



Worth Parish Council

Newsletter

New Year 2022

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and hoping you and your families had a good break and stayed safe. I know that the incidences of COVID locally were absolutely rife over the holidays, so if you managed to avoid this, well done. If not, hopefully it did not disrupt proceedings too much!

There was not much activity in the Council over the holidays as I hope you will appreciate. Below you will find a detailed update from the Crawley Down Environment & Infrastructure Working Party who have been very busy over the past few months.

So, I hope you are all able to meet your New Year's resolutions and also hope that COVID finally takes a parting bow at some point soon! All that being the case I wish you all a prosperous 2022 and I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf for a better Crawley Down.

Tony Dorey, Chairman

CRAWLEY DOWN ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY

We hope you have had a peaceful and healthy festive season and, like us, are keen to make 2022 a year to catch up for time lost over the last two pandemic-ridden years.

The Crawley Down Environment & Infrastructure Working Party has been very busy during the last few months with new projects and keeping the pressure on various organisations whose work can help make the village a better and safer place for us all to live and work in. We meet every month, mostly face to face, but some members prefer to participate via Zoom.

So, what have we been doing?

After many "brainstorming" sessions we have now agreed a "vision" for the changes we would like to see in Crawley Down Village over the next three to four years. Some of these are obvious such as effective use of the Royal Oak site for something other than a worn-out old building but there are many others. This vision will be amalgamated with Cophorne's to become a blueprint for the future!

The Council owned and managed carpark in the village centre needs a facelift, so we will be arranging for it to be tidied up and for better signage to be installed. It seems that the spaces reserved for motor-cycles are not used and this will be monitored.

We continue to support the Village Speedwatch Team and have encouraged the Police to take a more active role in dealing with this dangerous and anti-social driving. The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership are now actively monitoring the roads. At their request, we will install a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to provide even more data on speeding traffic. A recent Police Community Support Officers surgery at The Haven Centre confirmed that dealing with this is one of their highest priorities.

Mid Sussex District Council has issued a consultant briefing paper seeking quotes for the Village Centre Study which will be carried out over a number of villages nearby, as well as in Crawley Down, to identify where rather more fundamental changes would be beneficial. This paper can be found on the Parish Council website.

The conclusions from the Transport Survey are now available and these will help decide whether there is anything useful the Council can do to make transport more available to those who need it for their day-to-day needs.

Santa also made another appearance during the evening of the 20th of December. This was a joint effort between the Crawley Down Residents Association and the Parish Council.

The £20,000 budget for support and facilities for young people in the village has been agreed by the Council; initially this will go towards engaging experienced experts to suggest suitable ways to move forward in a safe and sustainable way.

Parking in Bowers Place is a perennial problem, the Council has obtained some funding to make significant improvements and we hope this will be started in the next few months.

As you can see, there is a lot going on!

We would love to hear from you about your ideas so please contact the Council and they will pass these to the Crawley Down Working Party.

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Offices are open to the public every weekday from 9.30am – 12 noon. If you plan to visit us, please ensure you wear a mask and sanitise your hands on entering and exiting the building.

You can find us on the First Floor of the Parish Hub in Copthorne. Full address details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We have an established website where you can find the latest news, our services, agendas and minutes of our meetings and much more. Please visit www.worth-pc.gov.uk

You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/worthparishcouncil or by scanning the QR code at the end of this newsletter.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Monday 7 th February 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 21 st February 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 7 th March 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 21 st March 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 4 th April 2022	Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 11 th April 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 25 th April 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & highways Committee

All meetings start at 7.30pm and all agendas and minutes are on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk

STREETS SAFE

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell the Police about public places where they have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

You can find out more here www.police.uk/streetsafe

Please note: 'StreetSafe' is not for reporting crime or incidents.

DO THE RIGHT THING CAMPAIGN

A unique campaign launched in December to encourage men how to recognise sexual harassment and misogynistic behaviour and give them the confidence and skills to safely call it out when they witness it.

The "Do the Right Thing" campaign, initiated by Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne, has the backing of local celebrities such as musician Norman Cook (Fatboy Slim), actor John Simm, cricketer Tymal Mills and author Peter James.

Posters in train stations and supermarkets and beer mats in Wetherspoons and Harveys pubs across the county will include a QR code pointing to www.safespacesussex.org.uk/do-the-right-thing where a short video provides information about the campaign.

Visitors to the website can also sign up for free bystander intervention training that helps identify misogyny and sexual harassment and builds necessary confidence to tackle it.

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "The aim of my Do the Right Thing campaign is to encourage all men to challenge their friends and colleagues who may cross the line. Perhaps your friend has shared an explicit photo, or wolf whistled at a woman on a night out. These things may seem harmless or a bit of fun, but I would encourage anyone to consider how they would feel if the target of that attention was their partner, sister or mother.

SUSSEX POLICE PCSO BEAT SURGERIES

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding a drop-in surgery at The Haven Centre Café on Monday 7 February 10am to 11am.

Further dates will be published on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk under Latest News.

How to Report a Crime to Us

As always, in an emergency please dial 999. For non-emergencies please dial 101, alternatively, you can report non-emergency matters online at www.sussex.police.uk

HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM

The bright and spacious South Room situated on the first floor of the Parish Hub in Copthorne is available to hire for a range of events. These have included exercise classes, formal meetings and birthday parties. If you would like to make a booking visit the Council website www.worth-pc.gov.uk and click on Parish Services.

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USEFUL CONTACTS

Anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles <http://www.operationcrackdown.org>

Noise Issues www.midsussex.gov.uk/environment/noise-issues/ pollution@midsussex.gov.uk
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Planning <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/planning/>

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