

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – Summer 2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hopefully by the time you read this England will have been crowned European Champions in the football having reached the final shortly before I wrote this article!

Having now Chaired my first two full Council meetings, I am very much enjoying this opportunity and the support I am getting from the Officers and my fellow members. I truly believe we can now start moving forward with some of the initiatives we need to improve both our villages and look forward to being able to report good news and progress in the future.

I was also very happy to be involved with the Copthorne Village Support Group set up to help those in need during the pandemic lockdown months. The organisers and the volunteers did a fantastic job to ensure everybody was looked after. It really did highlight the amazing support and generosity that prevails in our village. I was

therefore very proud for all of us when we received a personal letter of thanks from HM Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex – a very fitting tribute.

I'm sure we all have everything crossed that on 19th July the Government will announce the lifting of COVID restrictions and allow us to return to a more normal life that has been long-awaited. I also welcome that this will allow the Council to return to our normal working conditions and allow us to continue to work on your behalf to keep our villages safe and attractive for us all.

Unfortunately, I cannot make this year's Copthorne Carnival on 24th July as I have a prior commitment, but I hope that you all join in the festivities and enjoy the day. I will keep my fingers crossed that we are blessed with good weather on the day.

Tony Dorey Chairman

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

At the time of writing, we believe that the majority of Covid restrictions will be lifted on 19th July. Therefore, the Parish Office will be open to the public from that date, but visitors please be aware that they are still required to wear a mask in communal areas, and to

sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the building.

There are no scheduled Council meetings in August; from September meetings will again take place in the South Room, on the first floor of the Parish Hub.

All agendas and minutes are on our website worth-pc.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Monday, 6 th Sept 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 20 th Sept 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 4 th Oct 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 18 th Oct 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 1 st Nov 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 15 th Nov 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

All meetings start at 7.30pm

COPTHORNE ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY (FORMERLY CWIG)

Firstly, and to more accurately represent the nature of its many endeavours, we have decided to change the name CIWG (Coptborne Insight Working Group) to CEIWP, the Coptborne Environment and Infrastructure Working party. This name change also brings us more in line with the work being done by Worth Parish Councillors in Crawley Down and better reflects the many diverse issues that we face in ensuring that the residents of Coptborne continue to enjoy the village life experience for years to come.

Coptborne Carnival

The 24th July sees the return of the much loved Coptborne Carnival. This event is an opportunity for residents to meet and enjoy the many stalls and fairground attractions that have become part of this annual event.

Worth Parish Council will have its own presence at the carnival and representatives from CEIWP will be manning the stall at various times during the day giving you the opportunity to meet with and discuss any issues that you believe important. Please pop along, and introduce

yourself. We would love to hear from you and your ideas on how your council can better serve you the residents.

Youth Group

One of CEIWP's main initiatives over the next two years is the introduction and ongoing development of a Youth Support Group. COVID has highlighted the lack of opportunities available to the younger generation in our village and a lack of options outside the home where their generation can meet and socially interact away from the usual technological options.

Ultimately it is our plan to provide activities and facilities for young people of between 8 and 16 years of age. There will be representation by youth support volunteers at the carnival and we invite parents and carers of young people within these ages to visit the stall to not only discuss the plans we currently have, but also to hear ideas from you as to how we might better serve this important demographic within Coptborne.

UPDATE ON COPTHORNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are now in the final stages of the Plan. It has been received and reviewed by the independent examiner, and has been subsequently updated in line with the recommendations in his final report.

Mid Sussex District Council has issued a decision statement which will be considered by Cabinet on 26th July.

It is hoped that the plan will proceed to referendum in September 2021. This will be

advertised throughout the village when the date is known.

We urge you to take the time to vote in this referendum – our Neighbourhood Plan is a vital document which promotes a shared vision for growth and development in the village in order to meet community needs.

The draft plan can be found at our website worth-pc.gov.uk, via the Neighbourhood Planning links

WATERSHED WORKS TO THE STREAM ON THE GREEN

You will have noticed that the works to the trash screen on the stream has been taking much longer than expected. A trash screen is a

grille that catches debris to stop the stream getting blocked. It is custom made, and issues with the manufacture have caused the delay.

OPERATION CRACKDOWN

Did you know that you can report incidences of bad driving or illegal parking to Sussex Police via their Crackdown website? If you can take a photo of the offence and upload it all the better.

You can find it via this link <http://www.operationcrackdown.org/> or just type "Operation Crackdown" in your search bar.

HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM

With Covid restrictions being lifted on 19th July, the South Room is now open to all hires.

Prior to March 2020, activities included mother and toddler classes, personal training sessions,

general fitness sessions and other community groups. Please contact Tracy, the Deputy Clerk via deputyclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk if you wish to enquire about hiring this facility.

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Parish Office

From 19th July 2021, the Council Offices will be open to the public 9:30 am to 12 noon Monday – Friday

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