



Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

Autumn 2022 Newsletter Crawley Down 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 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

CRAWLEY DOWN ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY

The litter pick that was planned for August was postponed because it was too hot but another date in October is being scheduled.

The noticeboards around the tree by the Village shops are in poor state of repair and we are having discussions about replacing these, possibly with an electronic noticeboard. We are also in discussions with BT about removing the disused phone box. We would like to improve the area in front of Velvety Ginger and McColl's and are negotiating with the landlords to ensure that they support any work that we do, and this work will not get in the way of anything they might do in the future.

The installation of an electricity supply to the Village Green has been approved. The cost of this, at several thousand pounds, required Full Council approval. This will support the CDRA (Crawley Down Resident's Association) with any future events they may wish hold on the Village Green.

The parking plans for Bowers Place have been agreed by Mid Sussex District Council and so the project moves into the next phase; funding for this has been set aside by the Council.

Residents will have noticed that Worth Parish Council has advertised that a Youth Club will be starting in the village. Discussions have been held with the leaders of the Youth Club at the Church who have told us

that they are looking for new volunteers as they cannot continue after the end of the year. The Council's plans for this should fill the void but please do make contact with the Clerk with ideas as to what is needed for your family and whether you would consider being involved.

The Purple Bus visited The Haven Centre in August as part of Play Days on Tour. We were grateful to The Haven Centre for opening their doors allowing the activities indoors due to the heavy rain we had that day. We are keen to see it visit the Parish on a regular basis in future.

Many of the roads and footpaths in and around the village are in poor condition. We have organised an official inspection visit by the West Sussex Council Executive responsible and he will walkaround with Councillors and the Clerk to assess what needs to be done. Worth Parish Council is considering taking over some of the work itself if West Sussex County Council is not able to provide resources to do it in a reasonable timeframe.

Finally, it is great to see so many families using the Village Green Play Park. The Council would like to make this even better, but plans are on hold until the Bowers Place parking and the electricity supply to the Village Green have been installed. During the next few months Councillors will be asking users of the play park for their ideas on what they would like to see there.

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](#).

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



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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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