



# Worth Parish Council

## Summer 2022 Newsletter

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Happy to say that we are now experiencing much better weather than the last time I wrote this article! Fingers crossed we are in for a nice, long summer.

Firstly, following our recent Full Council meeting I would like to welcome Cllr Liz Williams into our team. Liz comes on board as a Crawley Down Councillor to replace Elaine Anscomb who recently stood down from the Council. That is some big shoes to fill, but I'm sure Liz is more than capable from early signs.

The first consultation period for the Community Governance Review (CGR) has now passed. I hope that you – as we did – sent your views to Mid Sussex District Council so that they will be considered as part of their draft recommendations? We will find out what these are around June time.

With the CGR now out of our hands for the time being, we can concentrate on moving forward with some other Council business and progress some items that had taken a bit of a back seat.

Hopefully by the time you read this, all the streetlights in Cophorne and Crawley Down that are owned by Worth Parish Council will have a QR code on them that will allow faulty lights to be reported via the Worth Parish Council website. We will give more details on this when it is up and running.

We are also hoping to make significant steps towards getting a Youth Support Worker to cover both villages. Depending upon the outcome of a couple of imminent meetings, our aim is to have this provision in place before the school summer holidays. This will be a significant milestone and one the Council are very keen to see achieved.

We are also keen to progress with a series of traffic surveys in Cophorne to assess the issues on our roads. We will then explore resolving any identified (or confirmed) issues from there. We also continue to explore funding avenues for the additional sports and playground facilities we want to implement and will keep you all informed of where we are with all these matters.

May sees the end of my first year as Chair of Worth Parish Council. It has been a difficult year with the Community Governance Review presenting an unprecedented challenge that has absorbed a lot of our resource and attention. I have no idea what will happen at the Council's Annual meeting in May, but I will offer to stand as Chair for a further year and would welcome the opportunity to continue with some of the great work my fellow Members and our amazing staff at the Council have been doing so far. It has been a pleasure serving you for the last year, but I do have unfinished business!

I will finish by wishing you all well going into summer and hope that you will give your support to the two big Platinum Jubilee events coming up in both villages. I have absolutely no doubt that both will be incredible events reflecting the community spirit within both our fabulous villages

*Tony Dorey, Chairman*

### NEWS FROM WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

We have noticed several posts on local Facebook pages referring to anti-social behaviour and criminal activity in the local area. On checking with our PCSO's, these have not been reported to Sussex Police.

It is important to report such incidents. Such reports assist in directing patrols to concentrate on potential problem areas; if the Police do not know about it, they cannot react.

You can report such incidents either by calling 101, reporting [online](#) or by email at [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk). Please remember though, if a crime is happening now, or if you or someone else is in immediate danger ring 999

## 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](#).

We understand circumstances change, so there is no obligation to help. What it means is that you may receive a call to find out if the assistance you have offered is still available and if you are able to help.

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

## #WestSussBus



West Sussex County Council has launched #WestSussBus – a long term engagement project to collect views, suggestions and ideas about local bus services.

You can have your say and find out more [here](#)

## LIFT SOMEONE OUT OF LONELINESS

Loneliness can affect anyone, of any age, and at any time of their life. It doesn't matter if you live alone, or are surrounded by people in your everyday life, you can still feel lonely.

[The Every Mind Matters](#) website below has tips and advice to help you, or someone you know, who is feeling lonely.

Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove also has information about [tackling loneliness in their latest Connect magazine](#) and [run many activities across West Sussex](#). Call 0800 019 1310 or email [info@ageukwsbh.org.uk](mailto:info@ageukwsbh.org.uk)

## TAKE ACTION ON FOOD WASTE

In West Sussex, food waste makes up a staggering 40% of the average household general waste bin. However, up to 70% of that waste can actually be avoided.

The West Sussex Waste Partnership is tackling food waste through various trials and initiatives. It is also undertaking trials of separate food waste collections to further reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill. If you have excess or leftover food you can find details on ways to share it and avoid it going to waste by visiting [Food Rescue campaign](#)

For more top tips, visit the [Love Food, Hate Waste](#) website. It's packed with information and inspiration to help you plan meals and make delicious food.

## FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

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

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

## SUSSEX POLICE PCSO BEAT SURGERIES



Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding drop-in surgeries at The Haven Centre Café on:

Sunday 5 June 10-11am

Friday 22 July 6-7pm

Further dates will be published on our [website](#).

### How to Report a Crime to Us

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

## 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 service*

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

## PARISH 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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### Communications and IT Administrator

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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.

### [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](#)



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

### PARISH OFFICE

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

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