

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – Spring 2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Having served on Worth Parish Council since 2015, I am very honoured to be voted in as the new Chair of the Council for the forthcoming Council year.

I would firstly like to thank Elaine Anscomb for her significant contribution to the Council as the outgoing Chair, and fully appreciate that I have big shoes to fill!

My wife and I have lived in Copthorne for well over 20 years, and fully intending to remain 'forever' Copthorne residents. I love our village and would not consider living anywhere else. I run my business from a local office and spend a lot of my time socialising in the village or playing golf on our course.

The pledge I make to all our residents – Copthorne and Crawley Down – is that I will do my absolute best to ensure our villages remain safe and attractive places to live for existing and future residents and work as hard as I can to improve things where needed to enhance the experience.

I look forward to continuing to work with the new Vice Chair Kerry Scott, our fellow Councillors and Officers to ensure the Council is meeting the needs and expectations of both villages.

At my first meeting as Chair, we co-opted a new Councillor for Crawley Down ward – welcome to Clare Pointer.

Tony Dorey Chairman

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The ability for Councils to meet virtually ended on 6th May, with the Government saying that meetings had to be face to face in future. This was legally challenged, as Councils could not understand why the current guidance of restricting numbers when meeting indoors did not apply to them. However, this challenge failed. Our first face to face meeting will take place on 17th May 2021 in the Main Hall of the Parish Hub in Copthorne. This room is big enough for Councillors and members of the public to attend with social distancing in place.

As ever, you are very welcome to attend any of our meetings, but please be aware that you will

be required to take extra precautions on entry to the building to ensure that we are Covid compliant.

All agendas and minutes are on our website worth-pc.gov.uk.

The Parish Council Office itself remains closed to the public until 21st June, when we expect Covid restrictions to be lifted. In the meantime, please contact the Clerk to make an appointment should you have to meet in person with a member of staff.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Monday, 17 th May 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 24 th May 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 7 th June 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 21 st June 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 5 th July 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 19 th July 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

All meetings start at 7.30pm

UPDATE ON COPTHORNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A final draft of the Plan has now been sent to Mid Sussex District Council who has appointed an independent Inspector to review the Plan and make any amendments he thinks necessary.

We have received some questions from the Inspector to clarify our thinking on a few points.

The Steering Group have drafted a response to those questions which will go before Full Council on Monday, 17th May for approval.

The Inspector will issue a report with his findings as to whether the Plan meets local and national criteria. If it does, he will recommend that it is ready to go to referendum.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING

The Council has been approached by residents keen to keep the village neat and tidy. Shane, our Copthorne groundsman does an excellent job, but as soon as he has cleared an area, it seems to need doing again!

We have purchased some kits, and intend to organize community litter picks periodically

throughout the year. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the Clerk on clerk@worth-pc.gov.uk and we will keep you informed about future dates.

HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM

We are delighted to be able to open the South Room again at the Parish Hub as from May 17th for small groups, and then open to all as from 21st June, Government guidance permitting. Prior to March 2020, activities included mother and toddler classes, personal training sessions,

general fitness sessions and other community groups. Please contact Tracy, the Deputy Clerk via deputyclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk if you wish to enquire about hiring this facility.

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Due to the elections on May 6th, contact details for County Councillors are not known at the time of going to press.

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Parish Offices

**The Council Offices are currently CLOSED to the public.
We hope to re-open on 21st June; 9:30 am to 12 noon Monday – Friday**

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