

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

CRAWLEY DOWN ENVIRONMENT GROUP

To guide the activities and investment by the Parish Council over the medium term (2 to 5 years), a Vision Document is being developed for the two Villages, Crawley Down and Copthorne, that comprise the Parish of Worth.

The Crawley Down Infrastructure and Environment Group, a Working Group of the Council has been setup to focus on the aspects of this Vision for Crawley Down.

The Group has initially identified the following important issues which it will be seeking to progress.

- Changes to the Village Centre to make the retail space more attractive, more accessible and with a more comprehensive range of commercial outlets
- Traffic and other environmental issues such as litter affecting the quality of life of those living in the Village

- The ongoing provision of essential education and health services so as to keep pace with the increasing and changing demands of residents
- Safe and improved facilities for our Young People
- Improving awareness of, and access to, the countryside and its wildlife both within and adjacent to the Village.

The Working Group includes Parish Councillors and representatives of Village organisations and would welcome additional members willing to get involved. A litter-picking initiative is planned for the Village, with equipment supplied, for late June/early July. Anyone interested in being involved in this or other activities of the Group should contact Councillor Kerry Scott (kerry.scott@worth-pc.gov.uk)

HIRE OF THE PARISH HUB 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.

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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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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