



Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

Spring 2023 Newsletter Cophorne Village

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We have local elections fast approaching in May and I would like to remind all residents that we would encourage anyone interested in becoming a Councillor to contact Worth Parish Council for details. We would particularly like to see some interest from residents of our new developments – Heathy Wood and Hawthorns – to ensure their needs are met by our Council.

Our drive to improve provisions for our youth continues. Our Youth Community Worker is now in place full time working across both our villages. The Cophorne Youth Club has now had its first club meetings, and talks are advancing to set up the same in Crawley Down. We also offered our first cooking classes in both villages in February and feedback to date has been completely positive. Hopefully this will be an initiative that can continue and grow.

Full Council has agreed to commission a consultant to help us look at our options to develop sports and play offerings on the Rec in Cophorne. Very soon we will publicise initial thoughts we are having and invite comment from you all to help ensure whatever we deliver is what we all want. Please watch this space!

We have managed to claim £65,000 of developer contributions (s106 monies) from Mid Sussex District Council to assist in the financing of CCTV cameras, two in each village. These will be monitored by Sussex Police, and we hope will go some way to deterring petty crime and anti-social behaviour. We don't have an installation date at the time of writing this, but the order has been placed. We will be saving up to purchase more cameras in the future to extend our coverage.

There has been a lot of discussion on social media recently regarding the state of our villages and specifically around verge cutting and rubbish. I can assure you that this is something we are looking at very closely. Come the spring you will see improvements in the grass cutting and general look of our areas, and this is only the start of things to come. It will take time to tackle, but we are on the case.

The issues of rubbish collection outside our immediate control are more complex – especially when we talk about motorway entrances and exits due to Highways restrictions, but we will be looking intently at whatever can be done. As I have reminded on several occasions, please remember that ALL your Councillors are both volunteers and local residents themselves, so we all want the same things. It is just fact that these are not always easy to achieve!

Tony Dorey, Chairman

NEWS FROM WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

There has been lots of activity in The Parish in terms of Youth Support. Our new Youth Community Worker, Drew, has started our **Youth Club in Cophorne**. We have received lots of positive feedback and we hope for the youth club to go from strength to strength.

If you have a young person who would like to come along, it is open on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 4-6pm for 10-13 years olds and 6.30-8.30pm for 14-16 year olds. There is no need to book, just turn up. If you want to find out more, please email memberservices@sussexcyp.org.uk

In the February half term we also ran two very successful quesadilla cookery classes for 9-14 year olds. This class was run by a professional chef and all those that came along prepared, cooked and ate their own quesadilla. We hope to run more classes like these for the young people in our Parish. If you have any ideas on what would you like to be offered please email the office at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk



My daughter and her friend absolutely loved it. It was so nice to have something different for children of her age (13) to do over the holidays. A fantastic idea and I really hope that you do more things like this again in the future. Thanks ever so much to everyone involved with organising and who were there on the day.

VOTER ID

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards

- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

[Click here for more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted](#), or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you don't have an accepted form photo ID

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a [Voter Authority Certificate here](#).

Alternatively, you can complete a paper application form and send this to the electoral services team at Mid Sussex District Council. If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact Mid Sussex District Council on 01444 477003 or email elections@midsussex.gov.uk

COPTHORNE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Copthorne Community Speedwatch are looking for additional volunteers for the village. If you would like to join this group please [register your interest here](#) You will need to select Join Existing from the left hand side, then select Sussex, Mid Sussex, Crawley – Copthorne Village to find the correct group.

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

All meetings start at 7.30pm and you can find agendas and minutes on our [website](#).

Monday 3 rd April	Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 17 th April	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 24 th April	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 15 th May	Annual Council Meeting
Monday 22 nd May	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM @ THE PARISH HUB IN COPTHORNE

Our bright and spacious South Room is available to hire for a range of events such as birthday parties, meetings, or exercise classes. If you would like to make a booking please call us on 01342 713407 or take a look at our [website](#)



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To assist compliance with data protection, any email contact regarding Council matters should be made via the email addresses listed below.

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USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

[Anti-social Behaviour](#)

Report anti-social behaviour to Sussex Police online or by calling 101. If it's an emergency or someone is in immediate danger call 999.

[Anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles](#)

Report any anti-social driving or abandoned vehicles to Operation Crackdown.

[Noise Issues](#)

You can report a noise issue contact the Environmental Protection Team at Mid Sussex District Council 01444 477292 or at pollution@midsussex.gov.uk

[One Network](#)

Find out about roadworks in your area

[Planning](#)

Visit the West Sussex County Council website to find, comment on or submit a planning application.

[Report a Problem with a Road or Pavement](#)

[Streetlights](#)

Street lighting in Worth Parish is partly the responsibility of Worth Parish Council and partly of West Sussex County Council. Any Worth Parish Council streetlighting faults should be reported to the Council office on 01342 713407 or at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk. You can find a list of all Worth Parish Council owned streetlights at the link above.

[Sussex Safer Roads Partnership](#)



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