

# WORTH

## Parish Council

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To: Members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Notice of Meeting

You are summoned to the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** meeting of Worth Parish Council to be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at approximately 8.00pm** in the **Glebe Centre, Crawley Down** when the following business will be considered and transacted. This meeting will follow the Planning & Highways Committee meeting, so the start time is approximate, and Members should be available by 7.45pm.

Mrs L Bannister  
**CHIEF OFFICER**

### AGENDA

1. **Public Question Time** - to receive, and act upon if considered necessary, comments made by members of the public. This item will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with individual contribution up to a maximum of 3 minutes.

Members of the public are welcome to ask questions of the Council on matters that arise under its remit. The question should not be a statement, and it would be appreciated to be kept short, to maximise the time for other questions. The chairman will call the question from those who are indicating that they wish to speak.

Members of the public will only be allowed to speak at any other time during the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman, and will be governed by the rules set out in the Council's Standing Orders at all times.

2. **Apologies** – to **receive** and **approve** apologies for absence.
3. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests** – to **receive** any declarations of interest from Councillors.
4. **Minutes** – to **approve** the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 ([attached](#)).
5. **Chairman's Announcements** – to **receive** any announcements by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
6. **Correspondence list** – to note the following correspondence:
  - a. Thank you note from 4Sight Vision Support for the grant ([attached](#)).
7. **Accounts & Financial Matters** – to **consider** the following matters:
  - a. To **resolve** to receive and approve expenditure/income lists and reports on the current financial situation ([attached](#)).
  - b. To **confirm** that bank reconciliations to 30<sup>th</sup> April have been completed.
  - c. To **note** that the bank reconciliation for Natwest for March has been amended and re-signed. This is due to an error in the reconciliation relating to pending payments.
  - d. To **award** the street light electricity supply. A quote of £28,537.35 plus VAT at 5% has been received from Drax Energy Solutions for a 12 month contract. All other suppliers have declined to quote due to the small amount of energy used. It is therefore

recommended that Financial Regulation 5.8 is suspended which requires 3 fixed-price quotes. Note: It is possible this quote will change as the price could not be secured for any length of time.

8. **Section 106 Monies** – to **note** funds available (attached for [Copthorne](#) and [Crawley Down](#)).
9. **Internal Audit** – to **note** the Internal Audit report ([attached](#)).
10. **Policies** – to **consider** the following policies and **recommend to Full Council** that these are approved:
  - a. [Financial Regulations](#)
  - b. [Standing Orders](#)
  - c. [Financial Risk Assessment 2026-27](#)
  - d. [Code of Conduct](#)
11. **Projects** – to **receive** updates on the following projects, and **consider** the recommendations in the reports (to follow):
  - a. Bowers Place parking – to follow
  - b. [Copthorne Recreation Ground](#)
  - c. Operation Watershed – to follow
12. **Recruitment** – to **consider** a recommendation from the HR Committee (confidential report attached).
13. **Matters for Consideration submitted by the Village Working Parties, or by the Worth Parish Council Working Party** - to note activities to date, and to receive any recommendations.
14. **Consideration of items for discussion by the Village Working Parties, or by the Worth Parish Council Working Party** – to consider and agree items to pass to the two Village Working Parties, or to the Worth Parish Council Working Party for discussion at their meetings, these to be put on a future Council/Committee agenda if necessary.
15. **Date of the next meeting**: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at the Parish Hub, Copthorne.

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE THE RIGHT TO ATTEND, AND ARE WELCOME AT MEETINGS**