

Worth Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 12th January 2026 commencing at 7.52 pm

Present:	Cllr Phillips (Chair) Cllr Casella Cllr Dorey Cllr King Cllr Williams	Cllr Scott (Vice Chair) Cllr Coote Cllr Hodsdon Cllr Kipps Cllr Wilson
	Mrs L Bannister (Chief Officer)	Representative of Crawley Down Cricket Club

088 Public Question Time

No questions were raised at this point in the meeting.

089 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lord and Pointer.

090 Declarations of Interest

None.

091 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1st December 2025, subject to adding the word 'application' to item 081, paragraph 4. This changes the sentence 'A grant of £550...' to 'A grant application of £550...'.

The Minutes were amended and duly signed by Cllr Phillips.

092 Chairman's Announcements

None.

093 Correspondence List

It was NOTED that:

- a. The grant application to Unity Trust Bank for youth items was not approved.
- b. The fees for the Unity Trust Bank are increasing by £1 per month.

094 Accounts and Financial Matters

Financial information

Financial information was included in the meeting pack. It was RESOLVED that the financial information was a true representation of the current financial situation.

Cllr Phillips noted that the electricity usage for the street lights still appears low. This is in the process of being resolved and the budget is expected to be spent for this item.

Bank Reconciliations

It was NOTED that the bank reconciliations to 31st December have been completed and signed by Cllr Casella.

Grant

It was noted that the request from the Crawley Down Ladies Choir will be deferred to the February meeting when a representative will be able to attend.

The Chairman of Crawley Down Cricket Club explained that the sight screens are essential to enable them to continue. They are also applying to East Grinstead Town Council for a grant, and they will make up the remainder of the costs themselves. They have a big improvement plan coming up as their facilities are aging and need upgrading. They will speak to various

funders about this, and will request S106 funding.

It was RESOLVED to approve a grant of £750 to Crawley Down Cricket Club for replacement sight screens.

095 Section 106

- a. The reports were NOTED.
- b. It was NOTED that funding of £35,360 has been awarded to the Copthorne Pavilion for works to the building to improve the shutters, locking system, entrance door, porch, hearing loop and windows.

096 Risk Management

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that the Risk Management Strategy is approved.

097 Projects

- a. Bowers Place – no updates were available as Full Council had previously received a full update and selected a contractor for the civils works.
- b. CCTV:
 - It was NOTED that there has been an increase in the cost of the legal fees for the Crawley Down Phase 1 installation.
 - The CCTV review information was NOTED.
 - The Phase 1 Project Closure information was NOTED.
 - The CCTV in Crawley Down is scheduled to be installed this week.

Members were disappointed that there was no data available from Sussex Police. It was AGREED to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask why this is and if it is possible to include.

- c. Copthorne Recreation Ground- the update was NOTED.
- d. Operation Watershed:
 - The update was NOTED.
 - It was RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that the contractor is appointed as per the confidential report, subject to funding being awarded.
 - It was RESOLVED to appoint GTA Civils at a cost of £2,725 plus VAT, subject to funding being awarded.

098 Budget Communications

It was RESOLVED to:

- a. Approve the communications plan.
- b. Vire £1,030 from Conferences to Publicity.
- c. Approve the cost of £479 plus VAT for the leaflet design, printing and delivery.

099 Matters for Consideration submitted by the Village Working Parties

No items to consider.

100 Consideration of items for discussion by the Village Working Parties

No items were submitted.

101 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 2nd February at the Parish Hub, Copthorne.

Meeting closed at 8.18 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____