



Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

New Year 2023 Newsletter Crawley Down Village

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I would firstly like to wish you all a very happy, and hopefully prosperous, New Year. I hope, like me, you have all just about recovered from the inevitable over-indulgence over the holiday period?!

Last year ended well with two excellent light displays in both villages. The Crawley Down lights were as spectacular as always, and the Copthorne tree on the Green was a vast improvement on last year. Huge credit to all those involved for their efforts that brought much pleasure to all our residents.

In Council terms I am very excited about what 2023 will bring. With our new Youth Support Worker on board, we should really start to be able to better serve our youth going forward and build a host of gatherings and events for them to enjoy. There are other initiatives that will be implemented this year – the additional parking in Bowers Place, the introduction of CCTV in both villages – and some we hope to progress like clearing the Crawley Down pond and investigating improvements to the Rec in Copthorne. This will certainly be a busy Council year, especially as this will include Council elections in May. Again here, we would welcome new candidates coming forward to stand as Parish Councillors – especially from some of our new developments such as Heathy Wood and Hawthorns. It is important to ensure your needs are best represented on the Council.

I look forward to being able to give updates for all of the above in future newsletters and hope there is a lot to report!

Tony Dorey, Chairman

CRAWLEY DOWN ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY

Just before Christmas, South East Water suffered a catastrophic problem maintaining its supply to the Village because of a series of major leaks. Some homes were without water for nearly a week. Worth Parish Council responded by working with the Haven Centre to supply bottled water to needy residents from the main depot in East Grinstead. It was clear from the chaos that Emergency Planning by the District Council and the Water Company proved inadequate. The Council will be contacting all the agencies involved to stress that Emergency Planning must improve and there must be a thorough audit of our infrastructure before any more demands are placed on it by additional development. Members of Parliament for the affected area will be lobbied to ensure effective action is taken.

Our new Community Youth Club Leader, Drew is now in post. Discussions have been held with the youth club volunteers at All Saints Church and it is hoped that Drew can meet with representatives of the Church to see whether they wish to take advantage of his skills and experience in supporting their youth activities.

The Council has now agreed a major contract to make significant improvements to Bowers Place. It is hoped the work will be completed by April. Further detailed information will be published in the next few weeks so that residents may make any necessary arrangements while the construction is underway.

It is amazing how much litter is dropped in the Village, and on the 5 November a hardy group of volunteers collected over six sacks of litter. Our Village is a lovely place to live and we should take pride in it. With this in mind, would you like to join the **Crawley Down Community Clean Up Group**? This will mean you will hear about all future litter picks in the Village in advance. We will keep a database of willing volunteers and when we organise litter picks in the Village, you will hear about them first. Find out more by calling Worth Parish Council on 01342 713407 or email enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

The date for the Coronation of King Charles III has been announced. An organising group, funded by the Council, is now planning an event at the Haven Centre on 7 May with a children's fun fair and food fair. The Jubilee Fair held last June was a tremendous success so please put the date in your diaries and look out for more details.

During the last twelve months, the Council has made grants totalling over £5,000 to community organisations in the Village to enable them to provide events such as the Christmas Lights, the Gig on The Green and the Fairs.

Finally, the village pond has been severely compromised in recent months by flooding from the various new housing developments in the Village. Your Council is investigating how best to restore the pond and then maintain it. The responsibility for it at present lies with West Sussex County Council and, of course, the cost of restoring and maintaining it is not insignificant. WSCC seem reluctant to step up to this.

NEWS FROM WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Following the water shortage crisis in Crawley Down Village in December, did you know about our List of Vulnerable People? If you or someone you know is deemed as vulnerable, why not include them on our confidential list? This means that if there is a local emergency, such as a water shortage, someone from Worth Parish Council will contact those on the list to check if they need any help. This is all part of our Community Emergency Plan which you can [view here](#)

Find out more or join our List of Vulnerable People by calling the office on 01342 713407 or email us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

Worth Parish Council are delighted to announce that we now have a **Community Youth Club Leader** in place, and we hope to be able to bring two new youth clubs to The Parish very soon. We have been working with Sussex Clubs for Young People to be able to bring this exciting opportunity to the young children in Copthorne and Crawley Down. If you would like to find out more and express your interest in these clubs, please email us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Do you want changes for your local community? Make those changes happen and become a local Councillor!

Now is your chance to make a difference to your community. Local Government elections are being held on the 4 May 2023 and now is the opportunity for you to stand for election. Worth Parish Council are holding two Become a Councillor events giving you the chance to find out what it means to be a local Councillor and how to get involved.

If you want to find out more please come along to either event, there is no need to book.

- **Saturday 4 March 10-12pm at The Parish Hub, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne**
- **Saturday 11 March 10-12pm at The Haven Centre, Crawley Down.**

You can also [watch the helpful video from the Local Government Association about 'what does being a Councillor involve?'](#)

A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW PCSO'S

PCSO Lizzy Whitmore

Hello I am PCSO Lizzy Whitmore. I started working for Sussex Police in June 2022. The areas that I will cover are Copthorne, Crawley Down and Turners Hill.

Before joining the Police, I worked as a teaching assistant in a primary school. In my spare time I volunteer for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award supporting young people to learn life skills and achieve their full potential. I am very keen to set up some beat surgeries in all three villages where the residents will get

the opportunity to meet with their local officers, share literature with residents and to give crime prevention advice that is needed.

One issue that we are fully aware of is anti-social behaviour in some areas. We are aware of the hotspots and will continue to regularly patrol those areas to prevent and deter any anti-social behaviour and minor crime. I am looking forward to supporting the local community, meeting with residents, and working in partnership with local groups and Councils.

PCSO David Taylor

Hello I am PCSO David Taylor. I started working for Sussex Police in February 2022, after previously working with Surrey Police.

Since joining the Mid Sussex Neighbourhood Prevention Team in August 2022, I have been tasked with looking after Copthorne, Crawley Down and Turners Hill. I regularly take walking patrols through the villages as well as mobile patrols in one of our marked police cars and enjoy speaking with the residents. If you see me on patrol please stop and say, "hello."

How to report a crime to us:

As always, in an emergency please call 999. For non-emergencies please dial 101, alternatively [you can report non-emergency matters online](#)

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

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

Monday 20 th February 2023	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 6 th March 2023	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 20 th March 2023	Full Council, 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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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**](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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