

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

15th July 2013

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

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 C. T. Phillips	Mrs. M. Stein
Mrs J. Suckling	

Mr D.M. Johnson (Clerk - minutes)

Public Speaking

- Mrs Sally Gibson asked about the meeting with Hastoe on 20th February 2013 attended by some Parish Councillors, the notes of which were circulated by Claire Tester, MSDC Head of Economic Development & Planning. Mrs Gibson asked if it was a formal meeting of Worth Parish Council; was a Parish Council officer present, if not this was against the Planning Code of Conduct; was a minute provided for the Parish Council; why did parish councillors deny that any decision was taken and did Worth Parish Council object to the 2013 Strategic Housing Assessment being changed?
- Tim Chapman; re Hastoe development. The Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has advocated that the village boundaries must be protected from development. Given that the Parish Council has twice objected to the Hastoe application, will we be sending a speaker to address the North East Area Planning Committee on 18th July 2013?
- Marilyn Smith spoke about Planning Application WP/13/02059/COU. She lives two doors away and has a number of concerns both as a resident but also professionally as she works for the Probation Service. There is a lack of parking locally; there is a playschool and a residential home nearby; noise levels will be significantly increased; trade from the nearby pub for the pizza take-away could lead to problems due to late opening hours with the risk of anti-social behaviour and of crime increasing. She will be writing directly to MSDC to object.

23. APOLOGIES: Mrs. E. Anscomb; Dr I. P. Gibson; Mr A Lucas; Mrs N. Raschia-Grau and Mr N Walker.

24. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Cllr Coote declared a personal interest in WP/13/00643/FUL as he is a neighbour in that road.

25. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 1st JULY 2013.

It was noted that the decision for Application No. WP/13/01882/FUL should read "Support" only and the other words deleted. With that amendment, it was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes.

26. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 16th July 2013, be conveyed to the District Council.

27. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Cllr Livesey spoke of the recent public exhibition re. the Copthorne West proposals from St Modwen. It seemed that the developers were attempting to be more user-friendly after the mistakes and omissions in their prior publicity that had caused so much upset. However the same concerns remain.

The Clerk said that St Modwen had agreed that for future publicity the Parish Council would be given sight of early drafts for comment.

Cllr Blackmore said that the main issue is that Copthorne West is not a site listed for the Neighbourhood Plan as it was deemed unacceptable. Cllr Livesey said that only sites with at least 50% support from the survey would be considered and Copthorne West only has 13% acceptance.

Cllr Brooks said that the Crawley Down survey has now closed and the detailed analysis will be ready soon. Clear messages are emerging such as the village boundary must be maintained as Turners Hill Road; must avoid coalescence with Copthorne and then Crawley; need an assessment of genuine housing need with a local connection; more infrastructure to be in place before more housing.

Cllr Brooks spoke of the attendance of MSDC at the last Steering Group meeting. The Leader of MSDC spoke of the importance of the Neighbourhood Plans, answered a range of questions and offered assistance from MSDC to develop the Neighbourhood Plans.

Residents were upset at the prospect of the Hastoe development getting permission on 18th July and it was agreed that Cllr Larkin would represent the Parish Council at the North East Area Planning Committee.

Cllr Coote said that the assertion at the St Modwen public exhibition that the site when developed could handle the extra 1000 car movements per day was living in cloud cuckoo land.

Cllr Blackman attended the recent Gatwick Airport Expansion meeting when they were told to expect a significant announcement on 23rd July 2013.

The Clerk confirmed that the first meetings with potential consultants will be arranged soon. It was agreed that each Steering Group would have 3 representatives.

28. Local Winter Maintenance Plan

Cllr Thomas, said that the Clerk and he had a positive meeting with WSCC Highways managers. They have circulated their draft Local Winter Maintenance Plan (along with maps of the gritting routes) and we are asked to now develop our local version to complement the county-wide Plan. This will need to be done by 1st August. Cllr Thomas has said that this could be rough and ready for this year to get it registered with WSCC and then we can improve it for future years.

It was agreed that Cllrs Coote, Blackman, Field and Stein will meet with the Clerk on 23rd July 2013 to draw up the Worth Local Winter Maintenance Plan.

Chairman

The meeting started at 8.00 pm
and finished at 8.45 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/13/00643/FUL Westbrook, Lake View Road, Furnace Wood, East Grinstead, RH19 2QE. Amendments to approved application 12/02781/FUL for a two storey rear extension to the existing house to include an increase in depth of the extension to 3.26m, the relocation of the rear dormer, and installation of 4 no roof lights (amended plans showing cabrio roof lights to rear elevation received on 10th April 2013) (Amended plans showing glazed roof to rear extension received on 25th June 2013).</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>WP/13/01915/OUT St Johns Church Hall, Church Road, Copthorne, RH10 3RD. Demolition of existing church hall (to be replaced – see application 13/01669/FUL) and construction of two detached dwellings.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>WP/13/02059/COU 8 Copthorne Bank, Copthorne, RH10 3QX. Change of use from A3 to A5.</p>	<p>OBJECTION as it is in a residential area with no other food outlets nearby; would be detrimental to local amenities; would create parking difficulties in an already overcrowded area for cars;+ would generate noise and smells and encourage possible anti-social behavior.</p>
<p>WP/13/02131/FUL St Botolphs, Copthorne Bank, Copthorne RH10 3JQ. Single storey front and rear extensions plus first floor rear extension.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>WP/13/02173/FUL Palmer's Autocentre, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down, RH10 4HE. Demolition of steel frame building with cement sheet roof, steel and concrete clad walls and internal mezzanine floors.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>

**Clerk
Worth Parish Council
16th July, 2013**