

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

11th November 2013

Present: Mr CT Larkin (Acting Chairman)

Mrs E Anscomb	Mr Blackmore
Mr A Brooks	Mr PAC Coote
Mrs LA Field	Dr IP Gibson
Mr EM Livesey	Mr CT Phillips
Mr TW Thomas	Mr N Walker

Mr DM Johnson (Clerk - minutes)

Public Speaking

- David Legg spoke to application 13/03290/FUL which was discussed at the last meeting. He is a the near neighbour and is objecting for two reasons, namely that it will adversely affect the natural light to his property and the design of the new building is out of character for the area. He confirmed that he is objecting directly to MSDC.
- Peter Chatfield asked firstly on behalf of the Police Neighbourhood Panel for an update on the work of the Highways Sub Committee in this matter. Secondly, he said that in regard to Application 13/02059/COU which this Committee had objected to, that he was surprised to see that MSDC had since approved the application.

71. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs J Suckling.

72. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

None.

73. **MINUTES OF MEETING ON 28th OCTOBER 2013.**

Cllr Livesey said that the Public Speaking 3rd Bullet Point, address by Gary Williams, was offensive in the use of the phrase official bribe. While the speaker was entitled to hold that opinion, the phrase should be recorded in inverted commas as "official bribe".

With this amendment, the meeting resolved to agree the minutes.

74. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated 12th November 2013, be conveyed to the District Council.

75. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

For Crawley Down, Cllr Brooks said that the consultant has prepared the Project Plan which reads like a list and he is concerned that the consultant will be going on leave for 4 weeks. He had some concerns about the governance arrangements with the proposed NP Committee and Sub Committee arrangements and the need for the work of the Steering Group to be valued.

Cllr Livesey said that while there were similar concerns about the Project Plan and the consultant's availability, the Copthorne Steering Group were in broad agreement with the arrangements for the consultants' work and the proposed new governance arrangements for the NPs.

The Clerk explained that we have engaged a team of consultants not one individual and so her availability should not be an issue.

Cllr Gibson sought clarification, ahead of the Governance Review discussion at the Council meeting to follow, on why there was a need for a NP Committee with 2 Sub committees rather than retain it under the present Planning & Highways Committee or indeed have 2 NP Committees, one for each NP.

Cllrs Blackman, Livesey and Phillips responded by saying that the governance proposals would enable the 2 NPs to be brought together for consideration by Council; the proposals were based on the real experience of other parish councils and the views of the consultants.

The Clerk said that the problem has been that insufficient has previously been given to the governance of the NPs; the fact that the Parish Council is uniquely responsible for 2 NPs rather than one and the Steering Groups have effectively been acting outside of Standing Orders.

Chairman

The meeting started at 8.00 pm
and finished at 8.33 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/13/03699/FUL E B M House, Sandy Lane, Crawley Down, West Sussex RH10 4HS - Proposed ventilation duct (please note amended description)</p>	<p>OBJECTION, due to the noise and smells that would emanate from the duct. Concerned that the hours of operation might cause this problem over an appreciable part of the day. A further comment on the overall development is the sever lack of parking in the area which already causes congestion.</p>
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Clerk
Worth Parish Council
12th November 2013