

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

29th June, 2009

Present: Mr. T. W. Thomas (Vice-Chairman – In the Chair)

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

Apologies for their absence were received from Mrs. M. A. Baker, Mr. R. H. Blackmore, Mr. D. A. Lucas, Mr. J. A. Percival and Mr. M. J. Watts.

20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th June, 2009, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

21. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Committee noted recent Press releases by the District Council concerning development to the west of East Grinstead and the total number of houses required by the Government for the Mid Sussex District.

22. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Committee considered a recommendation by the District Council that the Parish Council should join it and the Hastoe Housing Corporation in the conduct of a Housing Needs Survey within the Parish to obtain information on local housing needs. This would be invaluable in supporting any proposals for the provision of affordable housing locally, particularly on any planning exception sites. The suggestion was that the Survey should be undertaken by Action in Rural Sussex, that Organisation having experience in such matters, at a total cost of £6,198 which would be met as to half by the Housing Association and a quarter each by the District and Parish Councils.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council take part in the Survey on the basis suggested, and that the sum of £1,549 be allocated accordingly.

23. MSDC CORE STRATEGY – SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES

It was reported that the District Council had now circulated the Sustainable Rural Communities Chapter of the Core Strategy and asked for comments thereon.

RESOLVED: That no comments be offered, but that the matter be kept under review.

24. COPTHORNE JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Committee was informed that the County Council had asked for comments on Application WSCC/034/09/WP for alterations and extension at the Copthorne Junior School.

RESOLVED: That no observations be offered.

25. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 30th June, 2009, be conveyed to the District Council.

Mr. E.M. Livesey remained in the meeting during the consideration of the foregoing Planning Applications, but indicated that his participation therein would not prejudice his consideration of any of those Applications as a Member of the Mid Sussex District Council's North Area Planning Committee.

Chairman

The Meeting started at 8.46 pm
and finished at 9.27pm.

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/09/01595/FUL 6A Calluna Drive, Copthorne RH10 3XF – First floor extension over Sun Room	Support, provided District Council's Tree Officer has no objections.
WP/09/01617/FUL 24 Fairway, Copthorne RH10 3PU – Single storey side extension	Support
WP/09/01619/FUL Martins, 1 Station Road, Crawley Down RH10 4HZ – Retention of metal storage container in rear yard (three year duration)	Support
WP/09/011646/FUL 15 Bricklands, Crawley Down – Front porch	Support
WP/09/01658/FUL 11 Burleigh Close, Crawley Down RH10 4UX – Two storey extension and pitched roof to replace existing flat roof on ground floor	Support

WP/09/01683/FUL <i>14 Old Station Close RH10 4TX – Disabled access ramp</i>	<i>Support</i>
WP/09/01828/TREE <i>50 Bridgelands, Copthorne, RH10 3XD – Work to two Oak trees</i>	<i>Support any recommendations of District Council's Tree Officer</i>

Clerk
Worth Parish Council
30th June 2009