

## CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting  
Monday 25 April 2022  
Crawley Village Hall 7.30 pm

### Present

County Councillor J Warwick  
City Cllr C Horrill  
City Cllr P Cunningham  
Crawley Parish Council: Cllr Anderson, Cllr Fratter, Cllr Hall, Cllr Boucher, Cllr Whiteley

### In attendance

Alison Carey (neighbourhood watch), Richard Leather (playground warden), David Jordon (pond warden), Susan Simmonds (HIWWT), Nicky Breen (Clerk)  
Approximately 40 members of the public

- 22-1 Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence  
Several parishioners had sent their apologies.
- 22-2 Chair's Report  
Cllr Anderson welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked the Councillors for their hard work in supporting the community. He also thanked Philip Ely for laying the Remembrance Sunday wreath, Philip Gillibrand for his help with the George Philippi Memorial Sports Ground and Patricia Elkington for organising litter picking around the village.
- 22-3 City Councillor's Report  
Cllr Warwick delivered her report, a copy of which is attached. In addition, she noted that should the parish council wish to apply for a grant from funding she has available, this can be done between 1 June 2022 and 28 February 2023.
- 22-4 County Councillor's Report  
Cllr Horrill delivered her report, a copy of which is attached. She highlighted the importance of a village community, especially since COVID.
- 22-5 Other Reports
- a. Highways and buses Cllr Hall  
Cllr Hall outlined the progress on the village gateways.
- The 30mph signs on the road are to be repainted to make them more visible.
  - The planting around the gateways are a visual clue to reduce speed.
  - Please drive carefully signs are to be put on some gateways.
  - There will be village symbols on the gateways – for example the silhouette of a crow.
  - Highways are to align signs that are not straight.
  - Repeater signs are to be extended on the Littleton Road.
- There has been no change in the bus timetable this year. If we do not use the bus we run the risk of a reduced service.
- b. Finance - Cllr Fratter
- The Parish Council is the sole trustee of the George Philippi Memorial Sports Ground charity. This was gifted in two parts – 1955 George Philippi gave the area that is now the cricket ground, and 1995 the Seligman family gave the strip of land that incorporated the playground.
- c. Neighbourhood Watch - Alison Carey  
Alison mentioned that there have been a number of thefts in Crawley and neighbouring villages
- d. Playground - Richard Leather
- The playground was put in 25 years ago
  - There are 7 playspaces. 4 of these were replaced 6 years ago, the remaining 3 now need replacing
  - A grant has been applied for to help fund new equipment
- e. Chair - Cllr Anderson  
Cllr Anderson mentioned that there are two events coming up:
- Jubilee
  - Crawley Ball

22-6 Open Forum

Cllr Anderson responded to several questions. A parishioner asked why nothing had been done about the puddle that appears on the Littleton Road after heavy rain – the general opinion is that this acts as a speed calming measure and no work is planned to address this. The accidents at this location have occurred when there was no puddle. It was noted that the puddle can pose problems for pedestrians.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm and was followed by a presentation by Susan Simmonds from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT).

Susan gave a very interesting talk about biodiversity in the local area and how we can encourage biodiversity in our gardens.

Chair.....

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