

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – Spring 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No doubt like me you are looking forward to Spring, and hopefully less rain!

The rain has had a serious impact on road surfaces, and potholes have increased in number and size. See the Love West Sussex article below for information on how to report these to West Sussex County Council, the body that has responsibility for roads.

The Council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on 6th April at 7.30pm in the South

Room at the Parish Hub. This is sometimes called the "Electors Meeting" and is where all are welcome to express their views on what projects they would like the Council to pursue, or indeed on any item of interest to them. Refreshments will be served after the meeting – I look forward to seeing you there.

In the meantime, if you have any issue that you would like the Council to address, please contact one of the Councillors below, or our Clerk.

Elaine Anscomb, Chairman

COPTHORNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

The Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan Steering group have been working on preparing evidence-based documents.

Both the Heritage and Local Green Space Assessments are now out for consultation from 9th March to 6th April 2020.

You can find copies of these together with a questionnaire for you to complete with your views and opinions at www.worth-pc.gov.uk - just click on the Neighbourhood Plan option -

or find us on Facebook at @copthorneneighbourhoodplan. Alternatively, hard copies are available to view at the Parish Office in the Parish Hub.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01342 713407 or nplan@worthpc.gov.uk, or you can drop into The Parish Hub on Monday 16th March between 10-12am or Thursday 2nd April between 6-8pm to meet with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group to discuss your views.

GYPSY & TRAVELLER SITE CONSULTATION

Mid Sussex District Council is currently consulting on proposals for eight permanent pitches on land off Old Hollow. This proposed scheme revises the previous application, having fewer pitches on a less dense site. The proposal includes a site manager's office, a landscaped open area for children's play and adequate parking and private amenity space on each pitch. A protective barrier along part of the perimeter will reduce noise and this will be accompanied by the planting of trees and

shrubs to help the site blend into the natural surroundings. There will also be a footpath to link the site to Copthorne village.

This consultation commenced on 18th February and will run until midnight on 31st March 2020.

The plans and an explanation of the proposals are available to view online at www.wyg.com/planning/consultations/hollow-copse.

GATWICK AIRPORT

You may recall that Gatwick Airport published a Masterplan in 2018. Based on the results of this consultation it is preparing to progress bringing the standby/emergency runway into operation

alongside the main runway. This would increase passenger capacity from 47 million to 70 million by the mid 2030s. To do so it must lodge a Development Control Order with the

Government, which is a way of seeking planning permission for these proposals.

The Airport will be holding a public consultation on its proposals which will run from May to July 2020.

Once the Development Control Order is lodged, there is a three-month period during which the proposals are compliance-tested, followed by a six-month period of examination. After examination, there is a further six months

FLOOD ACTION GROUP

A reminder that we are still looking for volunteers to form a local Flood Action Group in Copthorne. 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.

GRANTS

Did you know that you can apply to the Parish Council for a grant? It gives grants of up to £750 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, including the bin reference number painted on the front.

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT B2028 WEST PARK RD

In the last newsletter we advised that the works by SES Water were to commence in February. The start date has now been put back to 16th March, finishing June 2021. A reminder that the works are to be on West Park Rd to accommodate the redevelopment of the Haskins Snowhill Garden Centre. This will

LOVE WEST SUSSEX

Potholes seem to be very bad at the moment, due to the ongoing rain. A reminder that you can report potholes, damage to inspection

during which the report is written, and the Secretary of State makes a decision. At the moment, the timetable is to submit the Order in April 2021, with a decision by mid 2022.

The Parish Council is currently considering its approach to the imminent consultation, balancing its deliberations between the impact on local infrastructure that increased air traffic and passenger numbers might have, and the fact that the Airport is a significant employer in the area.

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"

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.

involve the laying of 3.7km of new main along the B2028 between the roundabout at the junction with B2037 and the A22. 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

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

BOOKING OF THE PARISH HUB SOUTH ROOM

The South Room is situated on the first floor of the Parish Hub, serviced by a fully accessible lift, and is available to hire through the Parish Council.

Use of the kitchenette with kettle, fridge and microwave is included in all hires. Limited crockery and utensils are available. If more substantial catering facilities are required, the ground floor kitchen may be available at an additional cost.

There is a coin operated hot drinks machine should hirers prefer, plus a chilled water cooler.

The room itself has capacity for 40 persons seated in conference style or 54 seated in theatre style. There is access to free Wi-Fi, and Audio/Visual equipment is available at an additional cost

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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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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