

# **WORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **NEWSLETTER – Winter 2021**

### ***CHAIRMAN'S REPORT***

Now the Council has sprung back into life following the summer recess, the meeting schedule is back to full strength and there is a lot for us to consider.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those involved over the last 9 years or so now our Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan has finally been made by MSDC. I know this will not mean a lot to those who are unfamiliar with the planning process, but this document is so important in giving us a level of security regarding future planning decisions that we did not have prior to the Plan. It has been a long journey and a lot of effort and again I sincerely thank those that have volunteered their time for this.

We have also had great news in the last week or so (prior to me typing this!) that Stacey has accepted the job as Communications & IT Administrator at Worth Parish Council. Stacey was an excellent candidate and I feel we are lucky she has accepted the position. This will help to fill a skill gap that has existed for a while, and I am confident it will allow us to

better communicate the workings of the Council and raise awareness with our residents. Welcome Stacey and buckle up for a fast ride – we need your help!

It has now been confirmed that MSDC have accepted the petition to conduct a Community Governance Review to determine whether Crawley Down should have its own, separate Council. This will be a new process for us all and will require a lot of time and effort from Councillors and Officers alike. Please make yourself familiar with this and watch out for communication from MSDC throughout the process. This is a significant move and may have a big impact on all our residents in both villages. We will keep you aware throughout the process as soon as we have anything to communicate.

As the last knockings of summer comes to an end, the nights close in and the weather worsens, please look after yourselves – and each other.

**Tony Dorey, Chairman**

### ***WORTH PARISH COUNCIL***

The Parish Office is now open again to the public, but visitors please be aware that they are still required to wear a mask in communal areas, and to sanitise their hands on entering

and leaving the building. The Office is open 9.30am to 12 noon, Monday to Friday.

Meetings are again taking place in the South Room, on the first floor of the Parish Hub.

All agendas and minutes are on our website [worth-pc.gov.uk](http://worth-pc.gov.uk).

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

All meetings start at 7.30pm

## *CRAWLEY DOWN ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY*

The Working Party meets each month now mostly face to face, but some members prefer to participate via Zoom.

The War Memorial in Vicarage Road was tidied and pressure washed in time for Remembrance Sunday, thanks to Cllr Alex Cruickshank and friends for this.

A litter picking morning was planned for October but has now been deferred to the Spring when the weather will be more conducive.

We continue to support the Village Speedwatch Team and have encouraged the Police to take a more active role in dealing with this dangerous and anti-social behaviour. Both the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner and Police Chief are aware, and the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership are now monitoring the roads.

Through the Parish Office, the Working Party has asked Mid Sussex to fund a review of the Village Centre to identify where changes might

### *TRANSPORT SURVEY*

Thank you to all of you who completed the Transport Survey included in the last edition of this magazine. We are currently analysing the

### *SUSSEX POLICE PSCO BEAT SURGERIES*

Our two local PSCOs, Sophie Norman and Roxie Rye, are holding drop-in beat surgeries in the Haven Centre café These will be on

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – 10am – 11am**

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 10am – 11am**

#### **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 at <https://www.sussex.police.uk>

#### **Useful contacts:**

Noise Complaints: Environmental Health – [pollution@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:pollution@midsussex.gov.uk) or [www.midsussex.gov.uk/environment/noise-issues/](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/environment/noise-issues/)

Abandoned vehicles: Operation Crackdown - <http://www.operationcrackdown.org>

be beneficial. We are also working with the landlords of the shops and the surrounding paved area to implement some improvements in the appearance. It is hoped to extend these, in due course, to the car park behind the shops.

Christmas is coming and the Santa Float will make another appearance during the evening of 20th December. This is a joint effort by the Crawley Down Residents Association and the Parish Council. Come out and meet Santa that evening.

Next year, in conjunction with the Copthorne Working Party, we plan to engage with experts in working with young people to implement better support and facilities for the youngsters of the Village. We have asked for a budget of £20,000 from the Parish in addition to a similar budget for the other activities of the Working Party. Extensive consultations will be needed and also learning from experiences elsewhere in the County to make sure that what is provided meets the needs in a safe and sustainable way.

data provided. If you offered assistance to Community Transport Sussex, they will be in touch shortly.

If there are any issues you would like to discuss, please pop along to meet your local officers and speak to them.

They will also have Crime Prevention Advice and literature, which will include information on Neighbourhood Watch.

## HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM

With Covid restrictions being lifted on 19<sup>th</sup> July, the South Room is now open to all hires.

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](mailto:deputyclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk) if you wish to enquire about hiring this facility.

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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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### *Parish Office*

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

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