

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

ROYAL OAK PUB PROPOSALS

The proposals to build 8 flats as extensions to the Royal Oak pub are still ongoing. The viability report has been received from the

developer, but there are queries outstanding. There is currently no date for the application to be discussed by MSDC at a planning meeting.

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 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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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