

Worth Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities & Assets Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the South Room, Parish Hub

Present: Cllr Casella (Chairman) Cllr King (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Cruickshank Cllr Dymond
Cllr Phillips Cllr Scott
Cllr Wilson
Mrs L Bannister (Chief Officer) 1 member of the public

34 Public Question Time

The groundsman for Crawley Down Cricket Club was in attendance to support their request to close the ground during the wet season.

35 Apologies

None.

Absent – Cllr Coote

36 Declarations of Interest

None.

37 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2024.

38 Chairman's Announcements

None.

It was agreed to bring forward item 12a

39 Council Premises and Land

- a. It was RESOLVED that the Crawley Down Cricket Club would be allowed to close the ground during the rainy season (approximately December to March). This will be advertised when it happens, to explain that walkers can use the King George V field opposite. The bins need to be relocated to outside the gate.

40 Allotments

It was agreed that Cllr Kipps and Cllr Wilson will complete the allotment inspections in May and July.

41 Card Receipts

It was agreed to purchase a card reader from Sumup at a cost of £79 plus VAT to enable the Council to take payments by card. This will be purchased under delegated authority.

42 Events on Council Land

It was noted that:

- a. WPC is responsible for the hire of the field next to the Haven Centre on behalf of Mid Sussex District Council, and receives 25% of the income earned from this.
- b. The Copthorne Village Green has been booked for the Copthorne Carnival on 28th June.

43 Land West of Francis Court

- a. It was noted that this land has now been registered to the Council with possessory title.
- b. It was recommended to the Finance & General Purpose Committee that the quote of £580 plus VAT to survey the trees on the land is accepted.
- c. It was noted that a tree had to be felled on the land as an emergency, at a cost of

£250 plus VAT.

44 Assets of Community Value

It was noted that the Council was unable to appeal or ask for a review of the decisions made by Mid Sussex District Council in relation to the Royal Oak and Prince Albert.

Regarding the Prince Albert, it was agreed that a letter would be written to MSDC to express WPC's disappointment that the appeal was not allowed, and to point out the inaccuracies in their decision notice. Cllr Phillips will work with the Chief Officer to prepare this letter.

45 Council and Community Assets

- a. It was noted that 9 out of the 10 street light columns have been replaced. The final column is to be replaced in the new financial year. This is because it required a road closure. All emergency works will be complete once this is finalised, and all urgent works have also been completed.
- b. It was reported that the bollard outside of Morrisons has been taken away, but not replaced. Highways will be contacted to request that this is replaced.

46 Council Premises and Land

- b. It was agreed that Swish Fibre should be pursued for a wayleave agreement. They will be asked to remove their cabinet if they do not agree to this.
- c. It was RESOLVED to approve the land hire conditions.

Members requested to see the Asset Register; this will be circulated.

47 Matters for Consideration submitted by the Village Working Parties

There were none.

48 Consideration of items for discussion by the Village Working Parties

Working Parties were asked to look at land that MSDC owns within the villages, with a view to considering whether WPC should ask for ownership of it. The Chief Officer will circulate maps of MSDC owned land.

49 Date of the next meeting

To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.02 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____