

## **Worth Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Parish Hub, Copthorne on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Coote (Acting Chair) Cllr Phillips (Vice Chair)

Cllr Bingle  
Cllr Dymond  
Cllr King  
Cllr Pointer  
Cllr Williams

Cllr Casella  
Cllr Gibson  
Cllr Kipps  
Cllr Stewart  
Cllr Wilson

Mrs L Bannister (Chief Officer)

2 members of the public

*Due to the absence of Cllr Dorey, Cllr Coote took on the role of Chair, and Cllr Phillips was appointed as Vice Chair.*

#### **086 Public Question Time**

A question was asked regarding a planning compliance issue in Crawley Down on Turners Hill Road.

Cllr Williams updated that Mid Sussex District Council has issued a Stop Notice which it is understood has been appealed. Cllr Gibson explained the potential next steps as the recipients could then put in a retrospective planning application. It was explained that the Parish Council is working with Mid Sussex District Council on this matter, who have been dealing with the situation well.

#### **087 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cruickshank, Dorey, Hodsdon and Scott.

Absent – Cllr Lord

*The members of the public left the meeting*

#### **088 Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **089 Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the:

- a. Full Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025; and
- b. Additional Full Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

These were duly signed by the Chair.

#### **090 Chairman's Announcements**

Cllrs Williams, Dorey, Phillips and Casella were thanked for representing the Parish Council at the District Planning Committee regarding the planning application for the Prince Albert. They all put in a great deal of effort with an incredible result.

#### **091 Correspondence, Action List & Updates**

The following were NOTED:

- a. Correspondence received
- b. Update on resolutions/actions
- c. Projects tracker
- d. Latest website data
- e. The latest crime figures for Copthorne, Crawley Down and Turners Hill

#### **092 Committees**

The Minutes and actions of the following Committees as circulated were NOTED:

- a. Planning & Highways Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.
- b. Finance & General Purposes Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.
- c. Amenities & Assets Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- d. HR Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Next meeting to be set.

### **093 Working Parties**

The notes and actions of the following Working Parties as circulated were NOTED:

- a. Copthorne Village Working Party – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.
- b. Crawley Down Village Working Party – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.
- c. Worth Parish Council Working Party – Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### **094 Reports from other Authorities**

Cllr Gibson updated that West Sussex County Council has written to the Government with a request to postpone the elections this year.

Cllr Phillips updated that the next hearings for the District Plan start on 24<sup>th</sup> February and are planned for three weeks. The Inspector has already forwarded a list of items that he would like amended.

### **095 Business Plan**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Business Plan, Action Plan and Summary Document.

### **096 Representatives attending outside meetings.**

It was NOTED that Cllr Dymond and King attended the District Planning Committee to view the discussion about the Prince Albert. It was reported that the Parish Council was well represented with robust arguments and the shop owner spoke very well.

### **097 Operation Watershed**

*Cllr Gibson declared an interest in this item as the County Councillor who approved the application*

It was RESOLVED to appoint Landbuild as the contractor for this scheme at a cost of £73,947.36 plus VAT, subject to funding being awarded.

Congratulations and thanks were offered to the Chief Officer for her work in getting to this stage.

### **098 Policy**

It was RESOLVED to approve the following:

- a. Drugs & Alcohol Policy
- b. Bribery Policy
- c. Harassment/Bullying Policy
- d. Performance Improvement Policy
- e. Risk Management Strategy

### **099 Parish Awards**

The update was NOTED.

### **100 Personnel**

The confidential report was NOTED.

### **101 Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, at the Parish Hub, Copthorne.

*Meeting closed at 7.59 pm.*

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_