

CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 24 April 2023
Crawley Village Hall 7.00 pm

Present

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

In attendance

PC Hayley Goodsell, PCSO Kerry Crouter, Alison Carey (neighbourhood watch), Martin White (cricket warden), Nicky Breen (Clerk)

24 members of the public

23-1 Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Cllr Chapman and several parishioners had sent their apologies.

23-2 Crime Prevention – Local Police Cllr Anderson welcomed all to the meeting and introduced PC Hayley Goodsell and PCSO Kerry Crouter.

PC Goodsell highlighted that Crawley is a very safe area – over the past year there have been 9 jobs in the area.

There has been an increase in shed break ins with thieves searching for high value bicycles and power tools. She suggested that sheds be alarmed and items marked with UV pen so that should these items be stolen and found they can be returned.

Other things to be aware of are telephone fraud scams, where the caller often claims to be from the police, and 'romance' scams.

Be aware of rogue traders – it is always best to appoint a trader from a word of mouth recommendation.

Nothing should be left in vehicles, even in the boot. Charging cables should also be hidden.

Householders should be mindful to lock doors whilst inside and to consider security lights and CCTV/ring bells on their property as deterrents.(CCTV needs to be registered). A Faraday pouch should be considered for keyless cars.

The police left leaflets and personal and shed alarms for people to help themselves to.

Cllr Anderson thanked the police for their talk and valuable time, they then left the meeting.

23-3 County Councillor's report – Jan Warwick

Cllr Warwick delivered her report, a copy of which is attached

23-4 County Councillor's Report – Caroline Horrill

Cllr Horrill delivered her report, a copy of which is attached

23-5 Chair's Report

Cllr Anderson thanked the speakers and attendees. He introduced Vanessa Chapman (not in attendance) as a new councillor.

He thanked Richard Leather for his many years as the playground warden and asked if there were any volunteers to now take on this role. Cllr Anderson outlined that attempts have been made to secure funding for the new playground equipment through grant applications – none having been successful.

23-6 Other Reports

Cllr Fratter explained that the precept this year had increased slightly due to inflation. He said that the main areas for spending in the upcoming year will be the cricket nets and the playground. He outlined the split of the George Philippi Memorial Trust matters from Crawley Parish Council matters and thanked Philip Gillibrand for his advice and work involved in the separation.

Cllrs Whiteley and Boucher gave an overview of their roles within the parish council. Cllr Boucher mentioned that volunteers are needed if a biodiversity group is to be established.

Martin White (cricket warden) spoke about the two cricket nets which are to be installed – work starts in May.

23-7 Open Forum

Cllr Anderson responded to questions.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chair.....

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