

# Worth Parish Council

## Vision Plan



**2014 - 2018**

# WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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### 1. Introduction

This Vision has been developed to set out the Parish Council's objectives and aspirations for the period 2014 – 2018. The vision has been developed by Councillors and Council staff.

### 2. The Parish Council's Vision for Worth Parish:

To make Worth Parish an attractive, safe and vibrant place to live and work.

### 3. The Aim of Worth Parish Council:

To ensure the character and unique environment of the villages and open space in the parish is protected and improved for future generations of residents.

### 4. The Parish Council's Values:

- To work with and listen to local residents, community groups and businesses and try to support them in appropriate local developments.
- To use Council influence to shape the future services and development of the Parish area.
- To seek benefits for the local area.
- To ensure Neighbourhood Plans reflect and meet long term challenges in the area.

### 5. Main aims:

- To enhance communication between the Council and the local community
- To enhance leisure and recreational facilities within the Parish
- To continue to support and improve the Parish Council's responsibilities:
  - Village Greens, Play areas, Skate parks, Football and other Sports Fields,
  - Allotments
  - Crawley Down Cricket field,
  - Crawley Down King George V Field,
  - Copthorne King George V Field,
  - Copthorne Jubilee Pavilion,
  - Crawley Down Car Park(s)
- To seek Improvements to Highway Infrastructure,
- To seek to improve local retail opportunities, including disabled parking,
- To enhance community safety and reduce the fear of crime,
- To be actively involved in production and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans.

## **6. Objectives within first 2 years:**

### **The Parish Council**

- Produce Vision for the Council; and integrate with Neighbourhood Plans.
- Champion Neighbourhood Plans to ensure maximum community benefit.
- Examine options and apply for funding of new community facilities and initiatives.
- Create a more outward focus in the community. There is a need for a more visible office, in keeping with a Quality Parish Council, which can act as a one-stop shop to provide a range of services and act as a contact point for other agencies.
- Investigate feasibility of having one morning a week contact point in the village not hosting the main office.
- Provide a higher profile in the community: improve website; expand input to Parish Newsletter; use Facebook effectively.
- Expand partnership working with: the police; District and County Councils; local organisations providing youth and elderly services; neighbouring Town and Parish councils.

### **Community Safety**

- Maintain and improve relationships between the Parish Council, the community and the Police to encourage improved community Policing.
- Support re-establishment of Neighbourhood watch.
- Support local youth initiatives to help prevent anti-social behaviour.
- Encourage local sport and recreational initiatives to involve youths.

### **Traffic Management**

- Establish better relationship with civil enforcement officers over anti-social parking. Investigate feasibility of employing our own patrols.
- Review sites for traffic lights to aid road crossings and traffic calming measures. Perceived main points for this are: B2118, A264, Brookhill Road, Copthorne Bank.
- Investigate funding options for these measures.
- Examine traffic calming options with County Council Highways Department.

### **Development Planning**

- Ensure Neighbourhood Plans reflect the community wishes.
  - Highlight local infrastructure issues with new developments: power; water; drainage; transport.
  - Highlight local sustainability issues as part of the planning process with the District and County councils.
  - Through Neighbourhood Plans identify sites for future private, affordable and social housing in the parish.
  - Champion additional sporting and recreational facilities.
  - Investigate provision of sustainable business units for start-up light industrial and office-based enterprises. If sustainable support them.

- Ensure neighbourhood plans are approved to maximise any future income from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- Improve dialogue with the planning authority to ensure that section106 and CIL payments benefit the community.

## **7) Objectives in following 2 years:**

### **Development Planning**

- Start preparing 2018 Council Vision.

### **Establish community needs**

- Survey requirements of the young and elderly in the Parish and produce a list of achievable aims.
- Work toward achieving those aims.

### **Community Safety**

- Examine existing good practice from other Parish and Town councils.

### **Traffic Management**

- Review sites for additional parking.

### **Establish community needs**

- Examine options for improving and maintaining community transport. Support most viable and affordable.

Main Aim	Objective	How
To enhance communication Between the Council and the local Community.	Produce Vision for the Council; and integrate with Neighbourhood Plans.	Chairman & Clerk continue to lead Vision development.  When agreed it will be put on website and some hard copies available in the office.
To be actively involved in production and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans.	Ensure Neighbourhood Plans reflect the Community wishes.	Through Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Sub-Committees
There is a need for a more visible Parish Office, in keeping with a Quality Parish Council	Parish Office aims to act as a one-stop shop to provide a range of services and act as a contact point for other agencies.  Investigate feasibility of having one morning a week contact point in the village not hosting the main office.	Clerk continue to seek new office, Councillors also keep an eye out.  Clerk and ASC seek a venue in centre of each village for a regular "one day a fortnight" drop in for residents. Are Councillors willing to join Clerk/AST on that morning for a surgery?

## Communications Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
To enhance communication Between the Council and the local Community.	To work with and listen to local residents,  community groups and businesses and try to support them  in appropriate local developments.	Set up a Communications Working Group (CWG) to explore all aspects of communication between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WPC and its councillors and</li> <li>• WPC and residents.</li> <li>• Upgrade website.</li> </ul>
To continue to support and improve the Parish Council's responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Greens, Play areas, Skate parks, Football &amp; other Sports Fields.</li> <li>• Allotments for both wards.</li> <li>• Crawley Down Cricket Field</li> <li>• Copthorne King George V Field</li> <li>• Copthorne Jubilee Pavilion</li> <li>• Crawley Down Car Park(s)</li> </ul>	Champion Neighbourhood Plans to ensure maximum community benefit.  To seek benefits for the local area.	CWG explore ways of gaining <b>feedback</b> about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use of and</li> <li>• ideas for development of WPC amenities(eg Youth Shelter).</li> </ul> Communicate closely with RWG
To encourage wider participation as Councillors	To ensure information is available to persuade people to come forward for the 2015 elections.	Clerk in coordination with CWG

### Traffic Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
To seek improvements to the Highway Infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate feasibility of employing our own patrols.</li> <li>Review sites for traffic lights, crossings and traffic calming measures to aid road crossing. Perceived main points for this are Turners Hill Road, A264, Brookhill Rd &amp; Copthorne Bank.</li> <li>Investigate funding options.</li> </ul>	Set up a Traffic Working Group (TWG) to explore these items.
To seek to improve local retail opportunities, including disabled parking.	<p>To provide Disabled Parking by the shopping area in both Wards.</p> <p>Investigate provision of sustainable business units for start-up light industrial and office-based enterprises.</p>	TWG explore.

### Recreation Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
To enhance leisure and recreational facilities within the Parish.	<p>Examine options and apply for funding of new community facilities and initiatives.</p> <p>To use Council influence to shape the future services and development of the Parish Area.</p> <p>Champion additional sporting and recreational facilities.</p>	<p>Amenities Committee set up a Recreation Working Group (RWG) to</p> <p>explore and identify new initiatives</p> <p>set up signage and information about Worth Way.</p> <p>ensure Clerk can keep in loop about funding opportunities..</p>

## Security Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
To enhance community safety and reduce the fear of crime.	<p><b>-Maintain</b> and improve relationships between the Parish Council, the Community and the Police to encourage improved Community Policing.</p> <p><b>-Support</b> re-establishment of Neighbourhood watch. <b>-Support</b> local youth initiatives to help prevent anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><b>-Encourage</b> local sport and recreational initiatives to involve youths.</p> <p>-Establish better relationship with civil enforcement Officers over anti- social parking.</p>	<p>Set up a Security Working Group (SWG) to work with the Police and the residents on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch,</li> <li>• the time spent on Community support by the PCSO,</li> <li>• possibilities of Volunteer Civil Enforcement Officers.</li> </ul>

## Infrastructure Working Group

Main Aim	Objective	How
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The neighbourhood plans are approved</li> <li>2. Maximisation of future income from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight local infrastructure issues with new developments: power; water; drainage; transport</li> <li>• Highlight local sustainability issues as part of the planning process with the District and County Councils.</li> <li>• Through Neighbourhood Plans identify sites for future private, affordable and social housing in the Parish.</li> <li>• Improve dialogue with the planning authority to ensure that 106 and CIL payments benefit the Community.</li> </ul>	<p>Set up an Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) to put pressure on and try to get joint working between all power and infrastructure suppliers locally.</p>