

Worth Parish Council
Minutes of the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee Meeting
12th March 2019 at 19.30hrs

Present:

Cllr Gibson (Chairman)	Mr Brooks
Cllr Anscomb	Mr Hitchcock
Cllr Cruickshank	Mr S Plank
Mr J Plank	Cllr Coote
Cllr Webb	
Mrs Cruickshank (administrator)	7 Members of public, including Cllr Phillips

12 Public Question Time

The Chairman asked that the meeting remain flexible, with comments from the public being taken at various points during the course of the meeting.

13 Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Mr Dobson, Cllr Lord.

Absent: Mr Burberry

14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this point of the meeting.

15 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson and seconded by Mr Hitchcock and agreed by all present that the Minutes of the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2018 were a true and correct record, after an amendment to Minute 2 to read that Mr Brooks was elected as Vice Chairman, and not Chairman.

16 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements.

17 Local Housing Needs Survey

Mr J Plank and Mr S Plank arrived at 7.38pm.

Cllr Gibson gave a presentation explaining the results of the recent survey. He explained the need to review and update the Neighbourhood Plan and the Survey will underpin this, as it confirms what is still relevant and provides the strong evidence needed.

Cllr Gibson noted that the Sub Committee needs to better define 'Homes for Older People'. It was noted that the plan gives requirement for 94 new homes for local needs and it was agreed the figure of 94 was the basis for further work as proved by the recent survey.

The 2019 Survey Conclusions are as follows:

- This report and the 2019 Housing Survey provide sound evidence for the housing requirement in the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan Area (NPA) for the remaining 12 year period of the neighbourhood plan.
- There is a requirement for 78 new properties in the NPA in the next 10 years, comprised of 7 one bed properties and 71 two bed properties. Extrapolating this to the 12 year period of the Plan gives a requirement for 94 new homes for local needs.

- Based on the mobility intentions expressed in the Survey, over 350 three and four+ bed properties will become available in the next 10 years to other households who wish to move into the Crawley Down NPA.

The presentation of the Survey results is appended to these Minutes for information.

All agreed the Survey was successful and that the prepaid postage had been a good idea.

Cllr Cruickshank left the meeting at 8.05pm

It was agreed that once all the final data had been analysed a presentation would be made to the Village sometime in the Summer months.

18 Action Plan for Review

Cllr Gibson referring to the meeting pack, reminded members of the housing targets as set out in DP4 Housing.

Mr Brooks said that the desired results have not been achieved: the unplanned nature of ongoing development has degraded the local infrastructure.

Cllr Gibson referred to the Sustainability Objectives and associated Indicators in the current Plan.

Although the meeting agreed to retain the existing sustainability objectives, it was noted that several did not discriminate between the current options. The implication is that the Sub Committee needs to identify some alternative options assuming that it is seeking to improve every sustainability objective.

Cllr Gibson referred to the Strategic Housing Allocation Options set out in Table 3 of the Sustainability Report Sustainability Appraisal. It was agreed that Options A to E would be reviewed. Sites would be considered both inside and outside the boundary.

Cllr Gibson referred to the Site selection methodologies in the light of DP6 and the SHELAA exercise.

The Clerk has reported that AECOM are currently carrying site assessments of all sites submitted in the Parish Call for Sites, for both Crawley Down and Cophthorne; this is still work in progress.

It was noted that the Clerk is still waiting to hear from AECOM.

Councillors are keen to protect views of the Worth Way and the Sussex border path.

Other issues

Gatwick expansion

Cllr Gibson raised concerns that a second runway may mean more housing in the area which may be allocated in Crawley Down.

The Royal Oak Pub

All present expressed concern over the disrepair of the Pub. Cllr Coote advised he had contacted MSDC as had Mr Brooks about the loose tiles and chimney stack; MSDC had advised there was no danger.

Due to the recent strong winds Cllr Coote said he will telephone Tom Clark to discuss the state of the chimney stack as this is becoming a Health & Safety issue, in his opinion

Mr Hitchcock suggested MDSC should be approached in relation to a possible Compulsory Purchase of the Royal Oak.

As the Royal Oak is an Asset of Community Value and protected in the Neighbourhood Plan, it was asked if there was anything to be done to strengthen this to keep the Pub within the community.

19 Progress on the Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk has reported that the Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan Sub Committee met on January 16th, but the meeting was inquorate. The following recommendations are to be made to the next Joint Neighbourhood Plan Committee:

- That the timeline is re-issued to allow for a draft Plan by November 2019
- That the Sub Committee is now satisfied that all Regulation 14 comments have been incorporated into the draft Plan, to produce a revised draft
- To note the report of the AECOM heritage consultant who visited the village on January 22nd - yet to be received at the time of writing this report
- To agree to issue a Housing Survey, based on the Crawley Down Survey but amended to suit Copthorne

The Clerk's report was noted

20 Consideration of items for inclusion on future agendas

There were no suggestions

21 Date of next meeting

To be called when necessary

Meeting closed at 21.13 hrs

Chairman: _____

Date: _____