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# WORTH PARISH COUNCIL



# NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN/WINTER

### 2005

The Council Offices are situated at the rear of the Village Hall in Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down.

They are open to the public between 9 am and 12 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Staff can be contacted there at other times by telephone on 713407 or you can always leave a message on the answerphone.

## Letter from the Chairman



Welcome to the third issue of our Parish Newsletter which I do hope is found to be both interesting and informative. The Council has resolved to issue four newsletters every year at approximately three monthly intervals, and although I must apologise that the first (Spring 2005) issue was rather late, due to computer software problems, these have now been sorted out and we can all look forward to regular publications. Of course any comments, feedback or queries would be most welcome and should be forwarded to the Council Office.

People will know, or have read in the local paper, that policing in Copthorne, Crawley Down and Turners Hill is assisted by a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer), Elaine Anscamb, whose presence has greatly enhanced the well being of these villages. What may not be so well known is that her transport, the police van, has been provided for the last two years thanks to the generosity of Crawley Down Garage. That sponsorship period finishes at the end of November 2005, but I am very pleased to announce that Worth and Turners Hill Parish Councils will then take over responsibility for the provision of Elaine's vehicle.

Finally I have previously made reference to this Council's aspirations to become a "Quality Local Council" and I can advise that we are still on course to achieve this status, hopefully early in 2006.

Richard Blackmore

## Meetings

Parish Council and Committee meetings will be held in the first few months of 2006 as follows. As is usual, the Planning and Highways Committee will meet after every other meeting. Copthorne meetings will be at the Fairway School and Crawley Down meetings at the Burleigh School.

Fifteen minutes at the start of the meetings will be available for members of the public to address the Council.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<i>Jan. 09</i>	<i>Amenities</i>	<i>Copthorne</i>
<i>Jan. 30</i>	<i>General Purposes &amp; Finance</i>	<i>Copthorne</i>
<i>Feb. 13</i>	<b><i>Council Meeting</i></b>	<i>Copthorne</i>
<i>Feb. 27</i>	<i>Amenities</i>	<i>Crawley Down</i>
<i>Mar. 13</i>	<i>General Purposes &amp; Finance</i>	<i>Crawley Down</i>
<i>Mar. 27</i>	<b><i>Council Meeting</i></b>	<i>Crawley Down</i>
<i>Apr. 10</i>	<i>Amenities</i>	<i>Copthorne</i>
<i>Apr. 24</i>	<i>General Purposes &amp; Finance</i> <b><i>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</i></b>	<i>Crawley Down</i>
<i>May 15</i>	<b><i>Annual Council Meeting</i></b>	<i>Copthorne</i>



## POSTAL SERVICES COPTHORNE

*The Branch Post Office in Brookhill Road, Copthorne will close on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2005, at 1300. It will be replaced by a new Branch PO which will open at 6 Copthorne Bank on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2005. During the short period of closure services will be available at the Branch PO in Copthorne Common Road.*

*The new Branch will open from Mondays to Fridays from 0900 to 1730, and on Saturdays from 0900 to 1230. The Post Office hope that customers using the new Branch will appreciate the new, modern, purpose built counter and the flat, level, entrance, which should provide ease of access. It is hoped, too, that parking nearby will be easier.*

## COPTHORNE LOCAL ACTION TEAM

*From Peter Chatfield, Chairman of the Team*

“As many of you will be aware, Copthorne formed its own Local Action Team earlier this year with considerable support and encouragement from Sussex Police and Worth Parish Council. Since the formation we have received most useful advice and help from both our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, and the Mid Sussex LAT team based at Haywards Heath. At a joint meeting recently at Haywards Heath we were able to meet LAT Co-ordinators from around our area together with the Police and other interested groups to discuss topics of mutual interest and to share ideas for solving and approaching common issues in our villages.

The basic principle of a Local Action Team is “local people solving local issues” in partnership with the Police.

After our Team had identified a few priority issues concerning speeding problems and general anti-social behaviour activities around the village, some steady positive progress has been made over these past few months. It is hoped that it will not be too long now before the Speedwatch scheme will be introduced once all the training and other requirements are in place. Anti-social activities seem to have been reduced in recent weeks thanks mainly to the prompt action and assistance we have received from our PCSO, Elaine Anscomb, when situations have been reported. If you have any particular concerns or issues please let us know, initially through your road NHW Co-ordinator.”



## GARDEN WASTE



The collection of garden waste from domestic properties is a matter of contention in some quarters and this is not helped by the fact that local councils deal with the problem in different ways.

In **Mid Sussex** the contract for the collection of household waste does not include for the collection of garden waste but this service can be provided at an extra charge. Householders requiring the collection of garden refuse have to buy special green sacks, at a cost of 70p each, which can be collected at the same time as the normal weekly household refuse collection.

In **Crawley** it is necessary to purchase 20 sacks for £10 and when a minimum of three have been filled the Council will collect on request.

In **Tandridge** 25 sacks may be bought direct from the contractor for £22.50 and these are collected with the normal household refuse.

In **Horsham** householders are provided with a large wheelie bin for green waste (no food) and cardboard which is collected fortnightly with other recycled materials. Household refuse is collected in a smaller wheelie bin on alternate weeks.

In **Lewes** composting of garden waste is encouraged but no special arrangements exist for its collection. However householders may purchase wheelie bins (£32 or £44) which can be used for household and garden waste.

In **Wealden** two thirds of the District are currently provided with a three-bin segregated waste collection service. The pattern of collections is carried out on an alternate weekly basis, with a bin for green waste and flat card and a box for paper and cans/foil emptied one week and the refuse bin the next.

And in **Horsham** there is a similar system in which most households have two wheelie bins and two boxes but household refuse and recycling boxes are collected weekly and garden refuse is collected fortnightly.

It would seem that most schemes have both advantages and disadvantages and that in Mid Sussex would appear to be the most simple although not the cheapest and it has the disadvantage that waste collected is not sent for composting.

## **EAST GRINSTEAD'S NEW HOUSING AND THE RELIEF ROAD**

Residents will have been aware, if they are interested in such matters, of the public consultations which were to have been held between 10 November and 22 December on the scheme for 2,500 houses to the west and south west of East Grinstead and the associated Relief Road running from the Duke's Head to the A22 either north or south of Ashurst Wood. Following the refusal on the 19th October of the District Councillors to accept the proposed reports and drawings for consultation as they stood, consultations will now not take place until well into the new year. Exhibitions of proposed housing areas and associated facilities (e.g. employment areas, shops, primary school and open spaces, etc.) are to be held in East Grinstead, and we hope in the Haven Centre in Crawley Down. The Parish Council will post up details of any exhibitions and associated public meetings to be held in the parish.

**Routing of the Relief Road.** From sketchy details available in the local paper and the District Council's website in mid October 2005, it seems that the dotted line indicating the route at its western end (see the District Council's MAP 7) differs only in very minor respects from that indicated in the Council's consultant's (Messrs. Barton Wilmore) plans published some two years ago. The route directly affecting this parish (mostly north east of Crawley Down) starts from a new roundabout just south west of Gullege and runs west crossing Hophurst Lane just below the Chimney Sweep's new entrance. From here it continues in a westerly direction until north of Haven Gardens (some 200 metres from the nearest properties) then swings in a WNW alignment to meet the B2028 Turners Hill Road some 300 metres south of the Duke's Head roundabout. Those most seriously affected are 13 residential properties nearest to the new road junction with Hophurst Lane which would be under 150 metres from the intended new road. Houses in Cuttinglye Road and at Down Park would be about 200 metres from the intended new road and most further than this, with properties at the northernmost tip of Aviary Way, being over 150 metres from the line of the new road.

The exact route has still to be decided following consultations, but topographical features, woodland areas and property boundaries, etc. are likely to give little latitude from the Council's dotted line in determining the precise location. The chief determinants within which the developer's consultant (Barton Wilmore) were originally required to plan, were that the route had to be entirely within West Sussex, and follow contour lines as closely as possible so as to keep construction costs to the minimum.

Some are saying that a basic two lane road (which is all that is proposed) which cannot be routed for even short distances in either East Sussex or Surrey will provide no more than a 'least worst' option and is unlikely to offer East Grinstead any real 'road relief' at all.

Cllr. Mike Watts

20.10.05

## **PARISH COUNCIL MONEY An explanation**

Anyone looking at the Parish Council accounts recently will have noticed that our cash balance is quite high and this has prompted the comment that 'the Council has plenty of money'.

It should be explained that Councils do not put money aside for a rainy day but budget annually for specific projects. Obviously most projects involve other organisations and frequently they are unable to meet the timescale that we would like. When this happens, and money cannot be spent in the time intended, it is shown as part of the balance BUT it is still earmarked for the original project.

Of course the Council can decide to transfer money intended for a specific project to use it for something more urgent, but this means that then there is no money allocated in the budget for the original project until it has been reconsidered.

Current projects awaiting decisions by others include the skate park and car park in Crawley Down.