

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – New Year 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our Christmases were overshadowed by the terrible incident on 22nd December in Crawley Down, in which two local ladies lost their lives; our thoughts continue to be with all the families involved.

Thanks must go to emergency services personnel who attended the scene. We are especially grateful to Inspector Pete Dommert, Sussex Police Mid Sussex Prevention Officer, who has kept the Council updated and continues to offer advice and assistance at this very sad time.

Many residents from both villages met to hold a candle-lit vigil in Crawley Down on 27th December; a very moving ceremony.

The decision was made by the Council to collect the flowers laid in tribute to the ladies in Crawley Down village centre on 8th January, as

it was felt to let these deteriorate would be disrespectful. This was carried out by me as Chairman together with the Clerk, accompanied by Rev Christine Keyte, who said a prayer entrusting the messages and expressions of caring to God's keeping. All cards were retained to be passed on to the families should they so wish.

At no point did the Council or Sussex Police receive any complaints about the flowers or the candles; all are sensitive towards the village's desire to commemorate lost friends.

Personally, I have been heartened by the way that the community has supported one another over the Christmas period. I hope that this continues over the weeks to come.

Elaine Anscomb Chairman

FLOODING OF COPTHORNE STREAM

The stream flooded along The Green before Christmas, mainly due to the exceptional rain fall in the previous weeks. Shane, the Council's groundsman, was on hand to assist in clearing debris washed from upstream, which was blocking the flow through the trash screen. MSDC officers also attended.

Work to improve the trash screen will be taking place early this year.

In the meantime, a reminder that in the last newsletter, we publicized the formation a local

Flood Action Group of volunteers, managed by WSCC. Activities would include assisting in routine maintenance thus reducing flood risk, being involved in discussions on future plans and works and helping to reduce the impact should a flood occur. Localised flooding could be monitored via volunteer Flood Wardens.

If you are interested in becoming involved in a Flood Action Group, please contact the Clerk. Full training will be given; more information can be found on the West Sussex County Council website under "Flood Action Groups"

GRANTS

Did you know that you can apply to the Parish Council for a grant? It gives grants of up to £500 to village organisations during the year. The money must be spent within six months of

receipt, and a report must be given to the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Contact the Clerk for an application form and guidance notes.

DOG BINS

Dog bins are emptied by MSDC on Mondays; some well-used bins are emptied on Thursdays too. If you need to report an overflowing bin, please do so via wastematters@midsussex.gov.uk, including the bin reference number painted on the front.

The Council has been in discussion with MSDC in relation to providing more bins in the village; however, there is no more capacity on the rounds so this is not possible. Well-wrapped dog poo bags can be disposed of in your household waste, if you cannot find space in a nearby dog bin.

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT B2028 WEST PARK RD

SES Water is giving advance warning of works taking place on West Park Rd to accommodate the redevelopment of the Haskins Snowhill Garden Centre. This will involve the laying of 3.7km of new main along the B2028 between the roundabout at the junction with B2037 and

the A22. Work is due to commence early February 2020, to finish by June 2021. Traffic will be managed via temporary lights, followed by a road closure in the spring, once the M23 have been completed. More information can be found via seswater.co.uk/westparkroad.

LOVE WEST SUSSEX

A reminder that you can report you can report potholes, damage to inspection covers,

overhanging vegetation and much more via love.westsussex.gov.uk

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings take place every other week. See our website for further details. Agendas are published on the Council's notice boards and website, with at three working days' notice.

Unless otherwise stated all meetings are open to the public and are held at 7:30pm at the Parish Council Offices, First Floor The Parish Hub, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne.

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