

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

16th March, 2009

Present: Mr. J. A. Percival (Chairman)
Mr. T. W. Thomas (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs. M. A. Baker	Mr. E.M. Livesey
Mr. D. P. Blackman	Mr. C. T. Phillips
Mr. P. A. C. Coote	Mr. G.W. Phillips
Mr. B. J. Jack	Mr. N. Walker
Mr. A. J. Lacey	Mr. M. J. Watts
Mr. C. T. Larkin	

*An apology for his absence was received from Mr. R. H. Blackmore
Mr. D. A. Lucas, Mr. A. J. Smith and Mrs. A. Souther.*

92. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd March, 2009, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

93. LAND ADJOINING DUKES HEAD – BUDGET HOTEL

With reference to Minute 90[a] (March, 2009), the Committee noted information given by the District Council as to the planning policies which would be taken into account when it considered any application for the provision of a Budget Hotel on land adjoining the Dukes Head.

RESOLVED: That the information be borne in mind when any application is before the Committee.

94. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

With reference to Minute 79 (February, 2009) the Committee noted the following responses from the County Council to the matters raised therein –

[a] the possible resurfacing of Knowle Drive and the advancement of the footway reconstruction scheme for Kitsmead would be re-assessed during the coming financial year ;

[b] the County Council had no legal power to take action against any landowner for allowing surface water to drain onto the highway unless it could be proved that such drainage was artificially induced ; and

[c] details of the design of the proposed crossing of the A.264 near the Golf Club had been supplied, with confirmation that the design would be completed by the end of August, 2009.

RESOLVED: That the County Council be asked to confirm that the Council will be informed of the results of the re-assessments referred to under [a] above.

95. APPLICATION 09/00163/FUL

The Chairman reported that Application 09/00163/FUL for the development of land at the rear of 1-5 Bowers Place, Crawley Down, would be considered by the District Council's North Area Planning Committee on the 19th March and that he would be attending that meeting to explain the Parish Council's objections to the proposal.

96. BUCKLEY PLACE, CRAWLEY DOWN – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

It was reported that the Developers of the land at Buckley Place who wished to provide affordable housing thereon had invited Members to attend a presentation of their proposals at 7.15 pm on the 18th March in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Crawley Down.

RESOLVED: That the invitation be noted and that Members attending be reminded of the Council's policy in such matters.

Mr. G. W. Phillips declared an interest in Item 96 and took no part in the discussion thereon.

97. CHURCH ROAD/COPTHORNE BANK JUNCTION

The Committee noted reports of concerns expressed about the traffic problems being caused at the junction of Copthorne Bank and Church Road, especially when large vehicles were parked near the shops in the vicinity.

RESOLVED: That the matter be raised with the County Council.

98. "PLANNING PORTAL"

The Vice-Chairman reported on a meeting he had attended on the 9th March in Haywards Heath to hear a Presentation from the "Planning Portal" about possible future changes in the way in which planning applications were considered by dealing with everything electronically. The intention was to ensure that matters were dealt with as speedily as possible, but it would be some time before anything happened in view of the technical problems involved and the probable expense.

99. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 17th March, 2009, be conveyed to the District Council.

Mr. E.M. Livesey and Mr. M. J. Watts, as Members of the Mid Sussex District Council's North Area Planning Sub-Committee, left the meeting during the consideration of the foregoing Planning Applications.

Mr. P. A. C. Coote declared an interest in Application 09/00167/FUL and took no part in the discussion thereon.

Chairman

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>08/03362/FUL "Marstal", Copthorne Bank RH10 3RE - Proposed new 2 storey house on adjoining land. Revised plans showing new siting and layout.</p>	<p>Objections to original Application reiterated.</p>
<p>09/00165/FUL Copthorne Hotel RH10 3PG – Seasonal use of land for overspill car parking</p>	<p>Objection. Additional parking on the scale envisaged is not necessary and would be detrimental to the appearance of the premises.</p>
<p>09/00167/FUL "Penrose", Lake View Road RH19 2QB – Loft conversion including raising of lower roof ridge line</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>09/00402/FUL "Sleepy Hollow", Turners Hill Road RH10 4PE – Two storey rear extension and internal alterations</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>09/00459/FUL 9 Meadow Close RH10 3RJ – First floor extension over existing flat roof and single storey extension to lounge</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>09/00470/FUL 13 Bridgelands, Copthorne – RH10 3QW – Single storey side extension with canopy roof extending over front elevation</p>	<p>Support</p>

Clerk
Worth Parish Council
17th March, 2009