

Planning & Highways - 26th June, 2006

29-Jun-2006

Present: Mr. J. A. Percival (Chairman)
Mr. C. T. Larkin (Vice-Chairman)

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

Apologies for their absence were received from Mr. G. V. Curtis, Mr. R. Grant and Dr. J. A. Morice.

19. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th June, 2006, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

20. EAST GRINSTEAD AAP AND RELIEF ROAD

The Committee considered a report by the Sub-Committee appointed under Minute 12 (5th June).

RESOLVED: That the observations set out on the attached Schedule be conveyed to the District Council as this Council's comments on the East Grinstead AAP and Relief Road.

21. TELECOMMUNICATIONS BASE STATION, KEEPERS KNIGHTS COTTAGE, A.2220.

RESOLVED: That no observations be offered on a proposal to provide a telecommunications base station for various mobile telephone networks at Keepers Knights Cottage, Copthorne Road (A.2220), Worth.

22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 27th June, 2006, be conveyed to the District Council.

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

Chairman

The Meeting started at 8.39 pm and

finished at 9.37 pm.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AREA ACTION PLAN
AND RELIEF ROAD**

OBSERVATIONS OF WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

1. The location of new housing on the west side of East Grinstead must not encroach into Worth Parish, and must maintain the Strategic Gap between East Grinstead and Crawley Down. The number of new houses must be fully supported by existing or proposed improvements to all categories of the infrastructure.

2. The case for a relief road **has not been made**. MSDC figures show that it is not possible for traffic congestion to be reduced below the 2004 levels as is required by the County Structure Plan. It is also clear that whilst the A.22 through East Grinstead might benefit, this will throw the burden of coping with the increased traffic loads on crucial road junctions on the outskirts of the Town and on surrounding villages, not to mention the considerable effect on the A.264 and on Junction 10 on the M.23

3. However, if there is to be a relief road, the Parish Council strongly urges that the route at the western end should follow Routes 1b/1c or thereabouts for the following reasons -

a. It is the shortest.

b. it has the least impact on nearby dwellings

c. most importantly, it would have the potential for connecting the A.264 at its northernmost point across relatively open country (it could stay clear of Domewood) to Junction 9 on the M.23

In the meanwhile, it is essential for Junction 10 on the M.23 to be improved before any relief road connects with the A.264, and the route between Crawley Down and Felbridge along Hophurst Lane/Hophurst Hill/Felbridge Road must be retained with appropriate intersections with any relief road.

4. It is vital that WSCC and adjoining County Councils and Central Government co-operate fully in the matter of the relief road. Recent experience shows that real co-operation would only be assured if SEERA had

within its powers the means to oblige adjoining authorities to seek a solution in the common interest, failing which the power to make a timely decision would pass to SEERA.

5. It is noted that central government proposes that infrastructure money shall be fed into a Regional Fund to be allocated thereafter by the Region to best effect. This arrangement could have serious implications for the East Grinstead AAP.

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

WP/06/01103/FUL 37 Oak Close, Copthorne - Front single storey extension	Support
WP/06/01128/COND Halidon, Crawley Down Road, Felbridge - Removal of condition imposed on f/70/97	Support
WP/06/01175/FUL 59 Tiltwood Drive, Crawley Down - rear conservatory	Support
WP/06/01184/FUL 40 Erica Way, Copthorne - rear conservatory	Support
WP/06/01187/FUL Sundowners, Copthorne Bank - Two storey side extension	Support

<p>WP/06/01056/FUL</p> <p>Ley House Farm Bungalow, Old Hollow, Worth - Demolish existing bungalow and construct new</p>	<p>Support, provided existing bungalow demolished before new building occupied</p>
<p>WP/06/01082/FUL</p> <p>12 Newlands Park, Copthorne - First floor side extension and single storey rear extension</p>	<p>Support</p>

Clerk

Worth Parish Council

27th June, 2006 Approved