

Worth Parish Council
Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on
4th April 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

Present:

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| Cllr Dorey (Chairman) | Cllr Scott (Vice Chairman) |
| Cllr Casella | Cllr Dymond |
| Cllr Cruickshank | Cllr Cruickshank |
| Cllr Hodsdon | Cllr Mayor |
| Cllr King | Cllr Pointer |
| Cllr Stewart | |
| Mrs J Nagy (Clerk) | No members of the public |

236 Public Question Time

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. There were no members of the public present. He advised that the meeting was being recorded.

237 Apologies

Apologies were noted and accepted from Cllrs Coote, Gibson, Hitchcock, Lord, Phillips and Webb

238 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

239 Minutes

It was AGREED by all present that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21st March 2022 were a true and correct record with no amendments.

240 Chairman's Announcements

Following the resignation of Mrs Anscomb, MSDC has confirmed that an election has NOT been called, and the Council is able to co-opt.

The Clerk has issued posters to publicise this, and will be advertising on the website and social media. Co-option will be considered at the meeting on 25th April.

The Chairman noted that considering the response to the Community Governance Review was on the agenda for this meeting. Once submitted, he hoped that the Council could get back to usual Council business, much of which had been put on hold over the past weeks due to time and resources being spent on the Review.

241 Correspondence & Action List

The correspondence and action lists were NOTED

242 Committees

The following Committee Minutes and actions therein were NOTED.

Planning & Highways Committee, 7th March 2022
Date of next meeting: 4th April 2022

243 County Councillors' Report

Cllr Forbes was not present at the meeting. Cllr Gibson had given apologies for this meeting, but had submitted the following report:

The West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 was approved by Council on 1st April. It is

more of a strategy (words) than a plan (firm proposals) and contains nothing of comfort for the problems that we face in the Parish or the ambitions that we have for sustainable transport routes.

244 District Councillors Report

Cllrs Coote, Gibson, Phillips and Webb had given apologies for the meeting. Cllr Gibson had submitted the following report:

As District Councillor I want to express disappointment about the approach adopted by Mid Sussex for the Village Action Plans. The contractor was not told of the offer from WPC to match the MSDC funding with the result that the Crawley Down and Copthorne plans are receiving half the effort devoted to the plans for Cuckfield, Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and Lindfield.

The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries with MSDC on this matter.

245 Accounts & Financial Matters

Monetary Support for Jubilee Events

At the last meeting, it was agreed to donate £2,500 to each village to assist in the funding of the two Jubilee events. At this matter was not on the agenda, this decision must be ratified.

However, since the meeting, the RFO would prefer both sums to be ringfenced and orders placed by the Council, as this would assist both villages in that the Council can re-claim VAT.

It was AGREED by all present that the sums of £2,500 for each village to assist in the finance of Jubilee celebrations would be ringfenced, with the Council ordering and paying for goods and services on behalf of the two village Jubilee committees.

246 Council Land & Buildings

Jazz on the Green

The Clerk has become aware that a Jazz on the Green event is to be held on Copthorne Green on 5th June. She has contacted the organisers advising that they need to seek permission; she will bring this to GP&F or Council once she has more details.

Councillors NOTED this information.

Southern Section of Copthorne Green

As reported at the last meeting, the Clerk has written to the Diocese of Chichester advising of its responsibility as landowner of the southern triangle of Copthorne Green.

The Diocese has responded to acknowledge this responsibility and the Clerk should contact the Incumbent and Churchwardens of St Nicholas Church in Worth in case of any issues.

Councillors NOTED this information.

247 Community Governance Review

The CGR Working Party met on 30th March, and has agreed a response to the consultation. As agreed at the last meeting, this response is against any division.

The draft had been circulated as a confidential paper.

It was AGREED by a majority vote of ten for, one against, that the draft be submitted as a formal response to the Community Governance Review consultation, without amendment.

Cllr Hodson asked about deployment of the Council's SID camera, which had been mentioned at the public meetings.

The Clerk advised that it was not possible to put up the camera during Covid due to the risk assessment not allowing the two grounds persons to be in close contact. Since such restrictions had been lifted, she has been delayed in re-activating the camera due to the time being spent on CGR matters. This is now a priority action.

Councillors NOTED this information

248 Reporting of Anti-Social Behaviour

The Clerk advised that further to reports at the last meeting relating to drug use in the car park at Copthorne Social Club, she had had a similar report from a resident whose property bordered the Recreation Ground. This resident declined to report this activity to the police.

She had also been told of drug paraphernalia being found in the grounds of Copthorne Pavilion.

She had reported both to the PSCOs, but they replied that whilst they can patrol, they have no jurisdiction there, as the Pavilion is in Surrey.

The Clerk was asked to check this with Inspector Taylor, as it was previously thought that they did have authority in the Pavilion grounds.

It was noted that cars had been stolen in Copthorne, but it appeared that these were stolen to order. It was thought that CCTV in the village would assist with tracking such activity.

249 Website Data

The website data was NOTED.

250 Reports from representatives attending outside meetings.

MSALC meeting, 24th February, attended by Cllr Gibson

As Cllr Gibson had sent apologies, the Clerk will ask him for a written report of this meeting.

251 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 25th April 2022.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____