



Worth Parish Council

Community-Environment-Youth-Security-Village Centres

Winter 2022 Newsletter Crawley Down Village

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As the nights close in we start to prepare for a winter that is going to be a difficult one this year with the rising cost of living and especially energy costs. We need to ensure that our residents do not suffer because of this and to that end we are looking into setting up 'warm hubs' in both villages where people can go to meet and keep warm whenever needed. We will disseminate details of these as we make arrangements, but I trust we will all endeavour to look after each other throughout the cold months.

The Community Governance Review (CGR) by Mid Sussex District Council has now concluded with the resolution not to split our Council at this stage. I for one am glad this is resolved, and we can move on with our normal business of supporting both our villages as we always have done. I feel the CGR has caused some angst between us and I am keen to assure everyone that despite some comments to the Council and especially on social media, in my experience over the last 7 years I have served on Worth Parish Council, I have seen zero evidence to indicate that either village is given preferential treatment, or either village loses out in any way whatsoever. I personally am a Copthorne Councillor, but I serve on Worth Parish to do my best for BOTH villages. I am happy to discuss the views of any resident that does not feel this is the case, and all the while I am Chairman, I will ensure this categorically is the case. I look forward to continuing to work in the best interests of Crawley Down as well as Copthorne.

All of us at Worth Parish Council are very disappointed that we have not progressed with getting the Youth Community Worker in place in September as we had hoped. Despite all our efforts this has not been possible due to a lack of candidates willing to take the role through Sussex Clubs for Young People, but please be assured that we are still progressing this issue as quickly as we can. We hope to have an interim arrangement up and running soon where at least we are offering a weekly Youth Club in both villages until we get a more permanent solution.

Plans for lighting up both our villages for Christmas are progressing well and I am excited to see the results of these efforts. Christmas will be here before we know it!

I wish you all a very pleasant Autumn and look forward to being able to bring you more news in the next edition where I am hopeful we would have progressed with some other initiatives currently being worked on.

Tony Dorey, Chairman

CRAWLEY DOWN ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY

Local elections will be held in May 2023 and all residents are encouraged to consider whether they would like to put themselves forward to help plan and decide what is best for Crawley Down over the next four years. In the meantime, the Crawley Down Environment & Infrastructure Working Party dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Village is a good group to join to find out more about how the Council is involved in your daily activities. Contact the Clerk if you might be interested in joining this group.

The installation of an electricity supply to the Village Green has been approved. The cost of this, at several thousand pounds has been approved by the Council. The chosen location on the Village Green for the electrical cabinet requires some trenching of cables and the route for this is being evaluated to avoid disturbance to Tree Root Protection Zones.

As mentioned by the Council Chairman, the project to improve the provision of Youth Clubs for the Village has been delayed. In the meantime, please do make contact with the Clerk with ideas as to what is needed for your family and whether you would consider being involved.

Many of the roads and footpaths in and around the Village are in poor condition. An official inspection visit by West Sussex County Council was carried out in September. Many issues were identified; West Sussex County Council seem unable to deal with most of these in a realistic time-frame and so the Council is considering taking over some of the work itself. In particular, some improvements in the Village Centre to improve safety and access for disabled people.

The date for the Coronation of King Charles III has been announced. The Council is working with the Haven Centre and the CDRA to promote a similar event to the Jubilee Fair that was held last June. We would welcome input from residents on this particularly if they would consider volunteering to help.

NEWS FROM WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Worth Parish Council's Community Emergency Plan has now been finalised. This plan provides support, advice and guidance to the local community (villages of Copthorne and Crawley Down) both in advance of and during any significant and/or local emergency.

Although not required by law, Parish Councils can play a vital role during and after a local incident. This Community Emergency Plan is designed to complement those of emergency responders (emergency services and Mid Sussex District Council).

By planning in advance, Worth Parish Council can help coordinate local response activities. By being prepared and being able to respond to an emergency can often help people recover more quickly and make communities more resilient.

You can view the [Community Emergency Plan here](#).

WARM HUBS

Warm Hubs are a warm community space for residents to come along to during the cost-of-living crisis. They would be free, friendly and comfortable spaces for all residents to come along to if they need a space to keep warm.

Worth Parish Council are considering setting up Warm Hubs in both Crawley Down and Copthorne.

In Crawley Down, we are considering setting up a Warm Hub at The Haven Centre.

Please let us know if this would be something you would use, or if you know of anyone else in the local area, such as a neighbour, who would use a Warm Hub by calling us on 01342 713407 or by emailing enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk And let us know if you would use a Warm Hub during the day or evening or both.

COST OF LIVING - HELP, ADVICE AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDS IT

West Sussex County Council and its partners are here to help, offering practical support and advice to anyone who needs it during the cost of living crisis.

You can drop into any one of the 36 libraries for free:

- information and advice
- internet access and help to get you online
- events and activities
- access to direct support from a range of partners, for example health and wellbeing, or financial advice.

Or you can contact West Sussex County Council's Community Hub. It is open seven days a week and offers information and advice about support available. You can call the Community Hub on 033 022 27980.

CHRISTMAS IN CRAWLEY DOWN

The Crawley Down Residents Association (CDRA) are again, organising some fantastic events for Crawley Down this year.

Crawley Down Christmas Lights Switch on is happening on Saturday 26 November from 1pm to 5.30pm. There will be Santa's Grotto (book online at www.cdra.info), live music, roaming entertainers (including princesses) and a festive bar and refreshments.

Find all ten 6m tall Christmas Trees, solve the clues and enter to win a prize along **The Christmas Tree Trail**. Start at The Haven Centre and follow the walking route around Crawley Down. The festive trail is operating throughout December from sunset to 8.30pm.

Santa Clause is Coming to Crawley Down! Father Christmas will be travelling around the village on his sleigh to say hello to all of the children in the village on the 20 December from 4.15pm to 7.45pm.

To find out more about these events visit www.cdra.info or contact the CDRA at help@cdra.info or on 01342 885280.

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

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

Monday 12 th December 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 9 th January 2023	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 6 th February	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 20 th February	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 12 th December 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](#)



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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](#)



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