



Worth Parish Council

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Copthorne Village Spring 2025

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

After what seems a particularly long winter, it's wonderful to be seeing the first signs of spring starting to appear at last. This year promises to be an interesting one, in part due to potential changes to the way we are represented at district and county level. The government is holding a consultation seeking views on a proposal to form a Mayoral Combined County Authority for the local government areas of East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton, and we will of course be keeping a close eye on how this might affect everyone in Worth Parish.

Finally, we said goodbye recently to Drew Sewell, our Youth Support Worker. I'd like to thank Drew for his efforts and of course to wish him all the best for the future - Councillor Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

CCTV

Work is continuing towards the installation of CCTV equipment in both Crawley Down and Copthorne. Part of this project will involve entering into the Sussex Public Facing CCTV Partnership, which will lead to them monitoring the CCTV images on behalf of the Parish Council. In Copthorne. The equipment will be on the village green.

This means that Worth Parish Council and Sussex Police would be considered Joint Data Processors under the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulations. The intention is that Council staff and Councillors will NOT have any access to the footage. Instead, Sussex Police would monitor the CCTV, with only those staff specifically trained and authorised being able to access the live footage and to review recorded footage where appropriate.

A new CCTV Policy and a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) have been drafted and once reviewed by Sussex Police and approved by Council they will be published on our website. These will hopefully help answer any questions you may have.

COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND

In order to discharge the planning conditions set out by Mid Sussex District Council, we must ensure that drainage is properly taken into account for the whole site prior to any work commencing. A specialist drainage design company has now finished drawing up a full drainage design, which is being used to inform the drainage work that our preferred suppliers will carry out.

We are now finalising the detailed specifications for pathways and the carpark and will be going out for quotes and/or to tender for the remainder of the works shortly. This work will also help inform a further application we are intending to make for Section 106 funding from Mid Sussex District Council.

COPTHORNE VILLAGE GREEN

To prevent damage being caused to the grass and kerbs around the village green, the Council will be installing wooden posts in the near future.

Also, the drainage work on the Village Green is now completed.

THE CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

Worth Parish Council is proud to have taken the Civility and Respect Pledge, demonstrating our commitment to promoting a culture of respect, inclusivity and positive working practices. By signing the pledge, we affirm our dedication to ensuring that councillors, staff and the community are treated with courtesy and dignity. The pledge highlights our zero-tolerance approach to bullying, harassment and intimidation, while supporting ongoing training, robust policies and best practices. Together, we are creating a safer, more respectful environment where everyone's voice is valued.

SOUTH ROOM, THE PARISH HUB, COPTHORNE



Our bright and spacious South Room is available to hire for one off events or for longer term/regular bookings.

If you would like to come and take a look at the room to see if it meets your needs, please email us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

You can also find out more here https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/The_South_Room_42763.aspx

SPEEDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Copthorne Village Community Speedwatch are still in desperate need of volunteers and are appealing for more to come forward. Being a volunteer can involve as little as one hour every two or three weeks, although if you'd like to do more that would be welcomed. For more information, please go to communityspeedwatch.co.uk and click on Register/Join an Existing Group. Alternatively, you can email Steve O'Connell of Sussex Police at Stephen.oconnell@sussex.pnn.police.uk

They now have 2,500 volunteers across Sussex, with 190 Parish Councils and 15 Wardens carrying out Community Speedwatch initiatives. They issue 5,000 letters per month to drivers for speeding; from this they only have a repeat offender rate of less than 5% out of the 60,000 or so letters sent over the year, which means drivers really do take notice.

If you witness speeding in and around the village, you can report it via Operation Crackdown at operationcrackdown.org

COPTHORNE WORKING PARTY – HEATHY WOOD RESIDENTS

Are you a Heathy Wood resident with an interest in issues that affect the local community? Worth Parish Council is looking for volunteers to attend meetings of the Copthorne Working Party, and if you have opinions we'd like to hear them.

Meetings are held every other Wednesday at the Parish Hub next to St John's Church. They start at 10am and usually last around two hours. If you have the time and you'd like to be involved, please contact us via email at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk, or call 01342 713 407

ALLOTMENTS

Worth Parish Council has a number of available allotments in Crawley Down, just off Station Road. If you're interested in renting one, please contact us on 01342 713 407 or via email at astclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk. Plots in various sizes are available.

We welcome organised visits to view the allotments, but we politely request that we are notified of such visits in advance.

YOUTH CLUBS

As some of you may already know, we recently said goodbye to Youth Support Worker Drew Sewell. He has been instrumental in setting up our Youth Club activities in Copthorne and Crawley Down, and we wish him all the best for the future. We are actively recruiting for replacements, but in the meantime some sessions will be overseen by volunteer councillors.

Our Youth Clubs in both Copthorne and Crawley Down continue on a weekly basis.

We're looking for youth club volunteers from within the community to help at either Copthorne, Crawley Down or both. Individuals will need to have a valid DBS check which the Parish Council will pay for. If you're a friendly, enthusiastic individual and can spare a few hours a week, we'd love to hear from you. Just call 01342 713 407 or email us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk



Our Youth Clubs run:

Monday 3.30-5.30pm at The Haven Centre in Crawley Down

Wednesday 4-6pm at The Pavilion in Copthorne

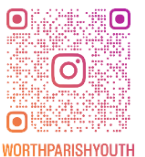
For Years 5 and up. They are completely FREE!

Please book your children into the club using the IPAL booking system so Drew can take registers and sign the children in and out. Please ensure your child also has a drink and any snacks provided must be nut free. <https://worthparishyouth.ipalbookings.com/>

Please note, we have a limit on numbers at each Youth Club due to adult/child ratios. So please check there is space for your child before leaving.



You can keep up to date with everything Youth related by following us on Instagram or Facebook.



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COPTHORNE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

As always, we would like to extend our appreciation to Julie Etheridge and Kara Hopkins and all the volunteers for their litter picking efforts in Copthorne. The next Clean Up is likely to be in April, and will be confirmed on social media and on our website. It will start at The Parish Hub in Copthorne. As usual, we will provide the litter picking equipment but if you do have your own, please bring this along. If you would like to join us or register your interest, please email enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

We are particularly keen to find a volunteer co-ordinator who can help to share the workload. Volunteer duties would include collecting and returning equipment to and from the Parish Hub (you would need a car for this), providing guidance and support to other litter-pickers and making sure safety and admin requirements are met.

Litter-picking events are great fun. They're held at weekends and are supported by individuals, couples and families. They offer a chance to get out and about in the village and provide a vital service to the local community.

If you're interested in becoming a co-ordinator, please message us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk or call 01342 713 407.



FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view the dates and agendas for all forthcoming meetings and the minutes of meetings that have already been held on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk and click on Council Meetings.

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