

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

2nd March, 2009

Present: Mr. J. A. Percival (Chairman)
Mr. T. W. Thomas (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	Mr. A. J. Smith
Mr. B. J. Jack	Mrs. A. Souter
Mr. A. J. Lacey	Mr. N. Walker
Mr. E.M. Livesey	Mr. M. J. Watts

An apology for his absence was received from Mr. C. T. Larkin.

87. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th February, 2009, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

88. BUS STOP, COPTHORNE BANK

With reference to Minute 88 (February, 2009), the Committee noted that the County Council had now suggested a meeting to discuss the location of the new bus stop on Copthorne Bank.

RESOLVED: That Mr. E. M. Livesey be appointed to represent the Council at the suggested meeting.

89. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

It was reported that the Council had been invited to send representatives to attend the following meetings in Haywards Heath arranged by the District Council –

[a] 9th March – 2 pm – Meeting to hear from the “Planning Portal” about proposals for a possible new “E-Consultation Hub Service” which might affect the way in which local councils were consulted on future planning applications ; and

[b] 20th April – 4 to 6 pm – Meeting to discuss the content of the Sustainable Rural Communities Chapter of the emerging Core Strategy.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken in respect of [a], and that the Chairman of the Committee, with Mr. P. A. C. Coote and Mr. G. W. Phillips, be appointed to attend [b].

90. PRE-APPLICATION DISCUSSIONS

It was reported that –

- [a] with reference to Minute 85 (February, 2009), Members attending the meetings referred to therein had suggested that it would be wise for the Council to be aware of the policy implications of the matter before the formal planning application was considered; and
- [b] Developers proposing to provide affordable housing at Buckley Place wished to have pre-application discussions with the Council before proceeding with a revised planning application in respect of the proposal, a development which the Council had opposed when the original application was submitted.

RESOLVED: That –

- [a] the necessary information in respect of [a] be obtained from the District Council before the application is considered ; and
- [b] that the Developers referred to in [b] be requested to invite Members to a meeting to discuss their proposals and that it be left to individual Members to decide whether or not to attend, bearing in mind the Council's policy in respect of such invitations agreed in January, 2007 (Minute 70 refers).

Mr. G. W. Phillips declared an interest in Minute 90[b] and took no part in the discussion thereon.

91. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 3rd 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.

Chairman

The Meeting started at 8.51 pm
and finished at 9.18 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 supports the grant of planning permission subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions –

08/00169/FUL 17 Buckley Place RH10 4JG – Erection of conservatory/summer house	Support
09/00245/FUL "Hedgerows", Burleigh Lane RH10 4LF – Loft conversion with new dormers to rear	Support
09/00180/FUL "Holmwood Villa", Brookhill Road RH10 3QJ	Support

- Vehicle crossover	
09/00280/FUL "The Oaks", Shipley Bridge Lane RH6 9TL – Erection of replacement building for B1/B8 use on existing commercial site	Objection. Expansion of commercial use of premises in a Countryside Area of Development Restraint
09/00409/TREE 53 Erica Way RH10 3XG – Works to Oak tree	Support any recommendations of District Council's Tree Officer

Clerk
Worth Parish Council
3rd March, 2009