

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – Winter 2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Now the Council has sprung back into life following the summer recess, the meeting schedule is back to full strength and there is a lot for us to consider.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those involved over the last 9 years or so now our Neighbourhood Plan has finally been made by MSDC. I know this will not mean a lot to those who are unfamiliar with the planning process, but this document is so important in giving us a level of security regarding future planning decisions that we did not have prior to the Plan. It has been a long journey and a lot of effort and again I sincerely thank those that have volunteered their time for this.

We have also had great news in the last week or so (prior to me typing this!) that Stacey has accepted the job as Communications & IT Administrator at Worth Parish Council. Stacey was an excellent candidate and I feel we are lucky she has accepted the position. This will help to fill a skill gap that has existed for a while, and I am confident it will allow us to

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The Parish Office is now open again to the public, but visitors please be aware that they are still required to wear a mask in communal areas, and to sanitise their hands on entering

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

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Monday, 15 th Nov 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 29 th Nov 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 6 th Dec 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 20 th Dec 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 10 th Jan 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 24 th Jan 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

All meetings start at 7.30pm

better communicate the workings of the Council and raise awareness with our residents. Welcome Stacey and buckle up for a fast ride – we need your help!

It has now been confirmed that MSDC have accepted the petition to conduct a Community Governance Review to determine whether Crawley Down should have its own, separate Council. This will be a new process for us all and will require a lot of time and effort from Councillors and Officers alike. Please make yourself familiar with this and watch out for communication from MSDC throughout the process. This is a significant move and may have a big impact on Copthorne residents. We will keep you aware throughout the process as soon as we have anything to communicate.

As the last knockings of summer comes to an end, the nights close in and the weather worsens, please look after yourselves – and each other.

Tony Dorey, Chairman

and leaving the building. The Office is open 9.30am to 12 noon, Monday to Friday.

Meetings are again taking place in the South Room, on the first floor of the Parish Hub.

COPTHORNE ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY

Christmas Tree

By the time you read this article Christmas will be almost upon us. We will again be planting a Christmas tree on the village green opposite the school, and we hope that all our residents will have the opportunity to enjoy the spectacle and at the same time reflect on another year's passing.

Platinum Jubilee Tree

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. We are currently looking for locations in the village so we as a village can share in this mark of respect for Her Majesty.

MUGA

The Council is now actively looking into the possibility of constructing a Multi Surface Games Area (or MUGA) somewhere in the village. A Multi Use Games Area is usually a steel anti vandal outdoor fenced area with built in goal post units for various types of sports games, such as football, basketball or tennis or

indeed many other kinds of sporting activities. We hope this initiative (incidentally brought to the council by a resident) will provide much needed facilities for the younger generation and those who generally enjoy sport and fitness.

Community Government Review (CGR)

You may already be aware that a petition, signed by the requisite number of residents from Crawley Down, was submitted to MSDC proposing that Crawley Down leaves what is presently Worth Parish Council and forms its own independent Parish Council.

MSDC has considered the petition and issued draft Terms of Reference for the review. The present Worth Parish Council members are looking at this in detail and responding to MSDC with its own observations.

Once the final terms of reference are agreed we expect that each household will receive further communication on the timescales for a wider public consultation and how you can have your say on this important matter.

As always, if you have any questions about this or indeed any subject relating to Copthorne and the activities of your local parish councillors then please do not hesitate to contact one of your local parish representatives.

TRANSPORT SURVEY

Thank you to all of you who completed the Transport Survey included in the last edition of this magazine. We are currently analysing the

data provided. If you offered assistance to Community Transport Sussex, they will be in touch shortly.

EXTENSION TO 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT

The Parish Council is lobbying West Sussex County Council to try to get the 7.5 tonne weight limit extended in the village, to cover Brookhill Rd, Copthorne Bank into Surrey, and Borers Arms Rd. County Councillor Bruce Forbes

has indicated his support. Letters have been written to all businesses in these roads. Should the project progress, a full consultation will be held, but if you hold strong view, please email these to the Clerk via clerk@worth-pc.gov.uk.

SUSSEX POLICE PSCO BEAT SURGERIES

Our two local PSCOs, Sophie Norman and Roxie Rye, are holding drop-in beat surgeries in the South Room on the First Floor of the Parish Hub. These will be on

Friday 12th November 2021 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Friday 10th December 2021 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

If there are any issues you would like to discuss, please pop along to meet your local officers and speak to them.

They will also have Crime Prevention Advice and literature, which will include information on Neighbourhood Watch.

How to report a crime to us:

As always in an emergency please dial 999

For non-emergencies please dial 101, alternatively you can report non-emergency matters online at <https://www.sussex.police.uk>

Useful contacts:

Noise Complaints: Environmental Health – pollution@midsussex.gov.uk or www.midsussex.gov.uk/environment/noise-issues/

Abandoned vehicles: Operation Crackdown - <http://www.operationcrackdown.org>

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.

Parish Councillor Contact Details

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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Parish Office

The Council Offices are open to the public 9:30 am to 12 noon Monday – Friday

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