

**WORTH PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS
COMMITTEE**

15th SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Cllr L Field (Chairman)

Cllr E Anscomb

Cllr D Blackman

Cllr R Blackmore

Cllr A Brooks

Cllr P A C Coote

Cllr I Gibson

Cllr C T Larkin

Cllr E M Livesey

Cllr C T Phillips

Cllr M Stein

Cllr J Suckling

Cllr N Walker

Cllr G Williams

Mrs J Saunders (Clerk)

members of the public 6

A representative from the Monday Club & on behalf of Crawley Down Afternoon Women's Institute addressed the Council regarding the lack of parking facilities at the Village Hall. Since the Council are now considering a new pedestrian crossing to allow people to cross over the Turners Hill Rd from the new Hastoe site- on behalf of both organisations they would strongly recommend it is now essential that a previous idea of a parking area in the Hastoe site is also considered.

61 APOLOGIES: Cllrs: A Lacey, N Raschia-Grau & T W Thomas.

62 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTEREST: -

Cllr I Gibson declared a personal interest on items 64, 67, 68, & 69.

63 MINUTES HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2014.

With minute 60 to read WP/14/02120/Ful- Letters were sent to East Grinstead Town Council and MSDC regarding Floran Farm. The minutes were signed as a correct record.

64 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM MID SUSSEX:-

WP/14/02000/OUT Wychwood. WPC strongly objected, but this planning application was approved by MSDC. WPC's lack of Neighbourhood plan was emphasized as a key aspect in the approval decision. Cllr Coote & Walker both attended this meeting and voted against this development.

65 RESPONSE FROM MSDC REGARDING OUR COMMENTS ON METHODOLOGY FOR THE HOUSING SUPPLY DOCUMENT.

After a discussion it was **AGREED** that the Clerk & Cllr A Brooks reply back to the letter.

66 UPDATE ON MSDC PLANNING APPLICATION COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Chairman reported that there were no planning issues relating to Worth Parish Council – this was **NOTED**. The meeting regarding the S106 grants took place today and the Clerk will be sent the results shortly.

67 TO DISCUSS WYCHWOOD s106 MONEY – CLLR'S CHOSEN OPTIONS

The Clerk circulated the list:-

1. Traffic Calming Crawley Down
 - Village (Burleigh Way)
 - Turners Hill Rd – Average speed camera
 - Sandy Lane
 - Vicarage Rd & Grange Rd
2. Kerb changes within Crawley Down
3. Adult exercise equipment & Play equipment.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk forward this list to the Planning Officers at MSDC.

68 TO DISCUSS s106 PEDESTRIAN CONTROLLED TRAFFIC LIGHTS CROSSING OPPOSITE VILLAGE HALL.

A report from Cllr Walker was circulated with the agenda.

Cllr N Walker explained that he had been in consultation with MSDC solicitor Mr T Clarke who indicated there were s106 monies available to Worth Parish Council of £49,671 which could be used for a pedestrian controlled traffic lights crossing opposite the Village Hall. The following concerns were raised :-

- A pavement will have to be laid – This will only open up this area to further development this is a built up area boundary and crosses the “Rural exception site”.
- Why are we considering spending valuable s106 monies on a project that should be West Sussex County Council remit?
- Evidence from the joint Committee at East Grinstead traffic studies it has suggested that traffic lights speed up & improve traffic flow.
- The Pedestrian Crossing by the Golf club at Copthorne cost in the region of £140,000
- To tarmac the Hastoe site for 8 to 10 car parking spaces could cost in the region of £40,000 plus the pedestrian Crossing £50,000 the Council does not have a budget for this work?
- On the planning application the land is only marked down –“Land for Community use” no suggestion for this to become a car park.
- It will be a problem regarding drainage overall and tarmacking will only exacerbate this area. It needs to be left as a grassed area.
- We will need expert advice from an independent source to concerning the overall costings.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Coote and **SECONDED** by Cllr R Blackmore If there is a provision for a completed tarmac car park at the Hastoe site, then there should also be a pedestrian controlled crossing.

A Vote was taken:-

8 in favour

3 Against

3 Abstained.

69 HIGHWAYS ISSUES.

It was **AGREED** that the Highways Sub-Committee meet – Cllrs: Coote, Stein, Phillips, Williams & Gibson arrange a meeting to discuss the overall traffic calming issues taking on board the comments regarding the pedestrian crossing.

Gypsy Horse Refuge Centre at the Hollow. A new entrance is being laid – Cllr Livesey agreed to contact the Planning Officers to check if this proposal meets planning regulations.

Illegal Gatwick Parking at the Hollow – Cllr Coote agreed to find out from the Planning Officers why this site has not been closed. Both of the Cllrs will report back at the next planning meeting.

70 TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED

RESOLVED: that the observations contained in the attached schedule dated 15th September 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.

<p>WP/14/02969/FUL 47 Newtown, Copthorne, Crawley, West Sussex. RH10 3LX – To provide ramped access to the front door.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/14/02981/FUL Lakeview, Old Hollow, Copthorne. West Sussex, RH10 4TA – Erection of two storey timber frame rear extension.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/14/03019/PDADW The Cart Lodge, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, West Sussex. – Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for the change of use of an agricultural buildings to become 1 residential unit. This application does include building operations necessary to convert the buildings to residential use.</p>	<p>Information only – To Note</p>
<p>WP/14/02036/CND Land Adjacent To Auchinleck Court, Burleigh Way, Crawley Down, West Sussex. – Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 13/01024/COU to allow change in surface materials.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/14/03032/TREE 29 Spring Gardens, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3RS – Oak Tree (T6) fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with Birch or Ash, as appropriate. Oak trees (T4 and T7) – crown reduction by 4 metres.</p>	<p>Tree Officer comments – please replace with Oak tree like for like.</p>
<p>WP/14/03072/FUL 19 Kiln Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4JY – Single storey wrap around extension to rear and side of existing property. Materials to match existing and extension to be set back from front elevation. Proposed removal of existing garage.</p>	<p>The loss of Garage & Parking space is against the principals in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
<p>Notification of Planning Appeals Lodged with the Planning Inspectorate this week. (21.8.2014) AP/14/0046 (REF 14/00270/FUL) Land South of Winswood, Turners Hill Road , Crawley Down, West Sussex. – Erection of 2 x 4 bedroom detached dwellings with garages.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

**Clerk
Worth Parish Council
16th Sept 2014**