common Road –Sussex there was a temporary traffic lights set up for most of the day – causing the whole length of road to be jammed from the junction with Borers Arms Road to the Copthorne Hotel roundabout.
- 2 sets of traffic lights resulted in Copthorne Bank being gridlocked for most of the day.
- Cars using the village as a shortcut to avoid the A264 during the rush hour combined with the knock on traffic from the Antlands lane diversion brought the Copthorne Bank and Brookhill road to a total standstill for some time.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk write both to Surrey & West Sussex Highways for their comments and request closer communications in future.

98 TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED

RESOLVED: that the observations contained in the attached schedule dated 10th November 2014, to be conveyed to the District Council.

Meeting closed 8.30 pm

Chairman

date

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.

WP/14/02446/FUL Land North of Sleepy Hollow, Turners Hills Road, Copthorne, West Sussex. – New single storey 4 bed dwelling.	Object –site line regarding traffic – Access on the Road is inappropriate This is infill on AONB countryside development.
WP/14/03620/FUL 5 Heather Close, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3PZ – To extend fence line of property to include open plan land at side.	Object – This goes against the design of the estate which is open plan.
WP/14/03523/TREE Land Adjacent to, 1 Southview Close, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3XU – Oak – Reduce by 5M and thin by 15 percent.	Refer to Tree Officer
WP/14/03735/FUL Prevetts, Snow Hill, Crawley Down, West Sussex RH10 3HA – Demolition of existing single storey lean to building and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.	Support
WP/14/03804/TREE Thrushel, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3LJ – Fir Tree – Crown lift by the removal of lower branches up to 7m above ground level.	Refer to Tree Officer
WP/14/03028/FUL Ethlinden, Hophurst Hill, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4PL – New Detached dwelling located to the south of existing dwelling. (Additional information received 22/10/2014)	Outside the village boundary, setting a dangerous president and against emerging village plan
WP/14/03892/LBC Rushmore, Turners Hill Road, Turners Hill, West Sussex, RH10 4LY – Demolish single storey out building attached to east side of Rushmore Cottage.	Support
WP/14/03893/FUL 16 Beechey Way, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3LT – Two storey side extension.	Support

**Clerk
Worth Parish Council
28th October 2014**