

**WORTH PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

3rd August 2015

PRESENT:	Cllr I Gibson (Chairman)	Cllr T Dorey	Cllr G Williams
	Cllr E Anscomb	Cllr L Field	
	Cllr P Blakemore	Cllr C T Phillips	Clerk-Jennifer Saunders
	Cllr P A Coote	Cllr K Scott	7 Members
	Cllr D Curzon	Cllr R Webb	

Public Question Time

A member of the Speed Watch team gave the Council a brief summary of why they need a new Speed camera. The local Police have taken back the loaned speed camera the group have used to this point, as the local force plan to operate it in the three wards as part of their speed enforcement policy. He urged the Parish Council to support this request as the laser device they are currently using does not give accurate reading.

A representative from Lindfield Preservation Society gave a brief summary of how they wish to reduce the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles using local roads to pass through the mapped route in the area. This will be done by applying to WSCC for a Traffic Regulation Order to erect signs to limit access to all B & C roads purely to vehicles weighing under 7.5 tonne . He confirmed that he has received support from a lot of Parish Councils in this area and hoped to add Worth Parish Council to his list.

48. APOLOGIES: Cllr: M Stein

ABSENT: Cllrs: J Allen, A Lacey, C Larkin & J Suckling,

49. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTEREST: -

Cllr I Gibson declared an interest on item 12 Planning application DM/15/2910 Sunny mead Turners Hill Rd and took no part in the discussion.

50. PRESENTATION – RDJW ARCHITECTS REGEMCY HOTEL SITE THE OLD HOLLOW

A representative from RDJW Architects gave a presentation to the Council summarizing their planning application. The client has confirmed that the hotel is commercially unviable due to the fact they have been restricted by the local Authority to the number of restaurant covers and bedrooms the hotel can operate thereby resulting them running at a loss. It will not be viable to convert the existing building so this will be demolished and in place 6 buildings comprising two 6 bedroom houses, two 5 bedroom Houses & two 4 bedroom houses. He agreed to send the Clerk the designs on his display boards so they can be circulated by email to the Cllrs. They intend to submit the planning application to MSDC at the end of the month and ask for Worth Parish Council to give feedback. The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

51. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6th & 20th July 2015 PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the 6th & 20th July 2015 were signed as a correct record.

52. UPDATE ON MSDC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the District wide Planning Committee on the 6th August 2015 they will be discussing 13/04127/OUTES –Land West of Copthorne, Copthorne Way, Copthorne (St Modwen) This is in connection with the Section 106 agreement. They are recommending that a further resolution to grant planning permission, subject to conditions and the completion of the necessary Section 106 Agreement on the basis of the heads of terms set out above, be given by Members and that delegated authority be given to the Head of Economic Promotion and Planning to issue the decision on completion of the agreement. After a discussion it was agreed that The Council will not send a representative to the meeting as this is only to agree the s106 agreement. This was **NOTED**.

53. PLANNING DECISIONS FROM MID SUSSEX:-

DM/15/1339 Land at Firs Farm, Turners Hill Road. WPC Strongly Objected. MSDC Refused.
DM/15/1954 6 Knowle Close, Copthorne. Tree pruning. WPC Refer T/O. MSDC Approved.
DM/15/1992 Fairstead, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne. WPC Objected & MSDC Refused.
DM/15/2558 90 Lashmere, Copthorne, WPC Refer T/O. MSDC Approved.
WP/14/04662/OUT Holly Farm & Hollywood camp site. WPC Strongly Objected. MSDC Approved.
(This seems to be the only planning decision where we disagreed with MSDC Holly Farm)
DM/15/0403 Brook, Copthorne Road. WPC Objected & MSDC Refused.
DM/15/2200 Tudor Cottage, Old Hollow, Copthorne. WPC Supported, MSDC Approved.
DM/15/2301 The Cooperative Food, 1 Station Rd, C. D. WPC Supported, MSDC Approved.
Chairman to continue to monitor. This was NOTED.

54. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN-UPDATE

Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan

Efforts have been made to accelerate the Copthorne plan and in mid-August it is hoped to send the plan for a pre-submission review by the same person Crawley Down previously used. This was Noted.

Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman confirmed that MSDC has replied to the Examiner's questions and that a draft report has been received by MSDC from the Independent Examiner which approves the Plan subject to a number of recommendations. The Neighbourhood Plan team will need to discuss the recommendations with MSDC so that at our Council meeting on 7th September the Council can pass a resolution on Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan. This will then need to be approved by MSDC at their meeting on the 23rd September 2015. After this process the next stage will be the referendum to the residents of Crawley Down.

MSDC District Plan has completed their six week consultation. This was **NOTED**.

55. TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

It was **AGREED** to defer this item until the start of the consultation period which starts 7th August This will go on to the next Council meeting on the 7th September 2015.

56. TO DISCUSS MSDC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman explained affordable equates to social housing. The Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan has a threshold of six social housing units, this position is supported by the additional evidence provided within the housing survey. The Council should aspire to persuade developers to build affordable housing, which can be purchased at 80% of the market rate for local young people in perpetuity.

This was **NOTED**.

57. TO DISCUSS TWO PLANNING APPLICATION COVERING NORTHERN ARC EAST AND WEST

Clerk explained that this refers to Burgess Hill area and due to lack of numbers this meeting has been cancelled until September. When the Clerk receives a re-schedule date she will circulate this to Cllrs and ask if they wish to attend.

58. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

It was **RESOLVED** that Worth Parish Council support Lindfield Preservation Society request for a Road Regulation order to West Sussex County Council regarding the HGVs restrictions.

It was **RESOLVED** that Worth Parish Council agree the relocation of the street light at Cala homes The cost will be for the contractor to fund.

59. TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE BELOW

RESOLVED: that the observations contained in the attached schedule dated 3rd August 2015, to be conveyed to the District Council.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Chairman.....

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<p>DM/15/2734 Development Site to Rear of Tiltwood House, Gage Close, Crawley Down, West Sussex. – Proposed erection of 5 no. 3 bedroom houses plus ancillary storage accommodation to the host dwelling (Tiltwood house).</p>	<p>Object: Site is in the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Area Contrary to Policies 5.2-Infill Housing 6-Control of Ne2w Development</p>
<p>DM/15/2805 Little Chartwell, Sunny Avenue, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4JL – Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension.</p>	<p>Support: Site is in the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Area</p>
<p>DM/15/2854 The Cottage, Snow Hill, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 3EF – Relocation of proposed garage.</p>	<p>Support: Site is in the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Area</p>
<p>DM/15/2899 8 Erica Way, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3XQ – Goat Willow (G1) – reduce heights by 3m, back to previous points of reduction. Lime (T1) – lift x 5 low branches. Goat Willow (T2) – Fell.</p>	<p>Refer to the Tree Officer for Comment. Can WPC request that when a tree is felled (T2) that a replacement tree is installed.</p>
<p>DM/15/2910 Sunnymead, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4HE – Domestic garage and hard standing for 2 sheds.</p>	<p>Support: Site is in the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Area.</p>