

## **Worth Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 commencing at 8.25 pm**

**Present:** Cllr Phillips (Chair) Cllr Scott (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Bingle Cllr Casella  
Cllr Gibson Cllr Lord  
Cllr Pointer Cllr Williams  
Cllr Wilson

Mrs L Bannister (Chief Officer)

**001 Vice Chair**

It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Scott as Vice Chair.

**002 Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present.

**003 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coote, Hodsdon and King.

**004 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**005 Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**006 Chairman's Announcements**

None.

**007 Correspondence List**

Nothing to note.

**008 Accounts and Financial Matters**

- a. It was RESOLVED that the financial information was a true representation of the current financial situation. The following was NOTED:
  - Errors are showing on the 'hire of halls' cost codes. This will be corrected.
  - 'Dog bins' is an annual charge.
  - 'Dog bins' has two cost codes. This needs to be corrected.
- b. It was NOTED that bank reconciliations to 31<sup>st</sup> May have been completed and signed by Cllr Casella.
- c. It was NOTED that a contract for street light electricity has now been entered. This was at an additional cost of £1,179.42.

**009 Section 106 Monies**

The reports were NOTED.

Potential reallocation of S106 funding from the village hall car park to another facility was discussed. This was referred to the Crawley Down Working Party for further discussion.

**010 Local Government Review Consultation**

It was RESOLVED to respond to the consultation as follows:

The Council still supports option B2 for the following reasons:

- The centre of local government should be closer than Chichester.
- Horsham, Crawley and Mid Sussex are best placed to enter discussions with and about Gatwick Airport.
- This area is already an economic area and an integrated housing area.

## 011 Projects

- a. Bowers Place – it was NOTED that a contract with Landbuild has been entered on the following terms:
- £60,162.72 plus VAT.
  - Subject to the availability of a road space booking from West Sussex County Council, the Works Commencement Date shall be a date between 7/9/2026 and 5/10/2026. The contractor shall use all reasonable endeavours to secure such booking within 4 weeks of the S278 Agreement being completed.
- b. Copthorne Recreation Ground – It was NOTED that:
- An interim invoice has been received from Warwick Landscaping for the value of £82,454.64 plus VAT. This is based on the value of the work completed to date, and has been certified by PBA Planning. This will be reclaimed from the S106 grant as soon as the invoice has been paid.
  - The project is currently running at a surplus of approximately £40,000.
  - Minor changes to the project have been approved as follows:  
Three phase distribution increase of £92 from £2,108 to £2,200  
Lighting supply increase of £141 from £1,150 to £1,291  
Two additional ducts to be added to car park for future lighting/ANPR.  
Approximate additional cost of £800, to be covered by contingency.  
Parking bays 1 and 2 to be laid to tarmac instead of block paving. This will allow vehicle access to the remainder of the site (e.g. for maintenance of the MUGA).
  - Spending of £6,266.02 since the last meeting.
  - The confidential report regarding the MUGA was noted. This may need an additional meeting with Full Council if a decision is required.
- c. Operation Watershed - The report was NOTED.
- d. Projects Tracker – The status of ongoing/planned projects was NOTED.

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

It was NOTED that emergency spending under delegated authority has been approved for removal of Japanese Knotweed at the Copthorne Recreation Ground. This will cost approximately £3,000 and will be paid from the Copthorne Working Party budget.

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

Crawley Down Working Party to discuss the potential reallocation of S106 funding from the village hall car park to another facility.

## 014 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the Parish Hub, Copthorne.

*Meeting closed at 8.54 pm*

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

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