

Planning & Highway - 5th September, 2005

15-Sep-2005

Present Mr. M. J. Watts

(Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mrs. M. A. Baker	Mr. B. J. Jack
Mr. D. P. Blackman	Mr. C. T. Larkin
Mr. R. H. Blackmore	Mr. E. M. Livesey
Mr. C. T. Phillips	Mr. D. A. Lucas
Mr. P. A. C. Coote	Mr. G. W. Phillips
Mr. G. V. Curtis	Mrs. A. Souter
Mr. R. Grant	Mr. N. Walker

Apologies for their absence were received from Dr. J. A. Morice and Mr. J. A. Percival.

24. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th July, 2005, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

25 SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the attached report of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with Planning Applications received during the August recess be received and the Sub-Committees actions confirmed

26. TRAFFIC CALMING - COPTHORNE BANK

It was reported that the County Council had now given final approval for the construction of the proposed speed restriction point on Copthorne Bank, and that discussions were now taking place with the County Councils local office to ensure that work could begin as soon as possible.

The Committee also noted that the County Council had advised that there should be substantial advance publicity before work on the scheme commenced, as it was anticipated that, despite the consultation that had taken place, it was the County Councils experience that there would be local objections once work began.

27. TRAFFIC, CHURCH LANE, COPTHORNE

The Committee noted that

[a] the County Council had now responded to the Councils suggestion in May that a speed limit of 20 mph might be introduced in Church Lane, Copthorne, together with possible speed tables to reduce traffic speed

[b] the County Council had advised that all 20 mph limits should be self-enforcing, which meant that average traffic speeds in the road in question must already be at or below 20 mph, or that sufficient traffic calming features, such as speed tables, should be provided to ensure that this was the case.

[c] the County Council also advised that, unless a road was particularly narrow, or bendy, then speed tables would need to be provided at approximately fifty metre intervals, and that each would cost between £3,000 and £5,000, depending on the size, location, drainage requirements, etc.

[d] action by the County Council in respect of Church Lane was highly unlikely, and if any action was taken then the cost would fall upon the Parish Council.

[e] Mr. Prior of 92 Church Lane had again written on the matter, pointing out what had happened in the past and making suggestions as to what action should now be taken by the Council.

[f] it was suggested that the Council should now consider whether the problems, or perceived problems, in Church Lane would really justify expenditure by the Council in the region of £25,000 to £30,000, where the average speed of traffic in the road, from the County Councils survey, was currently only just in excess of 20 mph in any even; and

[g] it was further suggested that any possible problems in Church Lane were part of a general situation in Copthorne where there were considerable difficulties for drivers wishing to join the A.264 at both the Newtown and Borers Arms Road junctions, in particular for those people wishing to turn west.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken in respect of Church Lane, but that the County Council be again reminded of the problems outlined in (g) above, a situation which will be further exacerbated with the completion and occupation of the new dwellings under construction at Kitsbridge and Lampson Court.

28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 6th September, 2005, be conveyed to the District Council.

Mr. P. A. C. Coote and Mr. E. M. Livesey, as Members of the Mid Sussex District Council, left the meeting during the consideration of the foregoing planning applications.

29. OAK TREE - VICARAGE ROAD

The Committee were informed of reports about the poor condition of an oak tree in the highway verge at the junction of Vicarage Road and Squires Close, Crawley Down.

RESOLVED: That the County Council be informed.

Chairman

The Meeting started at 8.48 pm and finished at 9.34 pm.

The Parish Council has the following comments on the Planning Applications shown. Where the word Support is shown this indicates that the Parish Council support the grant of planning permission subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions where necessary

<p>WP/05/01430/FUL Crawley Down Tennis Club, King George's Field, Sandy Lane. Erection of new Clubhouse, Floodlights for Four Courts, New Fencing and improvements to Access and Parking Provision</p>	<p>No objection in principle to new Clubhouse and fencing and improvements to Access and Parking, but opposed to suggested Floodlights and siting of Practice Wall.</p>
<p>WP/05/01436/FUL 13 Fermandy Lane, Crawley Down Conservatory</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/05/01583/FUL Crawley Down Health Centre. Provision of temporary accommodation during construction of new premises</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/05/01728/FUL 20 Haven Gardens, Crawley Down Conservatory</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/05/01745/FUL 2 Station Road, Crawley Down Replacement roofed area for existing freezers and cold stores</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/05/01807/TREE The Warren, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne Fell Sycamore tree</p>	<p>Support any recommendations of District Councils Tree Officer</p>

WP/05/01860/TREE 5 Bowers Place, Crawley Down. Lift canopy of Sycamore tree	Support any recommendations of District Councils Tree Officer
WP/05/01863/ADV Crawley Down Garage, Snow Hill Replacement signage for Nissan Garage inc. new Fascia, Pylon, Entrance and Directional signs	Support

Clerk
Worth Parish Council
6th September, 2005
Approved