



Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

Winter 2023 Newsletter Crawley Down Village

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I would first like to wish a warm welcome to Hannah Smith and Gill Kearney who have both joined our team as Assistant Clerks. Hannah and Gill are already proving to be valuable members of Worth Parish Council.

As always, Councillors and Officers are busy working to bring improvements to both Copthorne and Crawley Down as part of our long-term vision to ensure a true "village feel" and that Copthorne and Crawley Down are safe, attractive and enjoyable places for our existing and future residents to live.

New planters at The War Memorial in Crawley Down are a welcome addition to help beautify the village and we have plans to introduce planters in Copthorne soon.

As I write this, our planning application to [rejuvenate Copthorne Recreation Ground](#) has been submitted to Mid Sussex District Council and we are continuing to consult with residents and local businesses. We have also applied for the Community Ownership Fund to help finance this project. We hope to bring some positive news about our funding application in the next newsletter.

Our Youth Services are going from strength to strength now we have employed Drew direct and have secured The Youth Bus. This has allowed us to run regular youth clubs in both villages as well play on the green events and an Italian Cookery Class over the October half term.

As always, we are here to listen and engage with our residents. Councillors, including myself can be contacted if you wish to discuss any local issues. You can find our details at the back of this newsletter.

Tony Dorey
Chairman

CRAWLEY DOWN WORKING PARTY NEWS

We hope you have seen the **planters** that were installed in early October around the War Memorial. When the time is right, we will be planting bulbs in the grass surrounds too. We hope you agree that this floral show makes an attractive welcome to the Village. It is hoped we can provide more planters and hanging baskets in the Village Centre next year.

The **Bowers Place Parking project** has seen further, frustrating delays. The Highways Officer at West Sussex County Council retired in the summer and his replacement has insisted on changes to the scheme so that further planning consents are now required, and we will need to seek fresh quotes. The project is now unlikely to be completed until the Spring next year.





Tony Dorey, Worth Parish Council Chairman presented the **Allotment Shield Awards** in October. Winners Mr and Mrs Riley and runner up Mr Rainsley were presented with the awards as well as a garden centre voucher.

We have several vacant allotment plots become available. If you are interested in renting an allotment plot from us please contact Hannah Smith our Assistant Clerk at astclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk

Your Council is acutely aware of the difficulties facing patients and staff at the **Health Centre**. We are monitoring the situation and in touch with those involved in trying to restore "normal service". It is general knowledge that there are major problems in the country with the provision by the NHS of primary care services but there are specific problems with the Modality Mid Sussex Partnership which need to be addressed urgently. In our recent submission to Mid Sussex on the District Plan, we have highlighted the need for proper planning and provision in this area and in other essential infrastructure needs.

And finally, a big thank you to **Crawley Down's Christmas Lights team**. After many years of hard work, they have announced this will be their last year. Their spectacular display has brought pleasure to many and heralded the start of the Christmas festivities for the village. We wish them well and look forward to hearing who will be brave enough to follow in their footsteps next year.

YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

We are excited to announce that we now have a regular weekly slot at The Haven Centre to run our Youth Club.

Every Monday 3.30-5.30pm for 10-15 year olds. As this session is straight after school, young people may wish to bring a snack (no nuts please).

We now have a [Worth Parish Youth Instagram](#) account solely for showcasing what we are doing for young children in The Parish.

You can still join the [Worth Parish Council Facebook](#) page to keep up to date with what we do, community events, community projects and information of interest to local residents and businesses.

During the October half term, Drew and his team were busy running our Youth Clubs, taking The Youth Bus to the local village greens and running an Italian Cookery Class.

At the Italian Cookery Class, 20 children made minestrone soup and tiramisu. It was a great success!



REPORTING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We have noticed several Facebook posts reporting incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and criminal activity.

Posting on Facebook is not the same as [reporting ASB to the Police](#). Such reports assist in directing patrols to concentrate on potential problem areas. If the police don't know about it, they cannot react.

Please remember, if a crime is happening now, or if you or someone else is in immediate danger ring 999.

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 8 January 2024	Finance & General Purposes, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 22 January 2024	Full Council, followed by Amenities and Assets Committee
Monday 5 February 2024	Finance & General Purposes, 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. You can find a list of all Worth Parish Council owned streetlights at the link above.

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