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To: Members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee 27th October 2026

Notice of Meeting

You are summoned to the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** meeting of Worth Parish Council to be held on **Monday 2nd November 2026 at approximately 8.00pm** in the **Parish Hub, Copthorne** 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 5th October 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 **note** budget deviations (attached).
   c. To **confirm** that bank reconciliations to 31st October have been completed.

8. **Email accounts** – to **consider** an additional email address for the youth team at a cost of £36 per year. This is an extension to the IT contract and is required for the leader of the younger sessions.

9. **Section 106 Monies**:
   a. To **Note** funds available (attached for Copthorne and Crawley Down).
   b. 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.
   To **consider** either accepting this, or requesting that MSDC reallocates this fund to another community facility. The amount available is £29,619.08. The Haven has approached the Council to say they could use these funds to replace their boiler, which is expected to cost in excess of £34,000.

10. **Streetlights** – further to the decision at the previous meeting to recommend to Full Council that 54 lamps are replaced, to **consider** replacing the remaining 47 lamps (attached).

11. **Crawley Down Play Area Fencing** – to **consider** the updated quote from TA Cole to provide the fencing as this has increased by £1,941. This is due to an additional area being fenced that was originally going to be done during the Bowers Place Parking Solution project. This is offset against a saving of £1,430 to the project costs. All contractors were asked for updated quotes, and this was the smallest increase quoted.

12. **Budget 2027-28** – to **consider** the draft budget (attached).

13. **Projects** – to **receive** updates on the following projects, and **consider** the recommendations in the reports:
   a. Bowers Place parking
   b. Copthorne Recreation Ground
   c. Operation Watershed
   d. CCTV – to follow
   e. Projects Tracker

14. **Policies** – to **consider** recommending the following policies to Full Council for adoption:
   a. Co-Option
   b. Document Retention
   c. Environmental (or to consider rescinding)
   d. Complaints Policy

15. **Data Audit** – to **consider** the Data Audit (attached).

16. **Gov UK Pay** – to **consider** entering a contract with Gov.UK Pay to accept online payments via card (attached).

17. **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:

18. **Consideration of items for discussion by the Village Working Parties, or the Worth Parish Council Working Party** – to **consider** 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.

19. **Date of the next meeting**: Monday 7th December 2026 at the Parish Hub, Copthorne.

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