

## **Worth Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Amenities & Assets Committee Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7.30pm at the Haven, Crawley Down**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Wilson (Acting Chair)	
	Cllr Cruickshank	Cllr Dorey
	Cllr Dymond	Cllr King
	Cllr Phillips	Cllr Pointer
	Cllr Stewart	
	Mrs L Bannister (Chief Officer)	Cllrs Gibson, Kipps and Hodsdon as non-committee members 2 members of the public

*Due to the absence of Cllr Casella, it was agreed that Cllr Dorey would act as Chair to open the meeting to enable the election of a Vice Chair.*

#### **01 Election of Vice Chair**

It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Wilson as Vice Chair.

*Due to the absence of Cllr Casella, Cllr Wilson acted as Chair for the meeting.*

#### **02 Public Question Time**

The chair of Crawley Down Gatwick Football Club addressed the meeting. They have 32 teams and over 300 members which makes them the largest club in Sussex. They plan to improve their pitches with S106 funding, and want to discuss with the parish council the long-term ownership of any new asset. They are keen for this to be owned by the parish, and be available for both Crawley Down and Cophorne.

The club has been offered funding of £1.2m by the Football Foundation, but accepting this would mean that ownership could not pass to the parish.

It was suggested that this is discussed in more detail at a Worth Parish Council Working Party meeting so that councillors can fully understand the request, ask questions and enable an open discussion.

*Cllr Pointer arrived*

#### **03 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Casella and Williams.

Absent – Cllr Bingle

#### **04 Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **05 Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026. These were duly signed by the Chair.

#### **06 Chair's Announcements**

None.

#### **07 Youth**

- a. The report was NOTED.
- b. It was RESOLVED to introduce a tuck shop with start up costs to not exceed £320, to be paid from the existing youth budget.
- c. It was NOTED that funding has been applied for to fund the holiday provision, which will allow the parish council to offer this service free of charge. It is the intention to request a deposit from each child, which will be refundable if they attend.

- It was RESOLVED to approve the delivery of the youth holiday provision as detailed in the report. If required, authority is delegated to the Assistant Clerk/Chief Officer to set fees of up to £25 per child for future youth activities and events (where appropriate).
- d. It was RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that the Youth Strategy is approved.

**08 Assets of Community Value**

For clarity, although this legislation is in place, the section on ACVs requires secondary legislation/regulations to be in place. However, it is still a recommendation that the village working parties begin to consider the upcoming changes in relation to the Royal Oak and Prince Albert.

It was agreed to defer this to the village working parties for discussion.

**09 Crawley Down Scout Hut**

It was RESOLVED to approve the changes to the land as detailed in the report.

**10 Allotments**

- a. It was NOTED that seven letters have been sent to plot holders to request their plot is worked. This resulted in two plot holders giving up their plots.
- b. It was agreed to appoint Cllr Kipps and Cllr Wilson to do the judging for the allotment award in July, and to add a prize for the most improved plot.
- c. Cllr Cruickshank proposed an amendment to allow bonfires up until the end of April instead of March.

**11 Council and Community Assets**

Nothing raised.

**12 Council Premises and Land**

Nothing raised.

**13 Matters for Consideration submitted by the Village Working Parties**

Cllr Wilson noted that the dates of the CDWP meetings do not align with committees, making it difficult for adequate discussion before decision-making.

Copthorne Working Party requests that the council accepts the gift of a small width of footpath on Copthorne Bank. The intention is to have this footpath widened to improve safety of it. The costs of this to be met entirely by S106 that is held by WSCC/Copthorne Working Party funds. This was agreed.

**14 Consideration of items for discussion by the Village Working Parties**

Village working parties are asked to consider assets of community value.

**15 Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Glebe Centre, Crawley Down.

*Meeting closed at 7.49 pm*

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

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