

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

5th October, 2009

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

Mrs. M. A. Baker	Mr. E. M. Livesey
Mr. D. P. Blackman	Mr. D. A. Lucas
Mr. R. H. Blackmore	Mr. G. W. Phillips
Mr. P. A. C. Coote	Mr. A. J. Smith
Mr. A. J. Lacey	Mrs. A. Souter
Mr. C. T. Larkin	Mr. M. J. Watts

Apologies for their absence were received from Mr. B. J. Jack, Mr. C. T. Phillips and Mr. N. Walker.

41. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st September, 2009, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

42. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

With reference to minute 38 (September, 2009) the Chairman reported that the Committee's Affordable Housing Sub-Committee had met representatives of the Association and the District Council on the 29th September to discuss the next steps to be taken in respect of the possible development of a site for affordable housing off Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, which the Housing Association had agreed to acquire. This "exception" site for planning purposes would provide accommodation for local people only, and the number of units, likely to be around twenty-five, would depend to a large extent upon the results of the housing needs survey currently being carried out in the Parish. The Housing Association would now be pursuing the matter in the light of the survey results and preparing the necessary planning application, and a public consultation "Drop In" Presentation would be held on the 22nd January at the Haven Centre to allow members of the public to view the proposals and comment thereon.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

43. PLANNING APPEAL

The Committee noted that a Public Inquiry would be held in Haywards Heath on the 13th October into the Appeal by Welbeck Land (Felbridge) Limited against the District Council's refusal to grant permission for the redevelopment of the former Felbridge Nurseries site.

44. 13 SUNNYMEAD, CRAWLEY DOWN

The Committee noted that 13 Sunnymead, Crawley Down, which it was believed was owned by a local Housing Association, had been unoccupied for some time.

RESOLVED: That the matter be investigated.

45. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations contained in the attached Schedule dated the 6th October, 2009, be conveyed to the District Council.

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

Chairman

The Meeting started at 8.20 pm
and finished at 8.36 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.

<p>WP/09/02705/LDC "Shrublands", Turners Hill Road, RH10 4PE Use of site as storage of plant, machinery and vehicles, waste recycling and parking of vehicles. NB Application to determine whether development is lawful.</p>	<p>The Parish Council is deeply concerned that the non-conforming use of this land has seemingly been allowed to continue for many years and is now increasing. This use must not be allowed to expand any further.</p>
<p>WP/09/02814/TREE "Orchardside" Borers Arms Road, RH10 3LH Work to Ash Tree.</p>	<p>Support any recommendations of District Council's Tree Officer.</p>
<p>WP/09/02800/FUL 50 Squires Close, Crawley Down RH10 4JQ – Conservatory at rear</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>WP/09/02943/LDC 6 Beech Gardens, Crawley Down RH10 4JB – Rear faced dormer into existing roof slope and roof windows to front elevation. NB Application to determine whether development is lawful</p>	<p>No comments</p>