



Worth Parish Council

Newsletter

COPTHORNE VILLAGE

Autumn 2024

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Everyone at Worth Parish Council would like to send our Chief Clerk Jennifer Nagy the very best of wishes for the future. Jennifer has been with WPC for around eight years now and she will be leaving at the end of September. During that time she has transformed the way the council is run, especially in terms of compliance and governance. She leaves WPC in a far better state than she found it, and for that we're eternally grateful.

Councillor Tony Dorey, Chairman of the Council, adds "it's been an absolute pleasure to have worked alongside Jennifer over the years, and it's fair to say that it won't be easy to replace her. Thanks to her commitment and dedication to the role, we realise already that hers are big shoes to fill."

SPEEDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

We met on site with the local area Highways Manager following the recent serious accident outside St Francis Court Care Home on Cophorne Bank. On their advice, we have now applied for a Community Highways Scheme, requesting that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) install bend signage and speed cushions on either side of the bend.

Thank you to everyone who contacted us to let us know your views. We received more than 800 votes and comments about the scheme, all of which have been collated and sent to WSCC for consideration. Only a small number of Community Highways Schemes are agreed each year, and if ours is approved it will be added to the WSCC Highway Team's programme of works for the year ahead.

To assist in our campaign, we used data from Cophorne Village Community Speedwatch. They are 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

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

COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND REJUVENATION PROJECT

Some excellent news to report; planning permission has now been granted for the rejuvenation works at Cophorne Recreation Ground. The project involves several distinct phases, including drainage works, the introduction of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), a new playground, car parking spaces, landscaping and pathways. Whilst we have been successful in obtaining money for the MUGA, our previous applications for grant funding for the playground were unsuccessful. We have therefore been liaising with Mid Sussex District Council and local developers about the possibility of obtaining Section 106 monies for this and the remaining works. We have applied for a release of these funds and our request will be considered soon.

CCTV PROJECT

We have been liaising with our Preferred Supplier and Sussex Police about the installation and monitoring of CCTV in the Parish. We are now intending to install cameras at two locations (one in Crawley Down and one in Copthorne) in the first instance. In Copthorne, this will be on the Village Green. As this is on private land, we are currently applying for a Section 50 licence, which is a legal requirement for excavating and installing apparatus on Highways land.

Once agreed, we will be able to arrange dates, and further information will be published on our website.

GRAFFITI

The Parish Council is aware of recent graffiti incidents in both Copthorne and Crawley Down. We are continuing to monitor these and to liaise with the local police. If you see any more instances, please contact the police on 101, or visit the Sussex Police website and click on the *Tell Us About* section.

YOUTH CLUBS

Our Youth Clubs in both Copthorne and Crawley Down continue on a weekly basis, and there were several extra activities to enjoy during the school summer holidays. These included Play on the Green sessions in both villages, and a chance to take part in a Junior Olympics! Drew from the Youth Team also attended Play Day events run by Mid Sussex District Council in Copthorne and Crawley Down, and the Skatefest in East Grinstead.



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!

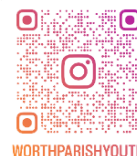
Please book your children into the club using the IPAL booking system so Drew can take registers and sign the children in and out. Please ensure your child also has a drink and any snacks provided must be nut free.

<https://worthparishyouth.ipalbookings.com/>

Please note, we do 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.



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. There was a good turnout at the latest litter picks on July 20th and August 25th. The next Clean Up is on Saturday, October 5th, starting at 2pm. 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



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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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

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