

Worth Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13th April 2026 commencing at 8.15 pm

Present:	Cllr Phillips (Chair) Cllr Casella Cllr Dorey Cllr Kipps Cllr Williams	Cllr Scott (Vice Chair) Cllr Coote Cllr King Cllr Pointer Cllr Wilson
	Mrs L Bannister (Chief Officer)	Representative of 4Sight Vision Support Representative of Peter Pan Playgroup 1 member of the public

127 Public Question Time

No questions were raised at this point in the meeting.

128 Grants

A representative from each application addressed the committee and explained about their applications.

It was RESOLVED to award:

- a. £750 to Peter Pan Playgroup.
- b. £510 to 4Sight Vision Support.

All applicants left the meeting

129 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hodsdon and Lord.

130 Declarations of Interest

None.

131 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 2nd March 2026.

132 Chairman's Announcements

None.

133 Correspondence List

None.

134 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.

Bank Reconciliations

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

Street lights

It was RESOLVED to approve the invoice of £1,705 plus VAT from UK Power Networks for additional charges relating to replacing a street light on Grange Road.

It was RESOVLED to appoint Streetlights at the street lighting contractor at a cost of £7,139

plus VAT, which is an increase of 4%.

Fencing for Crawley Down Green

It was RESOLVED to appoint TA Cole & Co at a cost of £7,760 to replace fencing at the play area and alongside the new Bowers Place parking spaces. It was noted that the play area fencing will take place as soon as possible due to deterioration of the fence. This means that a small amount of fencing will be removed from the Bowers Place Parking Solution contract.

Payments made via Direct Debit

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

COMPANY	SERVICE	REGULARITY	COST
Castle Water	Allotment water	Monthly	Variable
British Gas	Feeder pillars	Monthly	Variable
British Gas	Allotment store electricity	Monthly	Variable
EE Mobile	Youth broadband	Monthly	£35.00
EDF	Streetlight electricity	Quarterly	Variable
Tesco	Mobile phone	Monthly	£10.00
Tesco	Mobile phone	Monthly	£24.99
PWLB	Loan for Parish Hub	Biannually	£4,863.00
PWLB	Loan for Bowers Place	Biannually	£2,482.21

135 End of financial year

It was RESOLVED to:

- a. Approve the proposed changes to the earmarked reserves as follows:
 - £6,000 increase to Election Costs
 - £15,000 increase to Crawley Down Play Area Project
 - £18,022 increase to Copthorne Recreation Ground Project
 - £4,200 increase to Youth (new EMR)
 - £3,000 increase to Local Government Reorganisation Fund
- b. Note the current financial situation.

136 Section 106 Monies

The reports were NOTED.

137 Insurance

It was RESOLVED to enter a 3-year agreement for insurance sourced through James Hallam at a cost of £9,508.34.

138 Policies

It was RESOLVED to approve the Grants Policy and related application form subject to the following addition:

Grants with a specific purpose will be preferred.

139 Projects

- a. Bowers Place – the report was NOTED.
- b. Copthorne Recreation Ground – the report was NOTED and all spending via delegated authority was RATIFIED.
- c. Operation Watershed – the report was NOTED.

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

No matters to consider.

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

None.

142 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 11th May at the Glebe Centre, Crawley Down.

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____