



# Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

## Mid Summer 2023 Newsletter Crawley Down Village

### VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

The local elections back in May for Worth Parish Council resulted in some important changes. In Crawley Down, Councillors Hitchcock and Webb did not seek re-election so there are three new faces, Councillor Sue Kipps, Councillor Thérèse Wilson and Councillor Peter Bingle. We say goodbye to Chris Mayor and thank him for his past service. In Copthorne, all the sitting Councillors were re-elected. Councillor Tony Dorey was confirmed as Chair of the Council at the Annual Council Meeting. You will find a list and contact details for all our Councillors at the end of this newsletter.

Now your Parish Council is in full swing, we are continuing to progress many of our exciting projects for the villages of Copthorne and Crawley Down. These include fitting an electricity supply to both village greens to power the community events that happen on our land, CCTV for both villages, the Bowers Place parking solution for Crawley Down and our vision to renovate Copthorne Recreation Ground to name a few. This is all part of Our Vision to:

*ensure a true "village feel" and that Crawley Down and Copthorne are safe, attractive and enjoyable places for our existing and future residents to live.*

As we go to print, we have been informed of the collapse of Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP) who the Council had engaged to deliver youth club services. This is a major setback, but we have reacted quickly and are working hard behind the scenes to ensure our youth clubs can reopen. We hope by the time you read this, there will be more positive news to share. Why not [follow us on Facebook](#) for the latest updates?

**Councillor Kerry Scott**  
**Vice-Chair**

### CRAWLEY DOWN WORKING PARTY

It's been a busy time for the Parish Council in Crawley Down, with many of our initiatives starting to come to fruition!

**The Village Centre.** This continues to be a priority. We welcome Duman, a new restaurant but were sad to see the closure of Velvety Ginger. We have been helping SUP Foods find a new spot for their mobile coffee shop so they can continue to offer a service with less pressure on parking. Our planters to cheer things up should arrive shortly. The introduction of CCTV, is now described as "imminent". This will augment the work of the PCSOs, who will continue their work in the village, and should help prevent anti-social behaviour. BT has mended the formerly defunct telephone box. We had hoped they would remove it so we could use its site for the upgrade of the noticeboards! Rest assured noticeboard improvements will come shortly!

**Village Events.** The Haven Centre Food Festival and Funfair on Coronation weekend was an outstanding success and crowds flocked to enjoy a wide variety of activities and foods both to buy and to eat from oysters to chocolate, speciality gin to cheese. The weather was good! and the younger children enjoyed the funfair rides and the children's games area. It culminated in a lively curry night with music. The event showcased The Haven Centre and its facilities. Our thanks to the organisers, a small group led by new Councillor, Thérèse Wilson.

Worth Parish Council is also supporting the CDRA who are running the Gig on the Green on 29 July and the Crawley Down Village Fayre on 9 September.

**Youth Club.** We are looking forward to the group being able to build on its successful launch at the start of the next school year. 16 youngsters had great fun at the most recent session. The club, aimed at 10-13 year olds, was always designed to operate during term time.

**Bowers Place Parking.** The scheme to improve parking in Bowers Place is ongoing; it is hoped to start construction work in early autumn. The Council will try to minimise disruption while it is carried out.

**Litter Picking.** Crawley Down’s “wombles” continue to try to keep the village clean and tidy. Our session in March saw 8 volunteers collect 8 bags of litter. Our next session will be on Sunday 30th July. All volunteers needed and welcome!

## WORTH PARISH COUNCIL – SERVING THE VILLAGES OF COPTHORNE AND CRAWLEY DOWN

We are a local Council that makes decisions on behalf of the people who live and work in The Parish – the villages of Copthorne and Crawley Down. We have 17 Councillors in total – eight for Copthorne and nine for Crawley Down. Councillors are unpaid elected officials and ALL work together for the benefit of the Parish as a whole.

As a Parish Council, we operate below district and county level; Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council respectively. We thought it would be useful to share the following information giving you an overview of the services we offer and those offered by Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council. You can also [view this information online](#).

### Worth Parish Council

www.worth-pc.gov.uk  
01342 713407  
enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

- Allotments
- Car Parks\*
- Community Grants
- Community Litter Picks
- Community Notice Boards
- Copthorne Trim Trail
- Grass Cutting\*
- Open Spaces\*
- Play Areas
- Rubbish Removal\*
- South Room Hire
- Speed Indicator Device
- Streetlights\*
- Youth Support Initiatives

### Mid Sussex District Council

www.midsussex.gov.uk  
01444-458166  
enquiries@midsussex.gov.uk

- Benefits Administration
- Car Parks
- Community Halls
- Council Tax
- Elections Administration
- Environmental Health
- Housing
- Leisure Centres
- Licensing
- Local Planning
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Pest Control and Dog Control
- Public Toilets
- Refuse Collection
- Street Sweeping

### West Sussex County Council

www.westsussex.gov.uk  
01243 777100

- Adoption and Fostering
- Adult Education
- Births Ceremonies and Deaths
- Fire Services
- Libraries
- Report a Pothole
- Report a Faulty Streetlight
- Report Faulty Traffic Lights
- Roads and Travel
- Schools
- Social Services and Health
- Structure and Strategic Planning
- Young Carers

\*Worth Parish Council Owned Land/Assets

## FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view the agendas for all forthcoming meetings and the minutes of meetings that have already been held [here on our website](#).

Monday 4 September	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 18 September	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 2 October	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 16 October	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 30 October	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](#)



## COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

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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## WORTH PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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