



Worth Parish Council

End of Summer 2022 Newsletter Crawley Down Village

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I was very happy to attend Crawley Down Village CofE Primary School to present certificates to the children for their magnificent artworks produced for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was a pleasure to do this, and I was impressed with all the very well-behaved children and the organisation by the school – thank you.



Things are moving forward in some Council activities, and we are looking to have a Youth Community Worker starting in September to work closely with the Youth Clubs and children of all ages in both our villages. We are excited about this move and have great expectations.

The second consultation is also underway for the Community Governance Review for all residents to comment on the draft recommendations from Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC). We do encourage residents to have their say again on this matter following a response to the first consultation that was highly praised by MSDC.

By the time the next newsletter is published, we hope to have more news on further initiatives such as the Vision Document for Worth Parish Council which sets out our plan for the coming years in both villages – watch this space!

Tony Dorey, Chairman

CRAWLEY DOWN ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY

The Jubilee Fair at the Haven Centre on 3 June was a day to remember in Crawley Down. Well over 2000 people attended during the day and perhaps the highlight was the Dog Show sausage race which involved a dozen or so entries trying to retrieve a sausage for their master/mistress without succumbing to the temptation to eat it! There were lots of fairground rides for children too and many opportunities to sample tasty food and beverages. The event was organised jointly by The Haven Centre and the Parish Council with grants also from Mid Sussex District Council.

The Crawley Down Litter Pickers were out again in March and another day will be organised in August – watch out for details on Facebook.

The project to improve services for young people in the Parish is gathering pace and an agreement signed with Sussex Clubs for Young People to provide expert support over the next year. Please contact the Clerk for details as to how existing clubs and youth work in the Parish may benefit by working alongside this project.

The Council will be installing an electricity supply to the Village Green which has been requested by the Crawley Down Residents Association to support future events such as The Gig on the Green and Village Fayre. Unfortunately, UK Power Networks will probably not be able to complete this before the September Fayre but we are urging them to do this as soon as possible.

The second phase of the Governance Review is underway. The interim conclusion by Mid Sussex confirmed the recommendation by the Parish Council that to create a separate Council for Crawley Down was both a waste of tax payers money and would lead to a poorer service for residents of both Villages. Of course, this did not please the separatists who continue to post misleading statistics in an effort to create damaging divisions between the villages. We understand that most residents are apathetic about this, which reinforces the view that they are content with the current arrangements, but please do contact Mid Sussex if you wish to contribute to the discussions.

NEWS FROM WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Worth Parish Council are pleased to announce that two new Youth Clubs will be coming to Crawley Down and Copthorne.

They will be starting this September for 10 to 16 year olds.

If you would like to find out more and register your interest, please email us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk



WORTH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Can you help your community in an emergency?

Worth Parish Council are preparing a Community Emergency Plan, so that as a community we can help ourselves if something was to happen in our parish – Copthorne and Crawley Down.

A localised emergency could include heavy snowfall, a storm, a sustained power failure, a water shortage or transport accident. Being prepared and being able to respond to an emergency effectively can often help people recover more quickly and make communities more resilient.

Worth Parish Council are calling on local businesses, voluntary groups and individuals to create a Local Skills and Resource Register. If you can provide assistance during an emergency, [please complete this form.](#)

Thank you in advance for any valuable assistance you may be able to offer.

SAFE SPACE SUSSEX APP

Have you heard of the new app Safe Space Sussex?

Launched by Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne, it aims to help people should they feel unsafe outside of their home.

The app directs users to their closest Safe Space; gives them the opportunity to send their location to a named emergency contact and provides links with advice, guidance and support. If they're in an emergency, the app will direct them to 999.

You can download the app from the Apple app and Google Play Stores now.



If you are a local business and wish to become a Safe Space, you can [register here](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Would you be interested in either helping to establish or join a new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area?

The community spirit that we see in your area is very strong and we feel that this could further be strengthened with the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The benefits of such a scheme:

- Crime prevention advice.
- Greater awareness of current issues in your area.
- Support from area co-ordinators and a well-established and pro-active board.
- You would be supporting the Police in keeping your area a safe place to live and work.

There are two ways in which a scheme can be established:

1. The most common way is to have a set up meeting with all interested parties in a road/area. After this meeting a Neighbourhood Watch sign could then be ordered (there is a small fee involved). This then makes the scheme visible, and members have the option to display a sticker in their windows.
2. An alternative way is what's called a 'covert' scheme. This is an option where there is a positive response from a road/area but potential members are not keen to have the scheme or their membership known and no signage is displayed in the road/area.

You can find out more about [Neighbourhood Watch here](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Your local PCSOs Roxie and Sophie are asking residents to spare a few moments to complete a neighbourhood policing team community questionnaire. This will allow your local PCSOs to deal with the issues important to you.

[You can access the questionnaire here.](#)

You can contact your local PCSOs at roxie.rye@sussex.police.uk and/or sophie.norman@sussex.police.uk

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

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

Monday 5 th September 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 19 th September 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 3 rd October 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 17 th October 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 31 st October 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 14 th November 2022	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](#)

Here is some feedback about the South Room



It's great value for money and very clean and

The space is nice and light with a lovely view of the church and I like that it is not too big, so it

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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.

[Love West Sussex](#)

Love West Sussex site and Love Clean Streets app allows you to inform West Sussex County Council of any highways issues such as potholes, overgrown vegetation, damaged kerbs, footpaths and verges, which you come across in the county.

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.

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



Would you like the Worth Parish Council newsletter delivered straight to your inbox? [Sign up here](#)

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The Council Offices are open to the public 9:30 am to 12 noon Monday – Friday

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