

Worth Parish Council
Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held on 5th October 2026,
commencing at 7.30pm

Present	Cllr Wilson (Chair)	Cllr Casella (Vice Chair)
	Cllr Kipps Cllr Gibson	
	Hannah Smith Ast Clerk	Cllr Phillips and Hodsdon were sat in the public gallery

096 Public Question Time – no members of the public were present.

097 Apologies

Apologies were received and NOTED from Cllrs Coote, Dorey and King. Cllr Pointer was absent.

098 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllr Sue Kipps declared a personal interest in agenda item 18 Ratification of planning recommendations. It was noted that responses to these applications were made under delegated powers prior to the meeting.

099 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 7th of September 2026, and these were duly signed by the Chair.

100 Chairman's Announcements

It was AGREED that a written response to planning application DM/25/3155 The Haven Sports Field Car Park, the Haven Centre, would be sent to the MSDC planning committee to read out on behalf of Worth Parish Council supporting the application.

Correspondence

101 Cllrs NOTED the Correspondence.

The request to support a brownfield first audit was considered by Worth Parish Council; however, the Council has RESOLVED not to support the proposed resolution.

In reaching this decision, Members noted that Mid Sussex District Council has already undertaken assessments of potential development sites through its Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) process. This process identifies sites that are considered suitable, available and potentially achievable for development, as well as those that are considered unsuitable. The Council therefore considers that the assessment of land availability and site suitability sits appropriately with Mid Sussex District Council as the Local Planning Authority.

Worth Parish Council's role as a statutory consultee is to consider and comment on planning applications and planning policy matters as they arise. Accordingly, the Parish Council will continue to assess and comment on individual planning applications, including any proposals relating to Crabbet Park, on their own merits when they are presented to the Planning & Highways Committee.

102 Update on Mid Sussex District Council Planning Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 8th October at 4pm.

DM/25/3155 - The Havens Sports field Car Park the Haven Centre Hophurst Lane Crawley Down West Sussex.

Planning Committee – 15th October at 2pm.

No agenda available at the time of writing this report

103 Planning Decisions from Mid Sussex District Council

The following decisions were NOTED:

	Address	WPC	MSDC
DM/26/2119	Gibbshaven Farm Furnace Farm Road Furnace Wood East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2PU	Non material	Permitted
DM/26/2118	Gibbshaven Farm Furnace Farm Road Furnace Wood East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2PU	Non Material	Permitted
DM/26/1558	Gibbshaven Farm Furnace Farm Road Furnace Wood East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2PU	Support	Permitted
DM/26/1749	Land Adj. To 1 Pinetrees Close Copthorne West Sussex	Support	Permitted
DM/26/1462	The Stables Mill House Old Hollow Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 4TB	Support	Permitted
DM/26/1146	The Lynns Turners Hill Road Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4HA	Refused	Object
DM/26/1870	Francis Court Borers Arms Road Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3LQ	Support	Permitted
DM/26/1060	5 Knowle Close Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3LR	Defer	Permitted

104 Updates on the Mid Sussex District Plan

Cllrs NOTED the update in the officer's report. The committee RESOLVED not to make any further comments on the examination hearings as no items pertaining to Worth are featured on the published agenda.

105 Applications in Neighbouring Parishes

Cllrs NOTED the officer report.

106 Licencing

No new applications to NOTE.

107	Appeals		
	Application	Address	WPC Decision
	AP/26/0057 (DM/23/0019)	Yew Tree Cottage Wallage Lane Rowfant	Defer to Officer
	Cllrs NOTED the appeal.		

- 108 Planning Compliance Action**
Cllrs NOTED the officers report
- 109 Crabbet Park**
Cllrs NOTED the officers report
- 110 Highways**
Cllrs NOTED the officers report.
- 111 Proposed Upgrade to Existing Radio Base Station Installation at Cs_12639122, Land at Snow Hill, Crawley Down, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3EE**
Cllrs RESOLVED not to comment.
- 112 Terms of Reference**
All Cllrs AGREED to the changes highlighted in red.
- 113 Ratification of Planning Recommendations**
Cllrs NOTED the submissions to the MSDC planning portal.

Applications to be Ratified	Submissions
<u>DM/26/2218</u> <u>23 Forest Close Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4LT</u> Proposed front and side single storey extension and first floor front extension over	Worth Parish Council offers no objection to this application; however, there is concern regarding the over development of the site and the impact the proposed development would have on neighboring properties.
<u>DM/26/2115</u> <u>Land To South Of Crabbet Park Equestrian Centre Turners Hill Road Turners Hill West Sussex</u> Construction of a padel tennis facility (Use Class E(d)) with ancillary offices, changing facilities and studio, member shop and café (all within Use Class E), car and cycle parking, bin storage, with associated access and works.	An extension was approved
<u>DM/26/2139</u> <u>24 Haven Gardens Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4UD</u>	Worth Parish Council Supports this application.

Proposed garage conversion and single storey side extension.	
<u>DM/26/1350</u> <u>Brambleside Felcot Road Furnace Wood East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2PX</u> Proposed double garage to front drive area and new front gates (Amended description 04.09.2026)	No further Comments
<u>DM/26/2249</u> <u>8 Pasture Wood Close Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4AP</u> Oak Tree (T1 and T2) Reduce branches overhanging the garden of 5 Gage Close by up to 2 metres, back to previous pruning points	Worth Parish Council Supports this application.
<u>DM/26/1653</u> <u>The Birches Hophurst Lane Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4LJ</u> Proposed single storey side extension. Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan received 15.09.2026	Worth Parish Council Supports this application.

114 New Planning Applications- To Consider and agree recommendations to submit to Mid Sussex District Council as the Local Planning Authority, on the following planning applications.

Type 1 Applications	
<u>DM/26/2115</u> <u>Land To South Of Crabbet Park Equestrian Centre Turners Hill Road Turners Hill West Sussex</u> Construction of a padel tennis facility (Use Class E(d)) with ancillary offices, changing facilities and studio, member shop and café (all within Use Class E), car and cycle parking, bin storage, with associated access and works.	Worth Parish Council supports this application. WPC notes the significant level of public support submitted in respect of this application and recognises the potential community, health, wellbeing and economic benefits that the proposed facility could bring to the area. Whilst acknowledging the positive public response, the Council would ask Mid Sussex District Council to ensure that appropriate consideration is given to: Highway safety and vehicle movements on Turners Hill

	Road and the surrounding highway network. Adequacy of parking provision and measures to prevent overspill parking on nearby roads. Any potential impact from lighting, noise and activity on neighbouring properties and the wider rural setting. Landscape impact and the effectiveness of any proposed planting and screening. Sustainable travel measures, including cycle parking and pedestrian access. Drainage and surface water management arrangements – Turners Hill Road and the access road to the application is known to flood in this area.
<u>DM/26/2333</u> <u>Davidson House Copthorne Bank Copthorne Crawley West Sussex RH10 3QZ</u> Variation of condition No: 3 relating to planning application DM/25/2817 to retrospectively increase opening to include Sundays between the hours of 10:00 to 16:00	Worth Parish Council supports this application.
Type 2 Applications	
<u>DM/26/2166</u> <u>18 Hawarden Close Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 4PQ</u> Proposed erection of double garage to front of property.	Worth Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it represents an overdevelopment of the site and is out of keeping with the existing character and appearance of the surrounding street scene.
<u>DM/26/2264</u> <u>The Stables Crawley Down Road Felbridge East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2PS</u> Variation to conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission DM/26/0472. Condition 2 to vary the condition to replace the previously approved plans with the revised drawing set submitted with this application, showing the amended footprint, flat roof arrangement and associated design alterations. Condition 3 to vary the condition to allow the external materials and finishes shown on the revised drawings submitted with this application, including amendments to the external cladding/render and the colour of the courtyard doors and windows.	Defer to the opinion of the officer

<u>DM/26/2351</u> <u>Chandlers Turners Hill Road Crawley Down Crawley West</u> <u>Sussex RH10 4EY</u> Variation of condition no 2 relating to planning application DM/24/1716 - to allow for design changes to the external form, detailing and fenestration of the proposed house.	Defer to the opinion of the officer.
Tree Applications	
No Applications	

115 Matters for Consideration submitted by the Village Working Parties, or by the Worth Parish Council Working Party
No Considerations

116 Consideration of items for discussion by the Village Working Parties-

117 Date of the next meeting – Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm at the Parish Hub Copthorne
Meeting closed at 8.12 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____