



# Worth Parish Council

## Newsletter

### COPTHORNE VILLAGE

### Mid Summer 2024

#### WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Tony Dorey was voted in to continue as Council Chairman for another year, at the Annual Meeting in May. Tony said "I'm honoured to be given this opportunity, and to continue to serve the community. I would like to thank Councillor Kerry Scott for his support over the last three years as Assistant Chairman, and to welcome Councillor Phillip Coote who has now taken over this role."

#### SPEEDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The recent serious accident that occurred outside St Francis Convent on Copthorne Bank has shocked us all; our thoughts are with the couple concerned as they continue to recover in hospital. The Council is doing all it can to try to make this stretch of road safer – a site meeting has been arranged with the local area highways manager to discuss possible options. It is hoped that a Surrey Highways representative will also be present due to the close proximity to the county border. We will keep you updated as to our progress.

To assist in our campaign, we are using data supplied by Copthorne Village Community Speedwatch. They are in desperate need of volunteers, and are appealing for more to come forward. Being a volunteer would mean that you would be on Speedwatch duty for around one hour every two or three weeks, although this can be more or less if you so wish.

For more information, go to [communityspeedwatch.co.uk](https://communityspeedwatch.co.uk), and click on Register/Join an Existing Group, and follow the drop down links to reach the "Crawley – Copthorne Village" group. Alternatively, email Steve O'Connell at Sussex Police at [Stephen.oconnell@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stephen.oconnell@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

If you do witness speeding in the village, please report this on Operation Crackdown via [operationcrackdown.org](https://operationcrackdown.org).

#### COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND REJUVENATION PROJECT

This 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 been given the go-ahead to put in an application for a grant and our application will be considered next month.

#### CCTV PROJECT

We have experienced some delays in moving the **CCTV Project** forward, due to the Preferred Supplier's commitment to update existing technologies in the Sussex Police area. We understand that work is due to finish shortly and we will be liaising with the Preferred Supplier to answer any final questions and resolve any remaining connectivity and wayleaves issues (the agreement required between the landowners and those who will access the land to do the work to install, service, maintain, repair, and replace the CCTV equipment).

After a review of the CCTV Project, the Council agreed that the first phase of the project will include 2 CCTV cameras, rather than the 4 originally anticipated. One will be placed on Copthorne Village Green. The other will be on the corner of Burleigh Way in Crawley Down. This will enable us to install those that

are the simplest to install as they are not impacted by other projects, such as the Copthorne Recreation Ground project. Once installed we will allow a 6-month period to review how things are going before deciding whether to install more.

## GRAFFITI

The Parish Council is aware of recent graffiti incidents in both Copthorne and Crawley Down. We are monitoring these and liaising with the local police. If you see any more instances, please contact the police on 101.

## YOUTH CLUBS

Our Youth Clubs in both Copthorne and Crawley Down continue on a weekly basis, and there will be plenty of extra activities coming up during the school summer holidays. Keep an eye open for our summer programme, which is due to be released very soon.



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 and there is no need to book!**

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 great turn out at the last litter pick on June 9th. The next Clean Up is on Sunday, July 20, starting at 9:30am.



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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk)

You can also find out more here [https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/The\\_South\\_Room\\_42763.aspx](https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/The_South_Room_42763.aspx)

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