

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

1st July 2013

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

Mrs. E Anscomb	Mr. D.P. Blackman
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. E. M. Livesey
Mr. A. Lucas	Mr C. T. Phillips
Mrs. N. Raschia-Grau	Mrs J. Suckling
Mr. N. Walker	

Mr D.M. Johnson (Clerk - minutes)

Public Speaking

- John Costello said that he is a landowner in Crawley Down and had been trying since April to contact the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. He wanted to develop 4 acres on Turners Hill Road. At the last meeting he was concerned at the use of the phrase “at the mercy of developers”. Developers have to follow the law of the land and he was happy to speak to anyone on his plans.

18. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs. M Stein.

19. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**
None.

20. **MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17th JUNE 2013.**

Dr I Gibson said that he had declared a personal interest on the advice of the Clerk. The Clerk said that he was happy with the wording of the minutes. It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes.

21. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 2nd July 2013, be conveyed to the District Council.

22. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

Mr. N. Walker said that at the Crawley Down Steering Group meeting on 6th July, Gary Wall (MSDC Leader), Gary Marsh (MSDC Planning Portfolio holder) and Clare Tester (MSDC Head of Economic Development & Planning) would be present. The invitation was extended to all Councillors to attend as well.

Mr. A.M. Brooks clarified that the Steering Group meetings were not open to the public but that a pro forma of possible land sites was being drawn and for example, John Costello’s site would be added to that list.

Mr. N Walker said that further work was needed to identify contacts for local businesses to boost the section (of the NP) on Economic Development.

Mr. D.P. Blackman said that in the light of the recent Parish Poll that the Clerk writes to MSDC to request an updated Housing Needs Survey for the Parish. Dr. I Gibson said that such a survey should distinguish between the needs of the Crawley Down and Copthorne wards, but it was pointed out that this leads to confidentiality issues, so was not possible.

On behalf of the Copthorne NP Steering Group, Mr. E.M. Livesey said that virtually all of the information was now in and they were ready to start drafting the Plan.

The Clerk said that he has contacted 4 sets of consultants and was hopeful that we could progress to appointing one set of consultants soon. He suggested that we have a "beauty parade" of the potential consultants to meet with 2-3 members of each Steering Group who will consider the offers and decide together on whom to appoint.

Mr. C. T. Phillips said that the developer for St Modwen was holding a public exhibition on 12th and 13th July 2013.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the developer of Floran Farm was presenting their proposals on 8th July. Mr. A.M. Brooks asked what the arrangements were for confidentiality; the Clerk will clarify with the developers. Mr. P.A.C. Coote reminded the meeting of the need not to pre-determine a future application by giving an opinion for or against the proposals.

Chairman

The meeting started at 8.00 pm
and finished at 8.48 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/13/01775/FUL Prevetts, Snow Hill, Crawley Down, RH10 3HA. Proposed 2 storey side extension to west elevation, single storey side extension to south elevation with internal alterations and retrofit energy improvement works.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/13/01882//FUL Five Trees, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ. Amendment to roof as approved 12/00611/FUL. From Flat top ridge to flat roof.</p>	<p>Support any recommendations of District Council's Tree Officer</p>
<p>WP/13/01887/TREE Devonshire House, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne, RH10 3LH. London Plane tree – Reduce the lower crown by approximately 3-5 metres.</p>	<p>Support any recommendations of District Council's Tree Officer</p>
<p>WP/13/01928/TREE 2 Spring Copse, Copthorne, RH10 3XY. Lime Tree – cut back to previous pollard points.</p>	<p>Support any recommendations of District Council's Tree Officer</p>
<p>WP/13/01889/FUL Dunns Yard, Copthorne Road, Copthorne, RH10 3PD. Erection of 4 no. storage tanks, associated hardstanding, task lighting, security fencing and gates.</p>	<p>Object, due to a lack of information and concerns about safety and security</p>
<p>WP/13/01988/TREE 2 Spring Copse, Copthorne, RH10 3XY. T2 Oak – Crown reduction to previous cut points. G2 Pines – Reduce branches by 3-4 metres. T3 Oak – Remove growth of 4 branches overhanging Mandali garden by 3-5 metres.</p>	<p>Support any recommendations of District Council's Tree Officer</p>
<p>WP/13/01990/FUL 4 Newlands Park, Copthorne, RH10 3EW. First floor side extension.</p>	<p>Support</p>