

P166/03/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

P167/03/14 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED by all present that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 6th February 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

P168/03/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that the first public meeting in relation to the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan would be held on Thursday, 20th March 2014 at 7.30pm at Southwater Leisure Centre, Pevensey Road, Southwater – all residents were welcome. Both Mr.Buckley and Mr.Watkins provided apologies for this meeting, as they both had other commitments.

P169/03/14 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report

P170/03/14 DELGATED POWERS

There is no Full Council meeting in March, so effectively there is no Planning Committee meeting until April 10th. Mr.Buckley stated that it is proposed to hold an **Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 31st March 2014**. This meeting would take place at 7.30pm and would be to discuss and approve the Lease, Sub-Leases (tenants), Licence to Alter by the Parish Council of Beeson House.

Therefore, the Council will need to consider giving delegated powers in order that recommendations can be made on any application received during this period to the District Council. It is the usual policy that the Councillor to whom the plan has been issued makes the recommendation together with either the Chair of the Planning Committee, or the Deputy Clerk. All recommendations made during this period will be reported and ratified at the April Planning Committee meeting on 10th April

RESOLVED by all present that recommendations on applications received during March will be considered by the Councillor to whom the application has been issued, together with either the Chair of the Planning Committee, or the Vice Chair should the Chair be unavailable, together with the Deputy Clerk.

P171/03/14 HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Public Meeting – 13th February 2014

The Clerk attended this meeting on behalf of the Council. The question submitted by the Council was one of the ten selected to put to the District Council, this question being:

“Given that the District Council ceased working on its Interim Policy at a late stage in 2011, what reassurance can it give that this latest Draft Plan will not be similarly abandoned? And if so, what would be the consequences of such an action?”

The response was as follows:

“The decision whether to agree the plan will lie with all Members of this Council. The next stage in the preparation of the Horsham District Planning Framework will be the Proposed Submission, which we intend to report to full Council at the end of April.

Members will be asked to agree the plan for a six week period of representations and then to submit it to the Secretary of State for independent inspection.

If there is any delay in this process, or if the plan is abandoned, there are significant risks to everyone living and working in the District.

Without a plan we are vulnerable to development across the whole District.

Without an agreed land supply for housing, developers will pursue their sites. Even if we refuse their planning applications, we will almost certainly lose at appeal. This means that we lose control in shaping the development and could lose the community benefits that would be required by a local plan allocation or that could be achieved through negotiation. I know that you are familiar with that situation in Southwater as that is what happened when Cedar Drive was allowed on appeal.

I have spoken to the Planning Minister Nick Boles, as have many of my colleagues and he is absolutely clear that building more homes is a priority and until we meet our housing needs in an adopted local plan, he will continue to allow planning appeals. We are vulnerable!

Developers on land north of Horsham are unlikely to go away if our plan is abandoned so we will probably get the development anyway. Similarly in Southwater, we know that the developers have options on far more land than is identified in the Preferred Strategy.

This is the case on land around our towns and villages right across the District. We need to have a plan to be able to meet the needs of our community and to defend unsuitable development that would change the character of our District forever.”

A full list of all questions and responses can be found on the District Council website.

P171/03/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At last week’s Full Council meeting it was agreed that the Steering Group would be enlarged to allow all ten expressions of interest to be included, these being:

Anne Frank Montessori	Southwater Methodist Church
Holy Innocents Church	Southwater Village Hall
Southwater Football Club	Southwater Youth Project
Southwater Junior Academy	Southwater Action Team
Ramesh Shingadia, Londis	Stammerham Amenity Association

The full report of the latest situation was circulated at the Full Council meeting.

Mr.Cole stated that should Keep Southwater Green deem to constitute would they too be automatically included in the Steering Group. The Clerk stated that it would be a matter for the Council to consider at the appropriate time. Meanwhile, all groups are encourage to participate in assisting with the Plan as previously stated by the Council and reported by the Deputy Clerk.

P172/03/14 **PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE**

Berkeley Homes

Discussions are ongoing with representatives from Berkeley's in relation to strategic aspects of the recent proposals.

Berkeley's delivered a leaflet to every household prior to an exhibition held in Beeson House on two days last week.

Horsham Football Club

The Chairman of the Club has contacted the Clerk to arrange to meet with the Council prior to the application being lodged.

P173/03/14 **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS AND OTHER TREE MATTERS**

Tree Survey 2014

It was agreed at last week's Full Council meeting to appoint Quaipe Woodlands to carry out the 2014 tree survey.

Fallen trees

Two fallen trees on Council land have been removed, one at the Leisure Centre, and one near the Warren Drive play area.

Insurance Claim

The Deputy Clerk reported that an insurance claim relating to subsidence to a garage allegedly caused by trees on parish land, is ongoing. At the request of Zurich a consultant has been appointed to carry out a survey on the trees and land in question. This report is awaited.

P174/03/14 **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

The Clerk reported the continual damage to the bridge link the leisure centre land to Lintot Square, further works having been authorised at the previous nights Finance & General Purposes Committee. Insurance claims would be submitted. The Clerk confirmed that she had been asked to look at additional security measures for the area.

P175/03/14 **HIGHWAYS, DRAINAGE, STREET NAMES, FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

Pedestrian Crossing in Mill Straight

The Clerk reported that she had met with a local resident who had started a petition on the WSCC website to get a pedestrian crossing at the southern end of Worthing Rd, near its junction with Roman Lane (the Bovis site). There has always been an issue of children crossing the road to catch school buses, but the problem has increased with children now coming from the new development.

The Parish Council has asked the County Local Committee to consider a reduction in speed at either end of the Worthing Rd, to have a 30mph limit along its whole length. This is going on the March agenda.

The provision of a crossing may be dependent on the agreement for a reduction in the

speed limit. However, the Clerk asked Councillors if they would support this proposal in principle.

If agreed, an article will be put in the next Council newsletter, inviting support from residents. If this is forthcoming, then a proposal can be put to the County Local Committee.

Mr.Apted felt that the Committee should go for this proposal. Mr.Cole was concerned whether this would be allowed within what is currently a 40 mph limit area but hopefully the 30 mph limit would be approved by the County Local Committee. Mr.Buckley felt that it was important to support this as Millstraight was a long straight piece of fast roadway.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support the creation of a crossing on Mill Straight.

P176/03/14 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application	Applicant	Reason	Recommendation
DC/14/0263 Mr G. Watkins	Jackerell Bungalow, Reeds Lane, Southwater	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 No. semi-detached houses	Delegated to Mr.Watkin, the Clerk and or Deputy Clerk due to the fact that the plans had only just been put on the District Council's website and therefore the Member had insufficient time to report and visit the propety

P177/03/14 PLANNING APPEALS

DC/13/1465 – 115 College Rd, Retention of fence

The appeal for the retention of the fence has been dismissed, so the fence must be removed.

P178/03/14 DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

None report.

P179/03/14 PLANNING COMPLIANCE ACTION

DC/07/2267 – Conversion of Barn at Bluecoat Pond

This site has been reported in relation to construction traffic accessing via Bluecoat Pond. There is also an issue about access via private land, which apparently is a private matter. The parking issues have now been resolved, but the question of access over parking spaces assigned to existing Bluecoat Pond residents, remains.

Members noted this information

P180/03/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

The date of the next meeting is Thursday, 10th April 2014

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.