



Worth Parish Council

Newsletter

New Year 2022

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and hoping you and your families had a good break and stayed safe. I know that the incidences of COVID locally were absolutely rife over the holidays, so if you managed to avoid this, well done. If not, hopefully it did not disrupt proceedings too much!

There was not much activity in the Council over the holidays as I hope you will appreciate, but there are a couple of things I would like to raise awareness of and update.

Copthorne Recreation Ground

We are considering plans to seek funding to replace the playground at Copthorne Recreation Ground as it is in need of major updating. Tied in with this we are also considering options for a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) to provide additional amenities on this site. We are hoping we can achieve this with existing S106 monies available.

There is also a 'slightly' bigger idea to move the playground and potential MUGA further back into the recreation ground and maybe create additional parking at the front, but this is very much in its infancy and would require a lot more investigation from viability, desirability, and funding aspects. Will keep you all posted of any further thoughts on this.

Not directly related to the recreation ground, but we are also considering options for using S106 monies to provide 4G training facilities and maybe further football playing areas.

Heathy Wood Pedestrian and Cycle Route

Our discussions with St Modwen Developments (SMD) continue to be very engaging and hopefully fruitful. In a recent meeting they appraised us of the situation regarding the cycle routes connecting the new development which will benefit existing residents of Copthorne as well as the new development, and we are very excited to see these implemented. Below is an update of the current status.

Planning consent was granted for a pedestrian and cycle link from the Heathy Wood development site through the A264 underpass to the A2220 on the 21st October 2020. St. Modwen Developments is targeting implementation of the link by Summer 2022, although there are some landownership issues to agree before this can commence.

Planning consent was granted on the 1st December 2021 for a pedestrian and cycle link which will run from the M23 overbridge ramp southwards. This route will link into the new pedestrian and cycle link that has been delivered between the two industrial units. SMD is targeting implementation of the link later this year.

SMD is aware of the issues associated with the signage adjacent to the route which extends diagonally from Worsell Drive to Copthorne Way and is in discussions with the County Council to resolve these. The signage is under the control of the County Council as they are the Highways Authority.

So, I hope you are all able to meet your New Year's resolutions and also hope that COVID finally takes a parting bow at some point soon! All that being the case I wish you all a prosperous 2022 and look forward to continuing to work on your behalf for a better Copthorne.

Tony Dorey, Chairman

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Offices are open to the public every weekday from 9.30am – 12 noon. If you plan to visit us, please ensure you wear a mask and sanitise your hands on entering and exiting the building.

You can find us on the First Floor of the Parish Hub in Copthorne. Full address details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We have an established website where you can find the latest news, our services, agendas and minutes of our meetings and much more. Please visit www.worth-pc.gov.uk

You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/worthparishcouncil or by scanning the QR code at the end of this newsletter.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Monday 7 th February 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 21 st February 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 7 th March 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 21 st March 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 4 th April 2022	Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 11 th April 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 25 th April 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & highways Committee

All meetings start at 7.30pm and all agendas and minutes are on the Council website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk

STREETS SAFE

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell the Police about public places where they have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

You can find out more here www.police.uk/streetsafe

Please note: 'StreetSafe' is not for reporting crime or incidents.

DO THE RIGHT THING CAMPAIGN

A unique campaign launched in December to encourage men how to recognise sexual harassment and misogynistic behaviour and give them the confidence and skills to safely call it out when they witness it.

The "Do the Right Thing" campaign, initiated by Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne, has the backing of local celebrities such as musician Norman Cook (Fatboy Slim), actor John Simm, cricketer Tymal Mills and author Peter James.

Posters in train stations and supermarkets and beer mats in Wetherspoons and Harveys pubs across the county will include a QR code pointing to www.safespacesussex.org.uk/do-the-right-thing where a short video provides information about the campaign.

Visitors to the website can also sign up for free bystander intervention training that helps identify misogyny and sexual harassment and builds necessary confidence to tackle it.

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "The aim of my Do the Right Thing campaign is to encourage all men to challenge their friends and colleagues who may cross the line. Perhaps your friend has shared an explicit photo, or wolf whistled at a woman on a night out. These things may seem harmless or a bit of fun, but I would encourage anyone to consider how they would feel if the target of that attention was their partner, sister or mother.

SUSSEX POLICE PCSO BEAT SURGERIES

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding a drop-in surgery at The Copthorne Parish Hub on Sunday 27th February from 12.30pm to 13.30pm.

Further dates will be published on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk under Latest News.

How to report a crime to us:

As always in an emergency please dial 999

For non-emergencies please dial 101, alternatively you can report non-emergency matters online at www.sussex.police.uk

HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM

The bright and spacious South Room situated on the first floor of the Parish Hub in Copthorne is available to hire for a range of events. These have included exercise classes, formal meetings and birthday parties. If you would like to make a booking visit the Council website www.worth-pc.gov.uk and click on Parish Services.

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USEFUL CONTACTS

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Planning <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/planning/>

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