

Worth Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 2nd June 2025 commencing at xxx pm

Present:	Cllr Phillips (Chairman)	Cllr Scott (Vice Chairman)
	Cllr Casella	Cllr Coote
	Cllr Dorey	Cllr Hodsdon
	Cllr King	Cllr Kipps
	Cllr Lord	Cllr Pointer
	Cllr Williams	Cllr Wilson
	Mrs L Bannister (Chief Officer)	3 members of the public
		Cllr Bingle (as non-committee member)

001 Vice Chair

It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Scott as Vice Chair.

002 Public Question Time

None.

003 Apologies

None.

004 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dorey declared an interest in the grant application as his wife is a member.

005 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 12th May 2025. These were duly signed by Cllr Phillips.

006 Chairman's Announcements

None.

007 Correspondence List

None.

008 Accounts and Financial Matters

Financial information

Financial information was included in the meeting pack. It was RESOLVED that the financial information was a true representation of the current financial situation. Notes:

- The Copthorne Pavilion is showing an expense of £26,000. This is related to S106 funding, and the funds for this have now been received.
- There is negative income showing for the South Room. The Chief Officer will look into why this is.

Bank Reconciliations

It was NOTED that the bank reconciliations to 31st May have been completed and signed by Cllr Casella.

Grants

The applicants spoke in support of the application. The club was set up in January to provide a fully inclusive club. Most members are from Crawley Down and Copthorne. They are promoting health, wellness and friendship. They have managed to start up with no funding, but would like England Athletics membership for insurance and support. They would also like to train another coach and welfare officer. This club is currently free to attend. They have up to 68 members now.

It was RESOLVED to approve the following grants:
Copthorne Chasers - £415

009 Section 106

The report was noted.

It was reported that with a planning permission for Copthorne, this will create another £54,000 towards footpaths and cycleways.

010 Projects

The update circulated by the Assistant Clerk (Projects) was NOTED. It was agreed to remove the Streetlight Replacement Project from the list as all major works have now been completed.

CCTV

The report was noted.

Copthorne Recreation Ground

It was agreed to support the proposals for dealing with sponsorship/donations.

Bowers Place Parking

The report was noted. In addition:

- The consultation has now ended with only four supportive responses being received through the official channels.
- The project manager is clarifying the position with the trees, and then will submit the planning application.

011 Policy

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the following policies are approved:

- a. Procurement Policy

012 Matters for Consideration submitted by the Village Working Parties

No items were submitted.

013 Consideration of items for discussion by the Village Working Parties

No items were submitted.

014 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 7th July in the Parish Hub, Copthorne.

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____