

# **WORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **NEWSLETTER – New Year 2020**

### *CHAIRMAN'S REPORT*

Our Christmases in Crawley Down were overshadowed by the terrible incident on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 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 villagers met to hold a candle-lit vigil on 27<sup>th</sup> December; a very moving ceremony.

The decision was made by the Council to collect the flowers laid in tribute to the ladies in the village centre on 8<sup>th</sup> January, as it was felt to let these deteriorate would be disrespectful. This was carried out by me as Chairman together

### *ROYAL OAK PUB PROPOSALS*

The proposals to build 8 flats as extensions to the Royal Oak pub are still ongoing. A viability report is currently being awaited from the developer. In our last newsletter it was

### *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

### *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](mailto:wastematters@midsussex.gov.uk), including the bin reference number painted on the front.

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*

anticipated that the application would not be considered before January 2020. However, as the viability report is yet to be received by MSDC, this timetable will have to be revised.

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

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.

## VILLAGE CENTRE DE-FIBRILLATOR

The Council purchased a de-fibrillator unit some years ago; this is situated in McColls. However, it has been thought for some time that this location is not very accessible in an emergency. We are currently investigating purchasing a

cabinet to house the unit on an outside wall at the shops. This will be tamper proof to discourage damage, but easy to get into when the need arises. We will keep you updated as to our progress.

## 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](http://seswater.co.uk/westparkroad).

## REPAIR CAFÉ - 2019 "ANNUAL" REPORT

The Crawley Down and Turners Hill Repair held its first meeting in September 2019 and followed this with further meetings in October and November. Unusually for a Repair Café the meetings were held alternately in the Haven Centre in Crawley Down and The Ark in Turners Hill. Both of these venues offer excellent facilities and the close proximity of the two villages means that residents of one have not been deterred from attending meetings in the other.

The three meetings in 2019 resulted in 23 items being repaired, a success rate of 60%, and a total of £170 being raised in donations to the Royal Marsden, the British Legion, and the Crawley Down Christmas Lights. Just over half the items brought in for repair were small electrical items with vacuum cleaners leading the way. Other items brought in in smaller numbers included clocks, ornaments, computers, smartphones, jewellery, clothing and bicycles.

One of the great things about the Repair Café is that a successful repair creates a positive

feeling for the Repairer as well as the Owner. The team of volunteers is now in double figures but there is plenty of opportunity for more to join.

A full programme of meetings has been booked for 2020 (meetings are on the 4th Saturday of every month except August and December) and will again alternate between the Haven Centre and The Ark, starting in The Ark on 25th January. The Café is open to everyone, not just residents of Crawley Down and Turners Hill. There's no charge for repairs and the coffee is free, but donations are welcome.

Finally, even if you've nothing to repair, come and see what it's all about – the coffee is free! If you've got a box of spare springs, washers, old vacuum clear parts, etc. bring them along; they will be put to good use.

Contact Ian Gibson via  
[repair.cafe@kilnwood.com](mailto:repair.cafe@kilnwood.com) for more  
information.



## 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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