



Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

Autumn 2022 Newsletter Copthorne Village

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Council matters are in full flow after the recess and by the time you read this, we should know the final decision from Mid Sussex District Council regarding whether Worth Parish Council should split or not. Whatever the decision, there will be a lot of work for the Council to do. Obviously if the decision is to split there will be months of work to separate the financial, asset and employment aspects of the existing Council, but even if we do not split there will likely be a re-launch of the Council name and identity to handle as well as looking at the relationship between the two villages following such a major event. I am confident that with the help of our excellent Officers and my fellow Members we can achieve what is required regardless of the outcome. I also look forward to putting this behind us and progressing with the challenges of achieving the vision and goals set for our villages without the distraction.

I am extremely proud to announce that we have successfully promoted one of our existing Groundsman to a Supervisor role as part of our next initiative to improve the Council infrastructure. Having this Supervisor position will give us motivated 'eyes and ears' to look at the landscape of our villages and how we can improve them for existing and future residents. I am confident that alongside the partnership we have signed with West Sussex County Council, we can start to ensure both villages get the facelift they deserve and the maintenance to preserve the new look. We will keep you informed of new initiatives as they appear and look to you all for ideas on how we can maximise this opportunity.

We had the Purple Bus event on the Copthorne Village Green recently and the response to this was amazing. It gave us an opportunity to inform locals of what we are trying to achieve going forward to support our youth. Unfortunately, this has coincided with one of the founders of the new Copthorne Youth Club standing down due to personal commitments, so we are now urgently seeking someone to take over the mantle to keep this most important initiative moving forward. If any of you are willing to discuss this, please contact our Clerk to express an interest and I assure you that you will receive as much support as you can get from the Council Officers and Members.

On a similar note, the Copthorne Working Party has been discussing recent problems with car theft and attempted burglaries. This has prompted a desire to step up the Neighbourhood Watch initiative to ensure these issues get the local focus they warrant. If you are interested in getting involved with Neighbourhood Watch, again, please contact our Clerk to express your interest.

We are also moving into the budget phase of the Council to set the budget for next year (2023-24). This may sound very premature, but it is a lengthy process that takes a lot of managing. If you have any specific ideas of projects that you would like considered in future budgets, please contact the Council with an aim of alerting the Working Party to any such needs for future consideration.

Tony Dorey, Chairman

NEWS FROM WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Our priority for the Parish is to ensure a true "Village feel" and that Crawley Down and Copthorne are safe, attractive and enjoyable places for our existing and future residents to live. To find out more why not look at our [Vision document](#).

EIGHT ACRES OF LAND URGENTLY NEEDED FOR SPORTS FACILITIES IN COPTHORNE

COPTHORNE MEN'S TEAM TO HOST FA CUP MATCH! Wouldn't it be great if this were to happen? But at the moment it can't. In the season that has just started, Copthorne Football Club men's first team are having to play home matches at Horsham and Acorns Copthorne Ladies Football Club first team are having to play home matches at Lingfield. This is so they can progress up the football pyramid as we do not have the land and facilities in Copthorne that they require to compete at a higher level.

In September 2012, Copthorne women's team did play an Emirates FA Cup match at King George V Field in front of 200 spectators and later in the season entertained and beat Leyton Orient, but this could not happen at the moment due to higher FA ground requirements.

It is not just about teams playing at a higher level, it is very much about children's and grassroots football. We have boys' teams in the village from under 6 to under 18, we have four girls' teams, and this is growing with the success of the national women's team in the recent Euro's, we have four men's teams and three women's teams.

We currently have one adult pitch and one youth pitch in Copthorne to try and accommodate the home fixtures for these teams. This results in the football clubs spending many £'000's in Crawley, East Grinstead, Lingfield and Horsham for pitches and training facilities. Wouldn't it be better if this money was being spent in Copthorne to improve and expand sports facilities for not just football but sports generally in Copthorne?

We are in the fortunate position through contributions from the housing development going on to the west of the village and the generosity of residents in the village who are, for a limited period, prepared to finance the building of a new facility to the standard that would enable our teams to return to the village. This would enable to build a full-size artificial training pitch which would also be suitable for other sports and a new football pitch with the necessary changing rooms, floodlights and other requirements. Not only would we redirect the money that our teams are spending elsewhere back to Copthorne, but we would be able to hire the facilities to clubs outside the village, thereby earning more funds to develop sport and recreation in Copthorne.

ALL WE NEED IS EIGHT ACRES OF LAND! If anyone is aware of or owns land that could be purchased or leased for a long period within Copthorne, the Parish Council and the football clubs would love to hear from you.

Please contact me at chris.phillips@worth-pc.gov.uk or phone me on 07957 148923.

Chris Phillips – Worth Parish & Mid Sussex District Councillor & Chairman – Copthorne Sports & Community Association Ltd.

VULNERABLE RESIDENTS IN THE PARISH

There are people in all communities that are seen as potentially vulnerable in an emergency or crisis. For example, children, the elderly, those with mobility difficulties, those who receive care from relatives, the homeless (this list is not exhaustive).

Many of our vulnerable residents will be known to existing service providers (people who live or are present in vulnerable establishments such as schools, nursing homes or day centres).

There will be others who, for a variety of reasons, are more difficult to identify – such as those who live in the community as individuals, visitors to the area or the homeless. Contingency arrangements are needed to ensure they are not overlooked. Therefore, Worth Parish Council will hold a list of vulnerable individuals in the Parish. So, if we are faced with a local emergency, we can ensure that we help those who need it most.

If you know of anyone in the Parish who you deem as vulnerable and would like to include them on our confidential list, please contact us at the office on 01342 713407 to discuss this further or email us at comms@worth-pc.gov.uk

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

All meetings start at 7.30pm and you can find agendas and minutes on our [website](#).

Monday 3 rd October 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 17 th October 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 31 st October 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 14 th November 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 28 th November 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 12 th December 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

TIME FOR DEMENTIA

Local families affected by dementia are being invited to take part in an award-winning programme, to help train the healthcare professionals of tomorrow and improve dementia care.

The Time for Dementia project, supported by Alzheimer's Society, pairs families affected by dementia with undergraduate students, helping to better educate them about life with dementia and the challenges that come with it.

This autumn a new cohort of Brighton and Sussex Medical School medical students will be taking part and Alzheimer's Society are now seeking families in the area who would like the opportunity to make a difference to training health professionals.

Time for Dementia is a fantastic way for the next generation of healthcare professionals to gain first-hand knowledge of what it's like living with dementia.

If you would like to know more about the project, or you know someone with dementia and a family carer who would like to take part, please get in touch with us at timefordementia@alzheimers.org.uk or call 07483 137539. More information can also be found from [Alzheimer's Society](#).

SAFE AND WELL VISITS, WEST SUSSEX FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Samantha Barber is the new Rural Engagement Officer for West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service offering free Safe and Well visits. This service supports vulnerable residents ensuring they are fire safe at home.

They advise on important aspects of fire safety including testing smoke detectors to ensure they are working and talk about how to reduce the risk of fire in the home including kitchen fire safety, electrical fire safety, safe heating practices, smoking cigarettes safely and escape plans. They can supply free equipment such as smoke detectors, deaf alarms and also provide equipment to protect you when you are smoking in your homes.

You can get in touch by emailing Samantha at Samantha.barber@westsussex.gov.uk. If you are a local business/community group and would like an informal presentation about safe and well visits, please also contact Samantha Barber.

HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM @ THE PARISH HUB IN COPTHORNE

Our bright and spacious South Room is available to hire for a range of events such as birthday parties, meetings, or exercise classes. If you would like to make a booking please call us on 01342 713407 or take a look at our [website](#)

Here is some feedback about the South Room



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To assist compliance with data protection, any email contact regarding Council matters should be made via the email addresses listed below.

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USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

[Anti-social Behaviour](#)

Report anti-social behaviour to Sussex Police online or by calling 101. If it's an emergency or someone is in immediate danger call 999.

[Anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles](#)

Report any anti-social driving or abandoned vehicles to Operation Crackdown.

[Love West Sussex](#)

Love West Sussex site and Love Clean Streets app allows you to inform West Sussex County Council of any highways issues such as potholes, overgrown vegetation, damaged kerbs, footpaths and verges, which you come across in the county.

[Noise Issues](#)

You can report a noise issue contact the Environmental Protection Team at Mid Sussex District Council 01444 477292 or at pollution@midsussex.gov.uk

[One Network](#)

Find out about roadworks in your area

[Planning](#)

Visit the West Sussex County Council website to find, comment on or submit a planning application.

[Streetlights](#)

Street lighting in Worth Parish is partly the responsibility of Worth Parish Council and partly of West Sussex County Council. Any Worth Parish Council streetlighting faults should be reported to the Council office on 01342 713407 or at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk. You can find a list of all Worth Parish Council owned streetlights at the link above.

[Sussex Safer Roads Partnership](#)



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