

CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 22 April 2024
Crawley Village Hall 7.45pm

Present

City Cllr C Horrill

Crawley Parish Council: Cllr Anderson, Cllr Fratter, Cllr Boucher, Cllr Whiteley, Cllr Chapman

In attendance

PC Hayley Goodsell, Alison Carey (neighbourhood watch), Nicky Breen (Clerk)

Approximately 20 members of the public

Parishioners had been invited to attend the formal opening of the cricket nets at 7pm at the recreation ground. Martin White, captain of the cricket club, thanked those who had been involved in making what had been a 10 year vision possible. The net cages are long and face away from the play park for safety reasons. The matting gives a good running distance for bowling which means that the adjoining grass will not be churned up. There is to be a charge of £25 for a household to use the nets for a year. Residents should contact the cricket club if interested.

24-1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Warwick and several parishioners had sent their apologies.

Cllr Anderson welcomed all to the meeting and introduced PC Hayley Goodsell

24-2 Local Police

PC Goodsell is Crawley's dedicated neighbourhood officer from the Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. This aims to bring back local police on the beat. She encouraged parishioners to register with Hampshire Alert and to complete the survey there to register any local issues.

Hampshire Alert is a free messaging service that allows Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations keep you informed about issues in your area that are relevant to you.

Once signed up you'll receive messages about crime, witness appeals and general policing activity and issues in your local area, and being able to play an active part in helping make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight a safer place to live and work.

PC Goodsell highlighted that Crawley is a very safe area. There has been a lot of garden machinery theft around the area – sheds should be locked and a note made of machinery serial numbers so that should these items be stolen and found they can be returned. She stayed for the remainder of the meeting in order that parishioners could ask any questions.

Alison Carey supplied various leaflets for people to help themselves to.

Cllr Anderson thanked PC Goodsell for her talk.

24-3 County Councillor's report – Jan Warwick

Cllr Warwick was unable to attend the meeting.

24-4 City Councillor's Report – Caroline Horrill

Cllr Horrill delivered her report, a copy of which is attached. Questions arose about the development at Three Maids Hill, the closure of the Andover Road and the development of the Sir John Moore Barracks.

24-5 Other Reports

This item was brought forward in the agenda at the Chair's request.

Cllr Boucher informed the meeting of the steps that the parish council are taking in relation to the possible development of the Arqiva site. The parish council has been in contact with several planning advisors and intends to appoint one shortly. A parishioner who has knowledge of planning offered advice.

Cllr Horrill mentioned that the planning permission granted at the Sir John Moore barracks has helped with the Winchester planning allocation and that another possible use of the land could be employment premises.

Cllr Fratter explained that the precept had increased by £1000 to accommodate the planning advise. The costs are expected to become significantly greater should planning permission be given to the Arqiva site.

Cllr Chapman said that the re-turfing and planting of the Memorial Ground work will be starting shortly.

24-6 Chair's Report

Cllr Anderson thanked the councillors, Alison Carey, Cllr Horrill, and others who are involved with the parish council.

He mentioned that it has been a busy year with a lot of work involved:

- Cricket nets now complete
- Replacement playground equipment installed
- Successful grant application for Memorial Ground landscaping

The pond clear and litter pick were both well supported, and parishioners were thanked for their help.

24-7 Open Forum

Cllr Anderson and Cllr Boucher responded to questions concerning the aggregate lorries that use the village roads and the road repair to Crawley Down Lane. Alison Carey urged parishioner to call 101 should they note anything suspicious.

Cllr Anderson thanked all attendees and the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chair.....

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