



# WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## WORTH PARISH COUNCIL'S VISION 2025-2028

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To identify, support and provide resources for initiatives that develop and maintain the delivery of efficient and cost-effective services and amenities for our community.*

*Our priority is to ensure a true "village feel" and that Crawley Down and Copthorne are safe, attractive and enjoyable places for our existing and future residents to live.*

***Community – Environment – Youth – Security – Village Centres***



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### INTRODUCTION

This document is an articulation of local informed initiatives and strategies providing Worth Parish Council with a prioritised agenda over the short/medium term to ensure resources are allocated and efforts focussed towards coordinated planning and execution consistent with residents' desires and requirements.

The contents of the document will:

- Feed the annual budget planning process and setting of Council precept
- Inform staff appraisals and objective setting
- Prioritise the allocation and justification for the use of S106 & CIL (if applicable) to deliver local priorities
- Identify the need for additional funding opportunities

It is intended that the document will remain under constant review but will be formally released every two years providing a rolling agenda for WPC and its residents. The document will also provide a framework against which achievements of the Council can be reported in a fully transparent manner.

The Vision Document will be available on the WPC website as will any progress reports. Interim updates will be provided via the WPC social media platforms.



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### PARISH COUNCILLORS

Below is a list of the Worth Parish serving Councillors elected in post who are working with local resident volunteers to improve their villages and were instrumental in formulating this vision document for Worth Parish.

#### *Coptthorne (8 Councillors)*

Graham Casella  
Tony Dorey  
Andrew Dymond  
Trevor Hodsdon  
Robert King  
Eddie Lord  
Chris Phillips  
Lauraine Stewart

#### *Crawley Down (9 Councillors)*

Peter Bingle  
Phillip Coote  
Alex Cruickshank  
Ian Gibson  
Sue Kipps  
Kerry Scott  
Clare Pointer  
Liz Williams  
Therese Wilson



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### 4-YEAR ROADMAP

#### 2025/26

- Effective streetlighting
- Youth Provision (Implement the Youth strategy)
- To Engage with the local MP, other authorities and organisations to promote the aims and aspirations of the whole community.
- S106, understand, shape and Influence
- Improve Forward planning
- Priorities agreed with Chief Officer delivered
- Delivery of the four major projects
- Shape plan with MSDC/maximise benefits of the Local Government Review
- To engage with developers to ensure any housing is of high quality, in keeping with current design, and meets local needs.
- To ensure that the Neighbourhood Plans are up to date and relevant to local and national Policy.
- Restore civic pride in the Parish

#### 2026/27

- Asset Ownership & Management Program
- Self-maintenance of village infrastructure
- Liaise with MSDC Transition to Unity authority/maximise benefits of the Local Government Review
- Effective streetlighting rolling program
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#### 2027/28

- Northern boundary change
- Effective streetlighting rolling program
- 3 Year Business Plan shaping the future.
- Developing people and Resources
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### 4-YEAR ROADMAP - COPTHORNE

#### 2025/26

- Enhance CCTV provision
- Transport resolve Bakers Hill/Copthorne Bank/Shipleigh Bridge Lane junction issues
- Improve signage and identity of village- fingerpost village focus points [*Welcome to 'pickets', Amenity signage, themed bins*]
- Footpaths/roads/twittens/cycle paths improvements – visible plan, active transport plan
- Rec playground execution
- Integration of Hawthorns/Heathy Wood developments
- Establish war memorial (Borers Arms/Copthorne Bank junction)
- Sports facilities (future of Acorns, coordinate and support evolving needs)
- To work with head teachers to support educational needs in the village and to ensure that s106 contributions are used to enhance local education

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### 4-YEAR ROADMAP – CRAWLEY DOWN

#### 2025/26

- Support the creation of a vibrant and well-maintained village centre
- Deliver CCTV for the village centre
- Deliver a Bowers Place parking solution
- Maintain the allotments to a high standard
- Modernise and extend the village play area
- Improve the Memorial Car Park with wildflowers throughout
- Support a peak time one-way system in Hophurst Drive
- Work with the CDRA to support village events
- To work with the various tiers of the NHS to ensure the medical centre delivers for local residents
- Ensure that the Crawley Down Neighborhood Plan is consistent with national planning policy

#### 2026/27

- Support a revitalized Haven Centre and Village Hall
- Improve signage at village car parks
- Work with relevant authorities to restore Worth Way pond to its former glory
- Work with the CDRA to support village events

#### 2027/28

- Help improve the quality of the village's retail offering
- Promote the usage of Worth Way
- Improve cycling routes to Crawley and East Grinstead
- Help find a solution to the Royal Oak site and adjoining area



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### REFERENCES

- Notes from the two village working parties (CWP & CDWP)
- S106 - emerging and historic agreements
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Mid Sussex District Plan
- West Sussex County Council - Our Council Plan 2021 to 2025
- Village Health Check Reports
- Worth Parish Council's Vision 2024-2027