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To: Members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

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Notice of Meeting

You are summoned to the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** meeting of Worth Parish Council to be held on **Monday 5th October 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 7th September 2026 ([attached](#)).
5. **Chairman's Announcements** – to **receive** any announcements by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
6. **Correspondence list** – nothing to note.
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 30th September have been completed.
8. **Section 106 Monies** – to **note** funds available (attached for [Cophorne](#) and [Crawley Down](#)).

9. **Streetlights** – to:
- a. **Note** that EDF Energy has offered a settlement of the electricity bills of £15,000. This is in full and final settlement of the invoices totalling £25,384.18 (including VAT). This was accepted under the delegated authority approved at the previous meeting.
 - b. **Consider** upgrading 54 lanterns to LEDs ([attached](#)).
10. **South Room** – to **consider** a request from Crawley Community Action (www.crawleycommunityaction.org) to use the South Room/office space free of charge to meet with residents from the local area to discuss volunteer roles.
11. **Projects** – to **receive** updates on the following projects, and **consider** the recommendations in the reports:
- a. Bowers Place parking ([attached](#))
 - b. Copthorne Recreation Ground ([attached](#))
 - c. Operation Watershed – nothing to report until end of project report is complete.
 - d. CCTV – end of project report to follow at future meeting following installation of cameras at Copthorne Recreation Ground.
 - e. Projects Tracker ([attached](#))
12. **Copthorne Pavilion** – to **consider** approving amendments to the land ([attached](#)).
13. **Issues and risks** – to **note** the confidential report (attached for Councillors).
14. **Matters for Consideration submitted by the Village Working Parties, or the Worth Parish Council Working Party** – to note activities to date, and to receive any recommendations:
- a. Crawley Down Working Party discussed the potential reallocation of S106 funding from the Village Hall car park to another facility. The preference of the Working Party is that the fund remains allocated to the Village Hall whilst the new building is still being investigated.
15. **Consideration of items for discussion by the Village Working Parties, or 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.
16. **Date of the next meeting**: Monday 2nd November 2026 at the Parish Hub, Copthorne.

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