

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

29th July 2013

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

Mrs. E Anscomb	Mr. D.P. Blackman
Mr R. Blackmore	Mr A. M. Brooks
Mrs L. A. Field	Dr I.P.Gibson
Mr C. T. Larkin	Mr. E. M. Livesey
Mr A. Lucas	Mr C. T. Phillips
Mrs. M. Stein	Mr N. Walker

Mr D.M. Johnson (Clerk - minutes)

Public Speaking

- Sue Snelling, Copthorne Village Association presented a Petition with 212 signatories at the time of the St Modwen exhibition, requesting that the Council prepares, with urgency, a Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan which: 1) respects the identity and character of the village; 2) retains its separation from adjacent settlements; 3) identifies and highlights infrastructure deficits; and 4) includes only those sites which achieved 50%+ acceptability at its April 2013 public consultation. Mrs Snelling asked that the Copthorne Steering Group meet as soon as possible.
- Ann Holland spoke about Application WP/13/02272/FUL. She lives next door to the property. She was concerned about the potential noise pollution but was very concerned about the elevated position of the new properties which would overlook her bedrooms. The plans showing the garage/workshop is not in the NW corner as stated but rather was next to her property. Also the bottom half of the public footpath is on a private road for which the residents pay for its upkeep and how might this be affected? The turning onto the A264 is already quite dangerous especially if attempting a right-turn.
- Peter Chatfield, Copthorne NP Steering Group was concerned about the reasons behind the decision in the minutes of 15th July 2013 re. WP/13/02059/COU and asked for an explanation for why the decision had been made.

29. **APOLOGIES:** Mr P.A.C. Coote, Mrs N. Raschia-Grau and Mrs J. Suckling.

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

None.

31. **MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15th JULY 2013.**

Item 25 in the minutes should read 1st July not 15th. With that amendment, it was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes.

32. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 30th July 2013, be conveyed to the District Council.

33. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

Cllr Brooks said that there had been one presentation to representatives of both the Crawley Down and Copthorne Steering Groups from prospective consultants. It was anticipated that presentations from two more consultants during August.

The MSDC Plan has been submitted without change which is disappointing as it means the comments from the Parish Council and the Steering Groups has not influenced the District Plan. Cllr Livesey said that a problem is that there is a contradiction between the Planning legislation and the Localism legislation, which at the moment results in Planning legislation being paramount. Until the District Plan and the NPs are in place Planning Inspectors are giving very little weight to local views.

Cllr Livesey was interested in the possibility of the Copthorne NP being fast-tracked being becoming a specific issues Plan, as suggested by the prospective consultants.

Cllr Gibson said that the North East Area Planning Committee (NEAPC) would give increasing weight to the District Plan as it matures and this will provide some protection.

The district housing figure of a maximum of 10,600 will start to carry more weight as it progresses. Cllr Walker said the risk will be there until MSDC can demonstrate a 5 year land supply.

28. MSDC CONSUTATION ON COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Chairman said that MSDC were conducting a consultation on proposals for the Community Infrastructure Levy. The details are on the MSDC website and the consultation closes on 19th August 2013.

Chairman

The meeting started at 8.00 pm
and finished at 8.50 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/13/02186/LDC Sleepy Hollow, Turners Hill Road, West Sussex RH10 4PE – Application for a lawful development certificate as the property has been used continuously for 4 years as residential. This is an application to establish whether the development is lawful: this will be a legal decision where the planning merits of the proposed use cannot be taken into account.</p>	<p>NO COMMENT</p>
<p>WP/13/02226/FUL 2 Gorse Close, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3PY – Second storey extension over existing garage and entrance hall, two storey extension to front elevation and conversion of garage.</p>	<p>SUPPORT, but with reservations about the loss of garage space leading to additional parking on the road.</p>
<p>WP/13/02239/OUT Land Adjacent to 43 Oak Close, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3QT – Outline application with all matters reserved : Erection of new dwelling.</p>	<p>SUPPORT, but with reservations about the consequent lack of space at the east and west boundaries.</p>
<p>WP/13/02241/FUL Oak View Manor, Cuttinglye Road, Crawley Down West Sussex, RH10 4LR – New garden wall in front garden and associated landscaping.</p>	<p>SUPPORT, but with concerns about the height of the new kerb.</p>
<p>WP/13/02253/FUL 5A Beech Gardens, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4JB – To erect a white PVCu conservatory to the rear of the property.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>WP/13/02272/FUL Little Frenches Farm, Snow Hill, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 3EG – Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 2 detached dwellings and a garage/storage building.</p>	<p>OBJECT as it is in a Countryside Restraint area and it would be detrimental to neighbours' amenity.</p>
<p>WP/13/02340/FUL 3 Brookview, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3RZ – Porch addition, wood burning stove flu and alterations to fenestration to rear.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>
<p>WP/13/02366/ADV Crawley Down Group Ltd, Crawley Down Garage, Snow Hill, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 3EQ – Replacement of signage with new corporate image signage, 3 fascia signs internally illuminated, 2 sets of corner lights, 1 free standing externally illuminated totem sign, 1 set of 3 non-illuminated fabric flags, 1 no. portique entrance surround.</p>	<p>SUPPORT subject to MSDC officers' agreement that proposals comply with permitted flag sizes at the roadside.</p>

**Clerk
Worth Parish Council
30th July, 2013**