Worth Parish Council

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WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

I'm delighted to say that two major projects within the parish will be coming to an end in the coming weeks, both of which will improve the quality of life within our two lovely villages. Phase One of the Copthorne Recreation Ground Rejuvenation is expected to be completed in September, while the Bowers Place Parking Scheme is likely to be finished at the end of October.

Both of these projects have come about as a result of a great deal of hard work from our team, our consultants and our contractors, and I'd like to thank all of them for their contributions. The efforts that have been made serve as a timely reminder that such schemes are complex and can take time to reach a conclusion.

Finally, on behalf of everyone on the Council and in the Parish, I would like to send our thoughts to everyone who was affected by the recent fire in Rowfant.

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

YOUTH CLUBS – NEW TEEN HANG OUT SESSIONS

Our recently introduced Teen Hang Out Sessions in both Copthorne and Crawley Down have already proved to be a big success. Activities include pool, darts, air hockey, table tennis, gaming, table football and arts & crafts. There's also a chill-out zone for relaxation. Sessions are for 11-15 year olds on Tuesdays in Copthorne and Thursdays in Crawley Down during term times.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2027

Parish council elections will be held next May, and we are keen to encourage residents to consider standing. Being a Parish Councillor is a rewarding opportunity to have a direct input into local decisions, help shape the future of our area and represent the views of the community. You don't need any special qualifications, just an interest in your community, its people and its services. If you'd like to find out more about what the role involves, please get in touch—we'd be delighted to have an informal, no obligation chat and answer any questions you may have.

CCTV

Phase 2 of our CCTV project has now seen CCTV installed at the Copthorne Recreation Ground on Copthorne Bank, where cameras will now oversee the new playground, car park and Multi-Use Games Area. Most of this project has been funded by Section 106 money (those contributions paid by developers to support local infrastructure), with a small amount also coming from our ear marked reserves. As with other CCTV in the parish, it will be accessed and operated on our behalf by Sussex Police. If you have any questions about CCTV, check out the CCTV Policy and Frequently Asked Questions on our website.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY

There are a number of volunteering opportunities in both Copthorne and Crawley Down at the moment. They include the likes of Community Speedwatch, litter picking, village working parties and more. Do you want to get involved? If so, please get in touch with the team at Worth Parish Council. There are also many organisations within the parish that are looking for help and support. Lots of people told us in our Business Plan consultation that they would be willing to volunteer, so now is the perfect time to do so.

COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND REJUVENATION PROJECT

After several months of construction, and two years of planning, we are delighted to share that phase one of the Copthorne Recreation Ground Project is now complete. The brand-new playground and car park are officially open, providing accessible facilities for the community to enjoy. These improvements mark a major milestone in our wider plan to revitalise the recreation ground and create a welcoming, modern space for all ages.

Work on the Multi-Use Games Area is progressing well, with completion expected later this year. Our contractors have worked tirelessly throughout the challenging summer heatwaves to deliver these first-class facilities, and we are incredibly grateful for their dedication. We look forward to celebrating the next phase of the project and seeing the community enjoy everything the renewed recreation ground has to offer.

FACEBOOK – MORE FOLLOWERS HAVE JOINED US

Did you know that Worth Parish Council has a very active Facebook page? It offers information about a wide range of subjects, including roadworks, events, Council meetings, police matters, litter picks, allotments and much, much more. Recently, we were delighted to announce that we have more than 1,150 followers in Copthorne, Crawley Down and beyond already, so why not come and join us?

You can find our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/worthparishcouncil

PLANNING MATTERS

This August, both Tandridge District Council and Mid Sussex District Council ran consultations on their District Plans. These plans are allocating sites for development both within the parish and close to its borders, including Crabbet Park and land rear of The Martins. Worth Parish Council has responded in full to both these consultations, and these responses have been published on our website. Although the Parish Council is only a consultee on planning matters, we always aim to represent the views of the community in our responses.

LARGE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DM/26/0303- Land North of Borers Arms Road - Still pending consideration, (Revised highway plans and supporting information received 23/07/2026.)
DM/25/3020- and DM/25/3021 Land to the West of Courthouse Farm, Copthorne Common Road - Pending consideration
DM/26/0577- Land West ff Turners Hill Road and North of Huntsland Including Hurst Farm, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down - Pending consideration
DM/26/1613 Land Parcel Adj. to Worsell Drive, Copthorne - Comments due by the 11th of September
DM/26/2053 and DM/26/2054 The Prince Albert, Copthorne Bank, Copthorne - Comments due by the 11th of September.

(Please note information is correct at time of going to press)

SOUTH ROOM, THE PARISH HUB, COPTHORNE



Our bright and spacious South Room is available to hire for one-off events or for longer term/regular bookings.

The room is suitable for a wide range of uses, including art classes, business meetings, activity sessions, workshops and so much more. It has free Internet access, excellent audio-visual equipment, access to a small kitchen and plenty of chairs and tables.

If you would like to come and take a look at the room to see if it meets your needs, please email us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

You can also find out more here https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/The_South_Room_42763.aspx

SPEEDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Copthorne Village Community Speedwatch are still in desperate need of volunteers and are appealing for more to come forward. Being a volunteer can involve as little as one hour every two or three weeks, although if you'd like to do more than that it would be welcomed. For more information, please go to communityspeedwatch.co.uk and click on Register/Join an Existing Group. Alternatively, you can email Steve O'Connell of Sussex Police at stephen.oconnell@sussex.police.uk

They now have 2,500 volunteers across Sussex, with 190 Parish Councils and 15 Wardens carrying out Community Speedwatch initiatives. They issue 5,000 letters per month to drivers for speeding; from this they only have a repeat offender rate of less than 5% out of the 60,000 or so letters sent over the year, which means drivers really do take notice.

If you witness speeding in and around the village, you can report it via Operation Crackdown at operationcrackdown.org

SAFER STREETS

An important message from Sussex Alerts: Help us to tackle anti-social behaviour.
We are actively patrolling hotspot areas, but we need your eyes and ears. If you witness anti-social behaviour you can report it here: https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/
Reports help us to target areas and discourage behaviour that makes communities feel unsafe.
By reporting issues as and when they occur, you'll be helping the Police to build a greater understanding of potential hot spots, and this can then assist with allocating resources in the future.
Remember: posting details of an incident on Facebook or other social media platform is not the same as reporting via the correct channels.

YOUTH CLUBS

Gemma, Victoria and Lauren delivered our first Worth Parish Council summer activity days. These ran for 2 weeks in the summer holidays from 9am-3pm at the Glebe Centre in Crawley Down and the Pavilion in Copthorne. These free activity days had the capacity for 20 young people per session and were aimed at those in school years 4,5 and 6. The days were filled and planned with engaging activities to keep the young people entertained. WPC looks forward to bringing these back next summer.

Our Teen Hang Out sessions also had a Sushi Making class during the holidays, this session was aimed at those in school years 7, 8 and 9. Please see below some photos of the event.





Our youth provision runs on the following days
Monday - Crawley Down at the Haven Centre 3.30-5.30pm School Years 4,5 and 6
Tuesday - Copthorne at the Parish Hub South Room 3.45-5.45pm School Years 7,8 and 9
Wednesday Copthorne at the Pavilion 4-6pm School years 5 and 6.
Thursday - The Glebe Centre Crawley Down 3.45-5.45pm School Years 7,8 and 9

All our sessions are free and run during term time only; during school holidays to find out more please contact Gemma our youth supervisor on youth@worth-pc.gov.uk
To register your child for our younger session please use https://worthparishyouth.ipalbookings.com/
Teen sessions are drop in with no need to register.

Please ensure your child also has a drink and any snacks provided must be nut-free.

It's important to note we have a limit on numbers at each Youth Club due to adult/child ratios. So be sure to check there is space for your child before leaving.

You can keep up to date with everything Youth related by following us on Instagram or Facebook.

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COPTHORNE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

As always, we would like to extend our appreciation to Julie Etheridge, Kara Hopkins, Louise Whitney and all the volunteers for their litter picking efforts in Copthorne. Details of future litter picks will be posted on our website and our Facebook page. As usual, we will provide the litter picking equipment but if you do have your own, please bring this along. If you would like to join us or register your interest, please email enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk



FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view the dates, venues and agendas for all forthcoming meetings and the minutes of meetings that have already been held on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk and click on Council Meetings.

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