

## **Worth Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 commencing at 8.05 pm**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Phillips (Chair) Cllr Casella Cllr Pointer	Cllr King (Acting Vice Chair) Cllr Kipps Cllr Wilson
	Mrs L Bannister (Chief Officer)	Project Manager for Bowers Place and Cophorne Recreation Ground projects

*Due to the absence of Cllr Scott, Cllr King was appointed as Vice Chair for the meeting*

#### **115 Public Question Time**

No questions were raised at this point in the meeting.

#### **116 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coote, Dorey, Hodsdon, Lord, Scott and Williams.

#### **117 Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **118 Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

#### **119 Chairman's Announcements**

None.

#### **120 Correspondence List**

None.

#### **121 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.

It was NOTED:

- The accounts include information to 24<sup>th</sup> February and don't include the February payroll information.
- The bill for the street light electricity is still outstanding.

##### Bank Reconciliations

It was NOTED that the bank reconciliations to 28<sup>th</sup> February have been completed and signed by Cllr Casella.

#### **122 Section 106**

The reports were NOTED.

Try to make them bigger.

#### **123 Projects**

a. Bowers Place – it was NOTED that:

- The legal agreement for the S278 is now with the Council's solicitor for completion.
- The discharge of the planning conditions are still to be approved.
- £9,928.50 has been spent to date, with £79,406.18 remaining to spend.

- b. Copthorne Recreation Ground - it was NOTED that:
- The timetable has been set.
  - A S278 agreement for the car park access is not required, WSCC has confirmed that a crossover application would be acceptable.
  - The reduction of the playground size can be dealt with via a non-material amendment. This will reduce the width by 3 metres, which will reduce the budget accordingly for the groundworks and play area.
  - An application has been made to discharge some pre-commencement conditions.
  - £149 has been spent since the last meeting.
  - Project manager working with suppliers to get their timelines.
  - Completion of construction is set for start of the summer holidays.
- c. Operation Watershed – it was NOTED that:
- Grant funding for this scheme has been confirmed as £92,007.14. Funds will be paid direct to the Parish Council.
  - The contractors have been instructed, and site visits will commence on 5<sup>th</sup> March with a view to starting work as soon as possible.

**124 Matters for Consideration submitted by the Village and Worth Parish Council Working Parties**

No items to consider.

**125 Consideration of items for discussion by the Village and Worth Parish Council Working Parties**

The Copthorne Working Party were asked to discuss the S106 requirements for Land North of Borers Arms Road.

**126 Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at the Haven, Crawley Down.

*Meeting closed at 8.24 pm*

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_