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**WORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**  
**13<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**PRESENT:** Cllr L Field (Chairman)                      Cllr Gibson                      Cllr R Webb  
                  Cllr E Anscomb                                      Cllr A Lacey                      Cllr G Williams  
                  Cllr R Blackmore                                      Cllr C Larkin  
                  Cllr A Brooks    Cllr C Phillips                      Clerk – Jennifer Saunders  
                  Cllr P Coote    Cllr J Suckling                      1 members of the Public

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – A local resident who is part of the Group that has been formed to “Save the Royal Oak Group from closure explained that MSDC has rejected the Community bid on the grounds that the Group do not have the proper legal status to submit that intention. However, the Parish Council does have the ability to submit an intention to bid on behalf of the Community. Submitting an intention to bid, places no obligation whatsoever on Worth Parish Council, nor would it require the Parish Council to provide evidence of available finances. What it would do, however, would be to instigate the 6 month sale moratorium, and allow their team the time to see if community ownership is a viable proposition. In addition, it would also give MSDC grounds on which to refuse the change of use application. So please could the Parish Council consider taking this action for the Community. A full report and up-date of “Save the Royal Oak Pub” team is attached to the minutes.

**170 APOLOGIES:** Cllr: M Livesey, M Stein & T W Thomas  
Absent: Cllr E Lord

**171** The Chairman announced that the following items were going to be discussed: item 5 The Royal Oak and item 8 Traffic Calming on Turners Hill Road this was noted.

**172 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTEREST: -**  
The Follow Councillors declared an interest on item 5 as they are all members of “Save the Royal Oak team” Cllrs: Anscomb, Brooks, Coote & Gibson.

**173 MINUTES HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**  
The Minutes held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March were sign as a correct record.

**174 UPDATE ON MSDC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**  
None

**175 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM MID SUSSEX:-**  
DM/15/004 10 Forest Close, Garage conversion. WPC – Objected. MSDC – Approved.  
This was noted. Notification of Planning Appeal decided with Planning Inspectorate 23.03.2015.  
13/03708/COU, Land at Caldyne Park, Wallage Lane, Rowfant – Upheld with variation – Clerk will circulated to all Cllrs the full wording of the enforcement order of this planning appeal.

The Royal Oak Pub was discussed by the Council and it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Coote and **SECONDED** by Cllr Williams that the Parish Council submit an intention to bid on behalf of the Community. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**. Worth Parish Council is both considering leading the bid for Royal Oak and working with the Community interest Group “Save the Royal Oak Group” who have the same objective. The Council has also set up a Working Group to advise it on the way forward: Cllrs: E Anscomb, A Brooks, P Coote, I Gibson, C Phillips & R Webb.

**176 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.**  
The Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan is still at regulation 16 stage and whilst we appointed and agreed an external examiner we have just received notice from MSDC that this person due to workload

has withdrawn his services. This is a setback but the Neighbourhood Plan team are in negotiation with MSDC and the examining agency to provide a suitable person to carry out this process. Full details will follow shortly. There has been a lot of feedback and comments received from the consultation period which will be looked at by the newly appointed examiner. A Cllr was concerned that a long detailed letter was sent by District Cllr Webster regarding the Plan and asked if Cllr Coote would find out when this was discussed by MSDC as all throughout this process the District Council has been kept informed and asked for comments at each stage. Why has it taken them to this point to raise their concerns?

Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan is still in the process of getting their Plan ready and will hopefully be at regulation 14 stage in the near future. This was NOTED.

**177 STREET NAME REQUEST**

A street name request was received for the 9 new dwellings on the former Pasture Wood site. It was **AGREED** that the street name should be "Pasture Wood Close" Clerk to inform MSDC.

**178 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

The Chairman confirmed that concern has been received by Rev Hale regarding the Hastoe site which is nearing completion. He has been raised that a Pedestrian Crossing is needed along the busy Turners Hill Road and he has been in correspondence with both Mid Sussex District Council & West Sussex County Council. The Parish Council are also concerned and have arranged a meeting with WSCC Highways to look at traffic calming measures along this Road and also in other areas of Crawley Down that need addressing regarding speeding vehicle. The meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 and the following Cllrs will be attending: A Brooks, P Coote, I Gibson, G Williams & R Webb. This was NOTED.

- Burleigh Way – A local resident has complained regarding a white van that is parking on the verge – this van has no number plates so it is very hard to get the authorities to remove this vehicle. The Clerk will get photos of this vehicle and send documentation to the local PCSO to action.
- Woodlands Close the developer has put drop kerbs with the bobble slabs on both sides of the road outside the development. This is causing a problem with local residents who are disabled. Cllr Coote will investigate.

**179 PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED**

**RESOLVED:** that the observations contained in the attached schedule dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015, to be conveyed to the District Council.

Meeting closed 8.35 pm

Chairman

date

<p><b>DM15/0850</b> L A Fitness, Copthorne Road, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3PG – Tree Lines Oaks. Raise crowns on all trees surrounding tennis courts to 5 metres. Carry out 20% crown thin to all trees growing within 3 metres of the fence line.</p>	REFER TO THE TREE OFFICER
<p><b>DM/15/1183</b> 112 Hazel Way, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4EU – Demolition of existing garage, new two storey side/ rear extension, new front porch, front bay window and widen existing dropped kerb.</p>	OBJECT – Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan – insufficient off street parking and additional bedroom.
<p><b>DM/15/1226</b> 38 Kitsmead, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3PW – Garage conversion to habitable room.</p>	SUPPORT
<p><b>DM/15/1271</b> Esso, Copthorne Service Station, Copthorne Common Road, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3LF – New image forecourt signage, 4 no. illuminated Wave Signs, 4 no. non-illuminated Koala signs and 8 no. non-illuminated pump number signs.</p>	OBJECT – Visibility and getting out of the garage forecourt will be an issue on this busy stretch of road.
<p><b>14/04524/FUL</b> Touchwood, Cuttinglye Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4HY – New build house and detached garage to replace existing bungalow and garage (amended plans received 30 march 2015).</p>	SUPPORT
<p><b>DM/15/1074</b> Courtlands, SnowHill, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 3DZ – Aluminium fascia with satin gloss finish Citroen text and logo. Internally halo illuminated.</p>	SUPPORT
<p><b>DM/15/1209</b> 4 Wyngates, Copthorne Bank, Copthorne West Sussex, RH10 3RE – Garage conversion, alterations to door and window openings, new garage. New drive and new boundary wall to replace fence.</p>	SUPPORT
<p><b>DM/15/1213</b> The Cooperative Food, 1 Station Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex, RH10 4HZ – Bollard installation.</p>	SUPPORT
<p><b>DM/15/1296</b> Treyarnon, Brookhill Road, Copthorne, West Sussex RH10 3PS – Proposed first floor added to bungalow with habitable room in the roof.</p>	SUPPORT
<p><b>DM/15/1314</b> Little Beaulieu, Brookhill Road, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3PL – Two pitched roof dormers to east elevation.</p>	SUPPORT