

CROWLE PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 25TH APRIL 2019

7.30pm in Committee Room, Crowle Parish Hall.

Minutes and Reports

29 Attendees signed the sheet and collected an agenda and compilation of reports submitted.

1.Apologies: Cllrs Wall & Dickenson, David Miles (Lengthsman) & Mrs M. Abbott (Crowle 1st School)

2.Minutes of the last APM 26/4/18 have been available for all to read on the website for the last yr.

3.Report from the Council The Chair welcomed everyone and summarised her report, thanking those who have committed so much time and energy to the business of the Council and Community. The Clerk also spoke briefly and highlighted her report which detailed some of the work that has been carried out by the Parish Office this year. She is looking forward to working with the new Council from May on an increasingly busy schedule.

4.Financial Report; RFO A summary of the unaudited accounts for the PC were included in the report compilation and the Clerk indicated that the Internal Auditor had reviewed these and was happy. The Finance and Risk group and then the full Council will review them for approval for the external auditor soon. Cllr Pyle indicated that we have been budgeting for a balance of payments and receipts for a few years and we are close to achieving that. (see attached at the end of this compilation)

5.Introduction to those present with a chance for questions from the floor.

PC Aidan Goundry attended and spoke about his work in the large local area with PC Elliott and new Constable Warren Edmunds. He was asked about the recent spate of attempted arson attacks on vehicles, the links with West Mids Police and the drop-in sessions in Crowle (which have now been stopped as there wasn't much engagement.)

There was a brief discussion about lack of funding for the Church which has many current projects to finance and the unfortunate 1894 statute which does not permit the PC to contribute anything towards this.

Cllr Rob Adams wasn't able to submit a formal report due to his vast workload at present but introduced himself and his role in the local rural area. He indicated his belief that rural communities had seen enough development under SWDP and also that he was keen to see infrastructure put in place for any new development before building. Parkway station should be ready late Autumn and the Carrington Bridge extension in 2 years. Pinvin crossroads is to be re-aligned and Highways are still working on J6 of the M5 which is running over and causing some problems.

A question was raised by Mrs Field about the possibility of a new 'memorial' bench for Martin Povey, clerk to the parish for over 30 years. This idea has been suggested by Cllr Turner and will be looked at by the new Council to include other significant contributors to the Community such as Ian Bedford who also sadly passed away recently.

Everyone else present introduced themselves and their roles in the Community – please read their reports to see what is happening in their organisations.

Mr J. Thomas issued a vote of thanks to the outgoing Parish Council for their work and commitment to the Community.

Chair's report

Since there are no matters which require a formal report to the meeting, it allows me the opportunity to thank all those who have served Crowle well. There are those of you who serve Crowle in a voluntary capacity and those who have a much more formal role. To all of you I say thank you and look forward to reading your written reports.

Now I will move on to those who have either been formally employed by the PC or who have undertaken specific roles within the Council.

Firstly our two employees, the Clerk (although probably driven to distraction by some of the detail she has been required to do) has served the Council with meticulous attention to detail and put into better order the governance arrangements thus allowing me in particular to be sure that everything is done as well as possible. The same is true of the Field caretaker who has kept the field and facilities safe during its rigorous use.

Now I would like to thank all the parish councillors for their work, particularly those who are leaving us; formal thanks were given at the last meeting in recognition of the roles they undertook. The Vice Chair, Lee Turner was involved in many roles including the Crowle Cryer, Facebook and finance, Nick Brett secured NHB, helped with the Shop set up and was involved in planning where his professional role was most useful. Stuart Dickenson was involved in many areas to do with field and playground management, staffing, highways and finance and Frazer Wall looked after the Wychavon Games and was on the land management committee.

Clerk's Report

The Parish Council office has been busy again this year dealing with an increasing workload comprising;

- A regular schedule of meetings for the whole Council and committees and liaison with Cllrs daily,
- Day to day running of the office and receipt of email, post, visits and calls,
- Land Management including the Lengthsman, allotments, trees and Green Pool, a new Path's Warden (Mr David Rose) and liaison with the newly formed 'Parish Garden Group',
- Field and playground management in liaison with the Field manager Andy Tanner including restoration of the bowls surface, contractors for the field and playground repair and liaison with FMC members,
- Enquiries from parishioners and groups in the parish on many varied topics + research,
- Submitting applications for grants and New Homes Bonus money to facilitate speeding deterrents,
- Support in forming a Crime Prevention Group in response to an increase in local crime and close liaison with the Police for drop-in sessions at the new Shop (sadly now curtailed),
- Preparing the monthly Parish magazine, the Crowle Cryer and organising advertisers,
- Preparing for elections + associated paperwork and recruiting 5 new Cllrs,
- Administering finances, keeping accounts, organising insurance & preparing for end of year audit,
- Liaison with WCC and WDC e.g. for Highways issues, Listed building work (War Memorial) and Planning applications,
- Ensuring all codes, policies and regulations are reviewed/updated including assets & risks, H&S, and Information Management (publication scheme and data protection)
- Sorting out IT problems as they arise and updating the laptop, website and email system,
- Liaising with Wychavon Games administrator and team captains and submitting entries for the parish,
- Attending and organising training with CALC as needed for the role.

Finance Report (see attached at the end)

Report from Mrs Martina Abbott, Head teacher at Crowle CE First School

Crowle First School continues to support children in their academic and personal endeavors. The school has been working hard to further develop our school vision of "Caring. Confident. Committed to Learning" - ensuring that we have a theological underpinning behind this. This has resulted in Vision Days across the school, where children have spoken about what makes our school unique, and how we need to live and learn together, in a supportive, respectful way.

The children have excelled academically again, with results in July 2018 being:

EYFS - 73% reached a Good Level of Development

Phonics - 80% passed the Phonics Check

KS1 Reading - 83%

KS1 Writing - 83%

KS1 Maths - 75%

This year our school focus is on developing children's writing, handwriting, spelling and phonics - and all staff are dedicated to offering the children the best possible academic grounding. As part of this we have now introduced "The Write Stuff" as a mechanism to support children's writing, along with "No Nonsense Spelling" for children to look at spelling patterns/rules. We continue to use "White Rose Maths Hub" to support the teaching of Mathematics and staff have been part of the GLOW Maths Hub to continue to develop our understanding of the mastery curriculum.

Crowle First School children also demonstrate love for others through all their charity work. Children have recently raised money/donated to Red Nose Day, Food Banks, Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Foundation, Christmas Box Appeal, Poppy Appeal, Jeans for genes etc. The children have even presented to the school about charities they feel passionate about and asked their peers to raise money for worthy causes.

REPORT FROM CROWLE COMMUNITY TEA SHOP

The Tea Shop started 5 years ago with a mission to enable older members of our community to meet socially, enjoy tea and cake but more importantly make new friends and renew and continue existing friendships. We have a nominal charge of £1 to cover our costs - room rental etc.

The Tea Shop also aims to address loneliness and isolation. We are self-supporting and re-invest any surplus we make in a number of no charge special events including; a traditional English Summer Tea Party and a Christmas Party. The Christmas party in the Main Hall is always a "sell out" although entry is free of charge and we have had some excellent musical entertainment from for example, Kevin Dowson and the Worcester Male Voice Choir.

At our special events we hold a raffle to support a nominated charity and last Christmas raised over £300 for The National Heart Foundation.

We meet twice a month on Tuesday's in the Parish Hall Community Room and on many occasions are full. This leaves us with a dilemma as we would like to be more pro-active in identifying other members of our parish who would enjoy and benefit from the opportunity to socialise and interact with other people in a friendly and caring environment. Such an expansion of our activity is not possible in the existing accommodation that is available to us.

There are many people to thank including those who bake our wonderful cakes and provide prizes for our much-anticipated Tuesday 'Grand Raffle' for which there is no charge to enter. However, it is the volunteer team who make the Tea Shop happen so particular thanks go to: Jenny Crawford, Marie Eastwood, Anne James, Marion Jones, Bernie Leech, Barbara O'Reilly and Avril Rowe.

Report from Crowle Scout Group

1st Crowle Scout Group is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. During that time, it has seen hundreds of boys and girls through the ranks of the Beaver Colony, Cub Pack, Scout Troop and then on to Black Pig Explorers in Pershore. Members of the groups meet weekly and undertake a range of indoor and outdoor activities with the aim of building skills for life. To celebrate this anniversary, there will be a celebration afternoon on the 8th September 2019, where children and adults can reminisce about their scouting experiences and also have a go at a climbing wall and inflatable obstacle course!

Each year there are numerous opportunities for children of each section to camp overnight, one highlight being Family Camp, where all sections camp together with their family members and partake in team challenges and games. Cubs and Scouts also have the opportunity to go a little further afield and in the past on foreign camps have been to Switzerland, Norway and most recently Iceland. On alternative years, trips have been to Brownsea Island, Lake District and Cornwall, with next year's trip planned for Snowdonia.

Crowle Scout Group is a thriving group of over 75 young people. This is supported by a team of enthusiast volunteers who aim to provide the young people with invaluable 'Skills for Life', and develop their independence, resilience, initiative and tenacity. Scouting aims to improve its members employability by encouraging teamwork, leadership and problem solving alongside practical life skills such as cooking, coding and first aid. We are looking forward to the next 50 years!

Report from the Parish Garden Volunteer Group

Acquired by public subscription in 1997, the land was for many years known as the WI garden in recognition of the several WI ladies who had voluntarily cut the grass, planted shrubs and flowers, prior even to the land's acquisition. As these ladies became unable to continue, the Parish Council's Lengthsman was employed to mow the grass, while ad hoc maintenance work was done by occasional volunteers.

Set up early in 2019 principally to assist the PC Land Committee maintain the garden, the PGV were initially tasked with establishing the boundary between the garden itself and a presently vacant adjacent property. Some heavy-duty clearance work was followed by construction of a new post and rail fence along the boundary, both securing the boundary and enabling a better perspective of what the PC actually owns.

Recent work has concentrated on mowing the grass, avoiding the many bulbs and wild flowers, preparatory to opening discussions about plans for the garden's longer-term maintenance and possible improvements. These discussions will commence after the May elections and will be led by whichever councillor is elected to head up the Land Committee.

JRT 16.4.2019

Report from Margaret Rowley, District Councillor

This year has seen a number of changes being put in place, including:

- Work has begun on updating the South Worcestershire Development Plan, extending the plan period until 2041.
- Improvements have been made to the planning enforcement service. The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee is closely monitoring progress.
- A series of workshops have been run for parish councils and community groups.
- The Council was assessed as the worst in the West Midlands for social mobility. An action plan is being drawn up to tackle the issue.
- The New Homes Bonus scheme has been changed to a Community Legacy Grants Scheme.
- FCC was appointed waste collection contractor is saving the Council £500,000 a year as well as taking additional items for recycling.
- Owners of empty homes are being given support by the Council to bring them back into use.
- The Council has appointed a Homeless Prevention Officer to help people at risk of homelessness.

Report from Crowle Searchers Football Club



Established 2005

Chairman: Adrian Coleman
Secretary: Andrew Hall

Club Welfare Officers: Sue Dickson/Belinda Harris
Treasurer: Colin Amos

Crowle Searchers FC was started in 2005 by a group of Crowle parents who wanted the opportunity for their children to play organised team football in a fun, safe and friendly environment. From an initial single team of just 8 players, in the current season we have fielded 8 teams covering ages from 6 to 15 with 134 players registered to the Club. We are a fully inclusive club, welcoming anybody who wants to join us, and our primary objective remains developing a lifelong love of football in our young players.

All of our teams have enjoyed good seasons with respectable league finishes. Special mention needs to go to our under 9s team who have reached the final of the knock-out plate competition for their age group. Another achievement this year has been the strength of our mini section of 5, 6- and 7-year olds taking their first steps in organised football. We have 22 players in this section, the highest we have ever achieved for this age group giving us a really strong base for future years. We have recently been approved by the Football Association to run a 'Wildcats' Centre, aimed at inspiring 5 to 11-year-old girls to become involved in the game.

The highlight of the year remains our annual tournament. Last year we had almost 80 teams and over 500 players attend. Such is the reputation of our tournament that we had a waiting list of 30 teams that we could not accommodate. In response to this the 2019 tournament (our 10th!) will be extended to a 2-day event. Not only is this a great day of football for the players it has also become an important fundraiser for other village organisations. We always invite local organisations to assist us on the day and they take a share of the proceeds. Almost £10,000 has been channelled back into charities and social groups close to Crowle's heart through this. This year the tournament will be benefitting Crowle Shop, Crowle Pre-School and Crowle and Tibberton First Schools

We would like to thank Crowle PC and the Parish Hall Trust for their continuing support and look forward to another successful season.

Report from Crowle Community Speed Watch Group.

Your Crowle Speed watch Group continue to be as active as the number of volunteers we have allows. In the past 12 months a further 24 speed monitoring sessions have been conducted.

The speeds of over 6,000 vehicles have been monitored in those sessions. It is disappointing to report that 16.2% of those vehicles are recorded as "travelling in excess of the speed limit". 293 vehicles/drivers have been reported to the police of which 76 were travelling in excess of 40mph in the 30mph area.

The primary objective of the group is to reduce the number of people travelling too fast for the road they are on. The biggest single effect we have on the speed drivers travel as it being there, being seen on the road side and carrying out speed checks. However, to do that we need to increase the number of monitoring session carried out. To do that, we need more volunteers. Even if we were to carry out 3 more sessions a year, we would monitor around 750 more vehicles. That would make a difference.

Want to find out more and consider becoming a volunteer? Come along to a session as an observer, see what goes on, what we do and take part. Then if you want to join great and help us be even more active.

My personal thanks go to all the volunteers who support the scheme. We should record our thanks to them along with our local police officers who support and run speed sessions too whenever their resources allow, to West Mercia Constabulary for their support and the Safer Roads Partnership. Feel you can do your bit to help? Then contact our Parish Clerk.

Just imagine what more we could be doing if we had just a couple more volunteers?

Drive safely. Thank you. Neil Gow. Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

Report from the Bulk Oil delivery Scheme

This scheme continues to be successful and saves money for members and tanker miles for the environment! The key message this year is that as it is now some 5 ½ years since the scheme was set up, people need to remember to notify any changes of details or arrangements. More importantly if you have moved your tank or added a lock to it then we need to know so we can update the details we use every time you order.

This year there have already been a number of 'failed deliveries' because access to a tank has been blocked by a lock. If the tanker has to return to base, then come back out again that is defeating more than one of the objectives of the scheme. Equally if the tanker, and remember it is quite a bit bigger than your car, cannot park safely without blocking the access for emergency vehicles for the 8 to 12 minutes it takes to unload 500lt of oil, you cannot have your delivery. When you know which day the delivery is coming, please make sure the tanker can gain access. It is not the tanker driver's responsibility to go knocking on doors asking your neighbours to move their cars! Many many thanks to Neil Gow who administers this scheme from the PC.

If any of the current members or other parishioners wishing to join have the time to take this role on, Neil would much appreciate it as he has other areas of commitment to the community that he is working on. Please contact the Clerk for details.

Report for The Church of St John the Baptist

The PCC seeks to provide opportunities for Christian worship and fellowship for everyone in the community, recognising that individual's faith varies greatly. There is a monthly cycle of regular Sunday services, adapted for the major Christian festivals during the year, while individual services of celebration (e.g. baptism, wedding, etc) can be arranged. Rev David Morris, the vicar, and other clergy are also available for private conversation in times of personal crises.

The church building is a familiar landmark in the village, even for those of little faith. An old Listed building has its challenges, with roof repairs and a new heating system currently required. The PCC is also keen to ensure that the church provides flexible accommodation that can be more widely used and, as such, wants to install a toilet. In this context, it should be noted that the PCC and church are financed purely by personal donations from those within the community, with no funds provided by the greater Church of England or government.

Report from Crowle over 60's club

The club has been meeting for over 50 years. I believe they used to meet in the old village hall and over the years they still meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month but their meetings are now days out.

We are a friendly group and we would be encouraged if more Crowle residents could join us.

At the moment we have 22 members of which 12 live within the village and we are supported by friends from Worcester and Droitwich.

We could possibly meet more often in the parish hall but we find it difficult to book for that day and so we just plan days out.

Myra Brierley Chairman

Crowle Pre-school Report for Crowle Annual Parish Meeting

Crowle Preschool and Before & After School Club
Crowle Parish Hall, Church Road, Crowle, WR7 4AZ
01905 380031 crowle.preschool@live.co.uk



Crowle Preschool is a committee managed entity, with the committee consisting of volunteers from parents/carers and community groups, who give their time freely. Nobody owns preschool, it is a registered charity, charity no. 1036599, run as a not-for-profit organisation.

After a challenging few months at the beginning of 2018 Crowle Preschool has made great strides in developing a safe, full, challenging, varied and fun setting for all children attending – with staff all working together to meet children's individual needs, achieve their full potential and be school ready when it comes time to leave us. All this is down to the dedicated and knowledgeable staff team currently working in preschool.

There are two components to our service – Preschool for children aged 2-4years providing nine sessions Monday-Friday, and Before and After School Club for both preschool and Crowle First School age children. We have recently come to an agreement with the local School Transport Service to drop two Crowle children attending Pinvin Middle School off at the hall to attend After School Club.

Numbers.

12 members of staff. 2 full time 10 part time.

Preschool **35** – **16** 2-3year olds (Tots Group) - **19** 3-4year olds (Plus Group) B&ASC **47**

16 children will be leaving at the end of the summer term to start school.

Funding

The majority of children receive Government funding for their hours which, unfortunately, does not meet the actual cost of running preschool. Therefore we have had to make a small increase to the charge for extra hours and introduce an enhancement fee to cover extra activities.

Parents of children attending B&ASC pay an hourly rate which has also recently increased.

We are actively undertaking fund raising to cover the costs of new equipment and developing a marketing strategy to ensure we encourage new attendees for September 2019.

Future.

The future is exciting with continued and new experiences for our children which include:-

- ❖ Forest School for all the Plus Group every Monday – our thanks go to Ian Firkins for continued permission for us to use a piece of his land.
- ❖ Multiskills – for both groups, with tailored activities to suit development.
- ❖ Yoga
- ❖ Cookery
- ❖ Music sessions
- ❖ Continued liaison with parents/carers ensuring they are fully informed of their child's activities and progress to achieve their targets, developing use of Tapestry (online) and parental involvement.
- ❖ Developing community links with other local groups
- ❖ Greater outdoor activity time – whatever the weather!
- ❖ Further our environmental philosophy.

Visits to preschool are welcome but please telephone first to ensure a member of staff is free to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

Jenny Crawford

Chair, Crowle Preschool Management Team

23 April 2019

Report from Crowle Charities

The current Crowle charities were formally a group of local small charities that supported the church, recreation ground, and residents of the parish in need of financial support.

In 1972 the Charity Commission created a new scheme for the regulation of the Charities. The new charity became the Crowle relief in need charity and the Crowle parish lands charity.

These charities are administrated by Trustees from the parish of Crowle. Income is from shares investment and rent from land owned by the charities. Since the introduction of the welfare state provision for the, Relief in Need Charity, has become largely redundant.

The Trustees now administer the income from these charities as one. The income distribution is divided into three, by the rules of the charities On third each goes to the church and the upkeep of the playing field. The remaining third, in the form of yearly grants, is allocated to various village organisations that provide clubs or activities for the village in the form of education, sport, and community activities

The Trustees are unable to give grants to business organisations or existing charities If any clubs or organisations wish to be considered for a grant, they should contact the Trust Secretary. Mr David Bull.

Crowle Charities Trustees

Chairman V Brereton (Parish Council Rep)
 R Brierley (Crowle Church Trustee) :
 (S White (Crowle village Trustee)
 H Workman (Crowle village Trustee)

Draft accounts 2018/2019

Crowle Hackett Parish Lands Charity and Crowle relief in need Charity

Incoming resources	Crowle Hackett Parish Lands		Crowle relief in need charity	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Rent from Towthan lands	1392.00	1392.00		
Dividends	55.22	61.22	90.12	81.47
Interest receivable	0.20	0.03		
Transfer from Crowle Hackett parish lands charity	70.18	81.47		
Total incoming resources	1517.6	1534.72		
Expenses				
Crowle Church Fabric fund	464.00	464.00		
Crowle Playing Field	464.00	464.00		
Crowle over 60s	80.00	80.00		
Crowle Scout group	80.00	80.00		
Crowle Church heating fund	80.00	80.00		
Crowle School	80.00	80.00		
Crowle community tea shop	80.00	80.00		
Crowle singers	0.00	80.00		
Crowle community shop	100.00	80.00		
Total resources expended	1428.00	1488.00		
Net movement in funds	89.60	46.72		

2019 Crowle Parish Council AGM – Crowle Parish Hall Update

I am pleased to provide a short overview of activities related to the Crowle Parish Hall. I'd like to open with an acknowledgement and huge thanks to all volunteers and paid staff who continue to make up the Crowle Parish Hall Trust. Their commitment and passion to improve our facility is very much appreciated. It has been a difficult year with the sad loss of Ian Bedford in November 2018. Ian's length of service, energy and commitment to the Parish Hall Trust was monumental, he is greatly missed.

Bookings across the year have been relatively healthy with a good mix of booking types. There is at least one casual hirer booking per weekend, although that is lower than prior years. That trend is somewhat offset by several large events (weddings / large family celebrations) taking place, weddings in particular are greater in number than usual. Utilisation of the Hall remained extremely high during the week days (term time), with almost back to back bookings throughout Monday-Friday.

- Principle activity this year has largely been a continuation of our maintenance plan, including:
- Redecoration of the main areas and new curtains
- Replacement of white goods
- Replacement of fire/emergency lighting
- Kitchenette alterations – reintroducing a work area/desk section
- New Hand Dryers
- Installation of hall wide WiFi

Looking ahead now we have planning permission agreed for the toilet extension, we will be examining and proposing the right way to get that work funded for Summer 2020.

On a more challenging note I've significant concern about the sustainability of running the Hall with no interest shown in any of the vacant positions, despite several attempts. Assuming the current team stay on for another year we are still a Treasurer and two Trustees short. The amount of administration and management required to run the facility is now beyond significant with limited manpower to address. For example, I am unable to comment directly on our financial accounts for last fiscal year given they are delayed as a result of not having a Treasurer.

One of the issues we are facing is increased costs as a result of the reduced volunteering. We are expecting our costs to outstrip revenues for the first time in a number of years. Unfortunately, with the impact already being seen we're inevitably going to have to raise rates. Precise timing is yet to be agreed but it is likely to be effective from 1 September 2019. It will be our second rate rise in 4 years.

Finally, following his resignation from the post of Treasurer in January, The Trust would like to extend its huge thanks to Graham Rhodes. His commitment went beyond the role of Treasurer, delivering key projects for the Hall such as renewable energy and our updated constitution. He made a tremendous contribution for which we will always be thankful.

Jon Drinkwater
Chairman, Crowle Parish Hall Trust



Report to Crowle Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting – 25 April 2019

The Shop at Crowle opened for trading on 16 October 2018. Feedback from the local community and visitors from further afield alike has been very positive. Earlier this year, we consulted our customers to help us with our planning for the future, and took the following actions in response:

- continued to add to product ranges as appropriate, in terms of both convenience/top-up items and local products
- set up and promoted a customer ordering facility
- released a promotional leaflet to 1,000 homes locally, confirming the scope of our current product and service range together with imminent improvements
- renewed our call for more volunteers to serve in The Shop (recognising that a current shortage of volunteers is a key risk to maintaining our core opening hours).

We have factored the research findings into our business planning for 2019, for which key objectives and initiatives are:

- We have defined financial targets for the business in terms of sales, gross margin and costs. The business is currently performing in line with expectations, and more details will be available when accounts as at 31 March 2019 are available.
- We aim to increase the number of customers, visits and average transaction value to The Shop by promoting The Shop's products and services to both existing and new customers (both locally and further afield – for example, cycling and walking clubs), using all relevant media (new and old!). This emphasises the key attributes of The Shop (convenience, choice [including 'local' vs 'top-up' products], quality, price, service and 'eco-friendly').
- We will continue to invest in new facilities to enhance the appeal of and welcome at The Shop. Our cycle racks have been installed, and our outdoor seating is now in place. We thank County Councillor Rob Adams and Crowle Charities for continuing to help fund capital investment items.
- We are developing our proposition around 'The Shop at Crowle Volunteer Experience' and planning a programme to showcase this to help retain and recruit volunteers. This will include continuing to provide training to equip volunteers with the skills and knowledge they need and offering them a range of opportunities to use their talents to best effect.

Report from Parish Council Field Caretaker, Andy Tanner

Crowle playing field has had another successful year with numerous events being held on the field.

The area continues to be well looked after by our community and suffers from little damage or anti-social behaviour. Where it has occurred, parents have been very supportive in challenging that behaviour with their children.

The field will be closed on the 29th May to allow for spraying to take place. This will combat the increase in weed growth that you have noticed. Please do not use the field on this day although the chemicals used are safe once in contact with the ground. Spraying the weeds will improve the playing surface for all users but particularly the runners during the 10K and the children involved in the football tournament the following weekend.

The main climbing frame is also being repainted on the 29th May. This will protect it from the elements and ensure that it last several years longer avoiding the cost of replacement.

Quotes are being obtained to improve the path around the tennis court and playground area. This will remove any potential trip hazards. The gate to the playground will also be adjusted and any rotten wood removed.

Quotes are also being obtained to look at repairing the cricket nets. I would be grateful if we could have some feedback from residents about their interest in making more use of the nets. As a field committee it is difficult to justify spending money on repairing the nets when they aren't used. However, I understand they aren't used as they are not in a good state of repair.

As always, I will take on board any feedback and if residents become aware of any issues at the playing field that need addressing then I will happily address them. Thanks

Police Report for Crowle Annual Parish Meeting

Incident of **ARSON** Between 22/03/2019 02:00:00 and 22/03/2019 03:00:00 at **NETHERWOOD LANE, CROWLE**, Between 01:00-03:30hrs Police and Fire received attended a number of vehicle fires and criminal damage to vehicles. Persons unknown have smashed windows to cars and used accelerants to set fire to them causing damage and others have just been damaged as the fire has not taken. These vehicles have all been in residential areas and posed a risk to members of the public.

This **Criminal Damage** took place between 25/03/2019 00:01:00 and 26/03/2019 09:00:00 at **CHURCH ROAD, CROWLE**. Between the times and dates stated persons unknown have damaged a vehicle which was parked outside the house overnight. The driver's side window has been smashed but nothing has been stolen. No eye witnesses.

Criminal Damage took place between 25/03/2019 21:15:00 and 26/03/2019 05:30:00 at **NETHERWOOD LANE, CROWLE** Victim has parked their vehicle on the road in a pull in by the house. Between the material times unknown person(s) have used a stone or similar to damage the n\s window which has a hole in it. Victim believes it is malicious damage, no attempt to enter, and believes linked to a spate of other vehicle damage in the area. No CCTV.

It is believed that these three incidents are linked to the spate that we had across the Wychavon area.

Interference with a motor vehicle took place on 17/04/2019 01:08:00 at **FROXMERE ROAD, CROWLE**. At stated time, CCTV shows 3 PUK approach a grey Landrover Defender, and break the rear registration plate lights. It is believed by the IP that they did this in order to short circuit the electrics in order to activate the central locking system and open the vehicle. No entry was gained, and nothing was stolen.

Aidan Goundry

PCSO40185

Droitwich SNT

DATES FOR CROWLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS going forward

COMMITTEE ROOM, CROWLE PARISH HALL, CHURCH RD, CROWLE, WORCS. WR7 4AL

Date		Start time	Finish time
Thurs 16 th May 2019	Annual Meeting of the PC	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 11 th July 2019	PC meeting	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 12 th September 2019	PC meeting	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 14 th November 2019	PC meeting	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 9 th January 2020	PC meeting	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 12 th March 2020	PC meeting	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 23 rd April 2020	Annual Parish Meeting (for Parishioners/organisations/clubs etc)	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 14 th May 2020	Annual Meeting of the PC	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 9 th July 2020	PC meeting	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 10 th September 2020	PC meeting	7.30pm	10.00pm
Thurs 12 th November 2020	PC meeting	7.30pm	10.00pm

CROWLE PARISH COUNCIL *Unaudited* Account Summaries 1.4.18-31.3.19

PLAYING FIELD ACCOUNT

Whole Year	
Opening balance	£24,617
Payments	£11,191
Receipts	£13,050
Closing balance	£26,476

		Field maintenance and Playground expenses	2018 10k	2019 10k	VAT	
PFA year total payments	6011.00		3389.00	434.00	1357.00	11191.00

		Donations and Sundries	2018 10k	2019 10k	VAT	
PFA year total receipts	2534.00		6214.00	2870.00	1432.00	13050.00

Community Account

Whole Year	
Opening balance	£17,336
Payments	£35,077
Receipts	£39,766
Closing balance	£22,025

	Crowle Cryer Adverts	Grants/ Donations	Lengths- man	Precept	Rents & Deposits	Sundries	War Memorial	VAT	
CA total year receipts	1793.00	7856.00	1911.00	26077.00	742.00	103.00	542.00	742.00	39766.00

	Admin	Audit	Crowle Cryer	Donations	Hall Hire	Insurance	Lengthsman	LMC	Member- ship	Misc.	Payroll	PWLB	Rural Rate Relief	Salaries & PAYE	Section 137 payments	Training	VAT	IT/website	Total
CA total year payments	391.00	400.00	1,720.00	181.00	124.00	1,813.00	2,820.00	3,709.00	577.00	1,759.00	181.00	10,342.00	0.00	8,017.00	1,000.00	75.00	1,147.00	821.00	35,077.00

Reserves Account

Opening balance: £12,882

Interest: £19

Closing balance: £12,901

Grand Totals for all 3 accounts

Opening balance: £54,835

Payments: £46,268

Receipts: £52,835

Closing Balance: £61,402