



CRUDWELL
PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on
Saturday 22nd June 2024 11.30 a.m.- 12.30 a.m.
at Crudwell Village Hall
under the chairmanship of Roy Hamilton-Lambley

AGENDA

1. Welcome, apologies and introduction by Chair
2. Minutes
3. To receive reports from community groups
4. To receive Chairs report
5. Public speaking/questions
6. Closing comments and close of meeting

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Crudwell Parish Council – Annual Meeting of the Parish

22nd June 2024 at 11.30 a.m. – Crudwell Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs R Hamilton-Lambley, P Gilchiest, O Hughes, N Doel, S Butcher
Clerk – Lisa Dent, Cllr C Berry – Wiltshire Council, B Preece – Crudwell C of E School,
Annie Smith and Phil Buxton – Crudwell Village Hall. 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr I Warner, Cllr G Lawes, Church Wardens of Cruwell Church

1. Welcome, apologies and introduction by Chair

Cllr Roy Hamilton Lambley opened the meeting and welcomed all present

2. Minutes Sat 17th June 2023 APM

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the previous annual parish meeting.

3. Report 1 – Wiltshire Council (Cllr C Berry)

There are 5 parishes in the Minety division. Crudwell is a proactive parish with proactive councillors and a cohesive community which has good communication channels.

Wiltshire Council is not under financial threat unlike other district councils. SEND provision remains a large budget expense and under provision in this area has meant families rely on taxis to take children across the county to school places.

65% of budget is adult and child social care which includes SEND and 'looked after' children.

Potholes and road surfacing remains a cause of complaint with the public – edges and passing places tend to be overlooked. Cost of delivery in this area has increased due to living wage and increase in material costs can equal 25% more than is budgeted. For example, the new contractor Milestone has been awarded the contract prior to the costs being established. There may be a necessary increase in council tax to pay for such services.

ID Verde contractor was grass cutting for several local parishes including Crudwell. The contract with Wiltshire Council was perceived as utilising parish resources and this led to an unworkable separation, which showed itself in poor service provision and delivery and untenable invoicing practices. Hopefully what will follow will be a system of maximising efficiency, allowing contractors to be economical, environmental and to mitigate costs.

Planning and planning enforcement at Wiltshire Council has recently shown poor service delivery and this has been acknowledged and we would hope to see an improvement in this area.



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3. Report 2 – Ben Preece presenting report from Crudwell Headteacher Ben John

Crudwell CE Primary School Year 2023 – 2024

It has been another wonderful and successful year at Crudwell CE Primary School. There have been many achievements and memories made by the staff and pupils at school again this year. As we near the end of this academic year there is still much to look forward to but I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has supported and championed our pupils and school to make it the best it can be!

September 2023

We began the school year with our highest ever number of pupils on roll: 138. We welcomed 18 new starters in EYFS this year and started full in every class. We would always ensure however we are able to make provision for new starters that move within catchment.

Personal development is an area that we do really well at Crudwell. The children's behaviour is excellent in school.

Bikeability and Walk Safe training was held at school for the pupils in years 1, 3 and 6.

We completed whole school safeguarding training as part of the Hobbes Alliance at Lea & Garsdon on the 1st September.

Thank you to the governors and teachers who attended the twilight to agree our School Development Plan. There are 4 main areas for the School Development Plan. We are aiming to raise attainment and standards across the school through:

SDP Area 1: Assessment


SDP Area 2: Writing, including Spelling

SDP Area 3: Computing & Online Safety

SDP Area 4: Personal Development & Play

We completed an ambitious amount of work throughout the school holidays too, to improve the environment and facilities of the school:

- New Library
- Asbestos removal (Locker area – main building)
- New carpets (Locker area)
- Boundary fence replaced
- Bin-store
- Decorating – staff room, locker area, toilets and hall


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On Tuesday 12th September, the school hosted evening refreshments, following the induction of Reverend Robert Molton as rector of Braydon Brook. We are looking forward to working with Bob in school and at church.

November 2023

In recognition of its support and commitment to music through our participation in the North Wilts Cluster, the school has been awarded the 'Music Mark' which is membership organisation, Subject Association, and an Arts Council England Investment Principles Support Organisation (IPSO) advocating for excellent musical learning in and out of school. At school we have an ambitious music curriculum that is designed to give pupils a broad knowledge and understanding of music, with opportunities to perform. I am passionate about music and the benefits it can bring, not just musically but also for the soul! The well-being (and academic) benefits of music are widely accepted. Crucially, every child has an opportunity to learn the Ukulele in year 3 as part of our first access music provision. This year, our curriculum has been adapted and reviewed to include our commitment to performance. Annual performances include our nativity at church, saplings Christmas production in school, Poles summer production at the Sundial theatre (with professional stage, light, effects and sound) and working alongside professional musicians at the WOMAD festival.

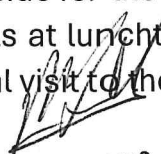
Outside of the curriculum we also have peripatetic teachers in drumming, guitar and brass who regularly give lessons to pupils at school. This year, we have also welcomed Yael Hocchenberg to our team of music teachers. Yael is a concert pianist and through the LLT we have secured an excellent Yamaha digital piano for the children to learn on with her.

As subject lead, I have reviewed our provision in music for our pupils against the National Music School Development Plan. I am delighted to report that we are fulfilling the vast majority of the suggested best practise from the National Music School Development Plan. Areas we are aiming to develop are in providing pupils with more opportunities for composition and the development of use of technology to create music. As part of this drive, myself and Sam Salter (parent), will be offering those children learning to play an instrument an opportunity to join an ensemble at school.

Part of our school SDP is to develop our computing curriculum at school. Michael Kuipers, as subject lead, has begun completing the National NAACE subject leadership course in this area and will be leading on developing a computing curriculum that is exciting and fit for the 21st century. Michael has already been trialling resources from this course with his class and will be leading on rolling this out to all staff.

We also held Anti-bullying week, Richard Pomfrett from the Staysafe Initiative visited us at school to deliver a series of workshops across the school. The children all know the golden rule to 'Speak out and tell someone' and enjoyed the sessions on friendship and strategies to manage relationships successfully.

Following the elections earlier in the term, we have our school, play, library and eco councils up and running. The play leaders have been enjoying organising games outside for the younger children and our librarians have enjoyed reading stories to the EYFS pupils at lunchtime. On Tuesday this week, school council (and Mr Kuipers) have arranged a special visit to the school


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from Pudsey Bear and the BBC. We will be taking part in the 'Bearpee' challenge and raising money for Children in Need! We may even get on TV!

On Sunday, our Head Boy and Girl, represented the school at the Crudwell Remembrance service. They read their poems and prayers respectfully and we received many kind comments from the community on how well they had done. Well done and thank you, Millie, Sean and your families for taking part.

Earlier this term, Willow class, enjoyed a trip to the STEAM museum in Swindon as part of their topic on Movers and Shakers – with Brunel being their focus. Thank you to Mrs Upton for leading.

There have been several sporting successes this term. Sadly, the year 5 & 6 football festival has been postponed twice due to the inclement weather but there was no holding our teams back in the rugby! Congratulations to all our KS2 teams this year who took part. Our Year 5 & 6 teams won the tournament after a thrilling game against Malmesbury! Both of our teams however were commended for their sporting attitude, respect and fair play as well by the secondary school leaders. A real testament to our pupils' character and behaviour. Thank you to Mr John, Mr Pretorius and all our parents who acted up as coaches too – we can't do it without you! Thank you too, to Mrs Rolfe for leading a group of year 4 pupils at the multi-skills festival at the Activity Zone. This festival is an inclusive event put on for pupils who otherwise may not put themselves forward for sport outside of school. They all had a great time!

Maple class have had some exciting visitors last term as part of their topic on, 'people who help us'. Thank you Mrs Owen for organising the fire engine and firefighters and police visits.

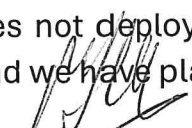
Our FOCs team are busy organising events in the lead up to Christmas now too. Last Friday we enjoyed the school disco and teachers and staff at school have been recording their 'bedtime stories' videos for the children to enjoy as part of the FOCs Christmas festivities. FOCs do the most amazing job at school, not only raising funds but crucially providing so much enrichment for children and families to meet up and have fun in the community. They do need more volunteers generally though and for the Christmas fayre. If governors can spread the word or even if you would like to volunteer yourself (just an hour slot) that would really help. Thank you!

January 2024

In the second half of the autumn term, the leadership team observed every teacher in the school teaching and looked again at all of the school's English books to monitor the standards in the school.

Overall, the standard of teaching I have seen is very good, with some areas of outstanding practise. I have seen some excellent teaching and learning in lessons observed last term, in English and Mathematics. In total, I have formally observed 9 teachers.

The strongest lessons have included strong teaching, with learning well modelled to the children with a good choice of follow up for the children to attempt the skill they are learning. Where learning has not been as effective, there has been less scaffolding in place (resources/knowledge organisers) to support learners with TAs sometimes not deployed as effectively as they could be. Teachers have received individual feedback and we have planned


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staff meetings to look at the effective use of TAs and opportunities for training. Jo has already been on LA training for this topic. We intend to also look at more ways we can scaffold learning for our LA learners in class.

Myself and Jo attended the DBE conference 'Spirituality and Flourishing' with colleagues from across the diocese. Following this event we will be working with Bob and Dee Molton, from All Saints, to map out opportunities for the pupils to further define and develop spirituality across our curriculum. We have also begun work together on the church and school partnership award which looks at ways school and church can support each other.

We are currently trialling 'Maths Whizz' with lower attaining learners in KS2, including some of our PP children. Maths-Whizz has helped teachers and parents worldwide to achieve measurable learning gains at scale by guiding students along a tailored learning journey, continually adapting to their needs and pace of learning. The AI tutor begins by diagnosing each student's knowledge gaps across several topics, and then automatically develops a unique learning journey to address those gaps. Through engaging lessons and continuous assessment, the tutor tracks students' progress, maintaining an up-to-date understanding of their needs and providing the appropriate support at all times. Following a successful trial, we intend to roll this out to all years 4 – 6 as an alternative to Mathletics, which is very popular with our younger pupils but interest does drop off in upper KS2.


At the end of last term, the Christmas events held at school and church were an absolute joy. The Saplings Christmas performance was a wonderful evening, our young stars, sang, spoke and danced throughout – thank you to Mrs Upton, Mrs Bevan and Miss Bailey for leading. Thank you to the parents as well who helped collect, setup and take down the stage from the village hall.

This year, as a whole school we went by coach to the Barn Theatre in Cirencester to enjoy 'Treasure Island'. This was a really magical experience for our children, seeing such a talented group of actors and musicians put on such a captivating show. The children's behaviour was fantastic whilst out representing the school and they had a brilliant time. Thank you to FOCs for subsidising the coach for us and to Mr John and Mrs Green for organising.

Also as a whole school we all enjoyed a delicious home cooked Christmas dinner together, staff and children, at our Christmas lunch. Well done to Mrs Sawyer, Kim and Tina, who prepared and delivered to us, Minety and Oaksey, over 300 meals that day!!!

Finally, our youngest children from Maple class then performed a traditional nativity at our end of terms service at the church on the last day of term and did a brilliant job sending everyone home full of Christmas spirit. Thank you to Mrs Owen and Mr Kuipers for leading.

On our return to school we began with two 'Make a Difference Days'. The children in every class worked to raise awareness about an issue they really care about; being courageous advocates. The children in Chestnut class (year 1 and 2) learnt all about the rainforest and also raised some money from a cake sale for the orang-utans that live there. They also made persuasive information posters:

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March 2024

Following my lesson observations in the autumn term, I have again been in to every class last term. I was very impressed with the high standard of teaching and the excellent behaviour in class from the children. I saw a range of English, phonic and maths lessons. I will also have been formally observed by Jo by the end of this term too. The children have been working hard and I could see many of the development points from my last observations being implemented by teachers in lessons.

We have been focusing in one area of our SDP on assessment and I saw many elements of strong practise across the school in this area as teachers worked with the children. Where teaching was strongest, teachers had their fingers on the pulse of the lesson, regularly checking in with the children and using good questioning to assess the children's understanding as the lesson progressed. Coupled with excellent opportunities for oracy within the class, teachers were giving the children plenty of opportunities to articulate their ideas, consolidate knowledge whilst also ascertaining if the pupils were understanding what has been taught.

Last term, on our return after the Christmas break, we enjoyed 'Crudwell's got Talent'. The array of talent and skills on display was fabulous and children and staff alike enjoyed the finals. From football, singing and acting to wrestling and yo-yo-ing, the children confirmed what we all know that they are capable and determined to do well!

Children from years 4 and 6 took part in the Malmesbury Cluster Gymnastics Festival and we did exceptionally well. The children had a great time and we received several first, second and third places for their vault and floor performances. Thank you to Mr John for leading on this.

Year 2 and 3 have continued to learn to swim at Cirencester Leisure centre this term. Thank you to Mrs Upton, Mrs McKay and Miss Dunkley for leading this for the children.

Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Malmesbury Netball Festival. They competed well and finished 3rd and 6th. Congratulations to both teams and thank you to Mrs Gregory and Miss Witchell for leading this on the day.

'Dan the Skipping Man' visited the school and taught all of the children different skipping skills throughout a day of workshops. The day culminated with the children displaying their skills in our celebration assembly. All the children enjoyed the workshops and day immensely. Thank you to FOCs and Mrs Cooper for organising and buying the school enough ropes for all the children to use at break and lunch too 😊

May 2024

This term in our staff meetings, we have been and will be focusing on the curriculum and how we can improve and develop this further. The world economic framework for education is one area I have been investigating and we are reviewing our provision against their recommendations. The key 8 areas are:

- Global citizenship skills
- Innovation and creativity
- Technology skills


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- Interpersonal skills
- Personalised and self-paced learning
- Accessible and inclusive learning
- Problem based and collaborative learning
- Lifelong and student driven learning

These areas of the curriculum focus on the content and experiences of students. Key questions for us to consider are what do we do well? Where are the gaps? What are the opportunities?

Workshops and visitors enrich our curriculum. Our Read Write INc. Development Day focused on the delivery of our phonics programme and was an intensive day reviewing our practise and attainment. Mrs Bevan did a brilliant job on the day and following on from this we have organised a regular time for Mrs Bevan to review and coach alongside phonics teachers in school. The SCARF Lifebase visited school and ran a series of workshops for the children on mental health and well-being. Thank you Mrs Owen for leading.

Hannah Longden, Welsh champion sprinter, literally ran a series of brilliant workshops for the children. Hannah is hoping to go to the next Olympics and she gave an inspiring insight into how elite athletes train and achieve their goals. The children loved working with Hannah and I have never seen so many requests for autographs at the end of the school day! Thank you to Mr John for organising through GB Athletes for Schools.

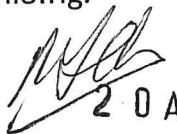
Thank you to Miss Witchell for leading the year 5 & 6 hockey and year 3 & 4 football festivals at Malmesbury.

Thank you to Aled from 'Chance to Shine' for leading a day of cricket workshops for the whole school. Thank you Mr John for organising.

World Book Day was a great event. We have enjoyed many opportunities to listen to and perform poetry at school. KS2 enjoyed an online poetry session with Michael Rosen! Thank you Mrs Lee for organising. The whole school, on World Book Day, took part in the 'Poetry by Heart' completion and our finalists have now submitted their poetry recitals to the regional heats. Thank you Mr John for organising. Fingers crossed we get an opportunity to take part in the finals at the Globe Theatre!! Thank you to FOCs for organising hot chocolates and biscuits and to all the teachers who stayed behind school to read Bedtime Stories on World Book Day. Thank you to Mrs Lee for organising

Children from years 2 to 6 took part in an evening concert at the North Wilts Music Festival at RWBA. This was a wonderful joyous event and 12 schools took part. Parents enjoyed an evening of singing and fun. Thank you to Mrs Sanchez and Mr John for leading the choir practises and event on the day.

On Monday 25th, iSingPop led a day of Easter singing, dance and workshops at school. This was funded with a £500 grant from Wiltshire Connect. Thank you to Mr John for organising.


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Since May, we have also completed all of our statutory phonics, times table and year 6 examinations and have also been on two residential visits to Braeside (year 4 and 5) and Morfa Bay in Wales (Year 6). The children have also had a blast at sports day – with the overall winners being ‘Swallows’ house group.

In a couple of weeks, year 4, 5 and 6 will be performing their summer production, ‘Porridge’ at the Sundial theatre in Cirencester – we can’t wait! It is one of the highlights every year.

There is also still time to squeeze in the county cricket festival (we came second in the Malmesbury tournament), the athletics festival and WOMAD where we will be performing on stage with an international band!!

Thank you staff, parents, families and governors – everyone in Crudwell - for your support that helps make Crudwell CE Primary School such a special place! I hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer when we get there!

3. Report 3. CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND

Chair’s Report for the Year ending December 2023 and the year ahead

Summary of 2023

The hall and recreation ground have once again remained staple features in the village throughout the year, providing a space for a wide range of regular activities for the local community, including: Pre-school, Short Mat Bowls, Badminton, Scouts, Crudwell Ladies, Tai Chi, Pilates, North Wiltshire Flower Club, and the Crudwell 24-hour bike.

Thanks to new committee appointments and the continued commitment of existing members at the beginning of the year, we were also able to reopen the hall for weekend and ad-hoc bookings after a difficult period post-pandemic. So, alongside the regular local clubs, we were able to welcome the return of birthday parties (for all ages), as well as groups as wide-ranging as Malmesbury Arts Society, Malmesbury Area Board, Wiltshire Police as their base of operations for WOMAD, and the Kennel Club’s Rally dog obedience competition. The hall has thus once again been booked throughout the week and weekends, ensuring the space is used to its fullest extent and increasing the income of the Charity to invest in further activities and improvements.

Meanwhile, we have committed to enabling a range of new services for the village, including a clothes bank in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance and regular visits by pizza and bakery trucks, all of which have proved popular. We continue to look at opportunities to provide more services like this for the community; for example, a vending machine providing household essentials (think milk, eggs, dishwasher tablets, sanitary products) is currently under consideration.

We have also been hard at work on plans to develop the main field, which represents the greatest opportunity to improve the recreational and social value of the hall and grounds. We have sought and gained approval for these plans from the local community, with 95% of respondents to our survey expressing their support. The first phase, the installation of a path for walking, running, and cycling, is at an advanced stage with work due to begin immediately

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after the Bike Ride on the 8th and 9th June. Tree and flower planting, in which we will involve the children of both the pre-school and the primary school, will take place soon after. Funding from proceeds from the Bike Ride has been set aside for a bicycle 'pump track' and we are seeking providers to help us design and develop this. Other facilities such as the proposed skate park, stage, expanded car parking, outdoor table tennis, and BBQ areas will be funded and developed individually in turn. We are indebted to the Fund Raising team for working hard to ensure the continuation and success of the annual 24-hour Bike Ride to help us to fund such projects.

Crudwell Pre-school, the hall's most regular user and which brings so much value to the community, is facing some challenges thanks to changes in government childcare funding plans, which means it needs to be able to offer five days' per week coverage for parents. We have considered many solutions and have now agreed to consider proposals for semi-permanent structures to be built to the eastern side of the hall that will be able to house pre-school five days a week. This will enable them to remain in operation in the village without an unsustainable commitment on the part of the Village Hall, while also freeing up the hall itself for other users. The pre-school is looking at funding options for this development.


Maintenance work has been ongoing throughout the year, including a week of painting and cleaning during the summer, which, combined with the support of its users, has helped to keep the Hall in excellent condition. Special thanks are owed to Nigel Kelly for leading on these efforts.

Summary of accounts

Hall income from bookings totalled £21,711 while running costs totalled £13,013. There was additional income from the Bike Ride, as well as ongoing donations to the upkeep of the multi-sports facility. We ended the year with sufficient funds to set up a savings account with the Charity Bank to hold £30,000 for a year, pending the work to the field area. Net income from the 2023 Bike Ride was high enough to enable £6,000 to be put aside to fund specific future development work on the field. The Charity retains £15,000 in reserve to cover operating contingencies with a further £15,000 held for capital investments, while £12,000 is held in the CRAG accounts for future resurfacing of the multi-sports facility. As a result of this healthy position we have, like this year, no plans to increase the rates to hire the hall, though this is formally reviewed in September. The full accounts detailing sources of income and expenditure accompany this report.

New trustees, committee, and roles

Our Trustees and committee members remained the same throughout the year. Our Trustees are: Phil Buxton, who acts as chair, Annie Smith as treasurer, Damian Gilmartin as chair of fund raising, Gary Lawes, Jen Wilson, Russell Wilson, and Tom Roberts who assists with our IT needs. Nigel Kelly, who assists with maintenance of the Hall and grounds, completes the committee.


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In summary

Our thanks are owed to all the Committee members and other volunteers, past and present, who continue to work so hard to maintain and improve the facilities and services available at the Village Hall to make it as welcoming and usable a space as possible for all its users this year and beyond.

Phil Buxton, Chair, Crudwell Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

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3. Report 4. Crudwell Pre- School (not present, the report was forwarded to Crudwell Parish Council after the meeting).

Pre-School is doing extremely well; we have really good numbers already for the next academic year. This includes many 2-year-olds which is fantastic as they will stay with us for 2 years before moving onto school. We have changed from being a committee led charity setting to a CIO charity setting. This has made a huge difference. We no longer have to find parents with time to be able to form our committee (this was getting harder and harder as so many parents work now). Luckily friends and family of mine stepped into committee roles so we could remain open whilst we converted to a CIO setting. A CIO setting has a board of trustees which a % does not have to be parents like it was as a committee led setting. We have 4 trustees with fantastic experience in early years, education, SEN, accounting etc which is amazing for our village Pre-School.

We desperately need our own building though. In September 2025 30-hour funding will come into place and we aren't open enough to be able to offer this. We are open Monday, Wednesdays and Friday as the village hall is in use the other 2 days. Being open 5 days would enable Pre-School to go from strength to strength rather than not being chosen due to not being able to offer the 30-hour funding. A while ago there was a possibility of the Village hall having an extension and us having our own Pre-School room as part of that but unfortunately this didn't go ahead.

We have looked into a temporary cabin style building but the cost in total was £450,000! I was shocked seeing it was only temporary and there was a 3-bedroom house across the road for less than that.

It is our dream to remain on the village hall grounds but have our own building. Is this something the parish would be able to help with at all please? We want to remain the lovely village Pre-School that we are but able to offer more early years education throughout the week.

Also, the boards, trolleys and equipment we pull in and out of the storerooms each Pre-School day is not designed for this and although it has lasted many years, it is started to become tired and will need replacing soon. Being able to leave Pre-School set up each day would be so much easier on the equipment and our backs !!

3. Report 5. Lord Lucas Trust – Peter Gilchrist

The Trust dates back to 1600's, the families of those who created the fund still exist. It was set-up as an educational fund for children from Crudwell and two other local areas.

The fund evolved into a charity and school. Presently, the charity provides £10,000 to Crudwell School as a contribution received on top of state funding. This enables the school to do more (this year a new phonics programme) and provide smaller sized classes.

The School House tenants are moving out of the property and new tenants will be sought. The property does require significant building work to the fabric of the building and electrical safety to bring it to modern standards. With reserves of £50,000 this expenditure will make a significant withdrawal and would impact on the Trust and the School.



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Trustees: Crudwell Church Vicar, Crudwell Church Warden, Treasurer (Michael Credicott), school governor and Chair P Gilchriest.

3. Report 6. Chairman's Report – Crudwell Parish Council (Cllr Roy Hamilton-Lambley)

1. You have a new Chair, for those who don't know me. I am Roy Hamilton=Lambley and I have lived in Crudwell for the last 21 years so am of course a relative newcomer, unlike our Vice Chairman and my wife who have earned their stripes by living here for 46 years. I am privileged to assume this position and must express our grateful to thanks to Pete who has been serving his second term as Chair since 2017 and has done a magnificent job, supported me 100% with delivery of our NP, seeing us through COVID, the platinum jubilee and the recent Coronation. We won't forget his reading of the proclamation of King Charles III, and our only regret is that he didn't show up in a heralds uniform and feathered hat. Pete is of course continuing to serve us as Vice Chairman, and I am very grateful to have the benefit of his experience and support. I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors & Lisa our Clerk, note 2 new Councillors and 2 councillor vacancies
2. Routine work
 - a. Monthly meetings
 - b. Review of planning apps (around 20 last year)
 - c. Liaison with Parish Steward over local maintenance
 - d. Review and approval of accounts
 - e. Payment of bills
 - f. Review and setting of Precept; a slight increase this year
 - g. Maintenance of PC owned estate & facilities
 - h. Participation in the Flood Working Group, local Flood Warden,
 - i. We would like to express our thanks to the school for sorting out the pipe under the Eastcourt Road and also to the local residents for keeping the brook clear of vegetation east of the A429.
 - i. Monthly report from our Ward Councillor Chuck Berry
 - j. We make an annual community award to the Primary School.
3. What's new apart from the Chairman and what have we achieved,
 - a. Welcomed two new Councillors, Oliver Hughes and Ian Warner
 - b. Let a new Grass cutting contract following poor service over the past two years, we are reviewing the situation and considering additional cuts this year to make good following some neglect.
 - c. We have reviewed our local footpaths and are working with landowners to replace stiles with gates. 1 completed to date.
 - d. Provided new bark and renewed the entire fencing for the play area and fresh air fitness facility on the playing fields, competitive tender at a total cost approaching £10k.

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4. The Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan

- a. Reminder that the current NP was made in May 2021 under the NP Steering Group of Councillors and parishioners. This is voluntary work and continues to protect us from unwanted speculative developments.
- b. While recent changes in National Planning Regulations have extended our protection in this respect the Council agreed to continue the work in progress on a formal review of the current plan to develop a new NP which will align with Wiltshire's local plan to 2038. Given the possibility of an imminent change of Government there is no certainty that this position will be maintained so it is considered vital that we continue with the plan.
- c. We consulted widely on our Plan Review last year and the Steering Group is developing policies which will take full account of the findings. We are required to recommend a housing allocation as part of that work and are reviewing the responses to our call for sites and in discussions with potential
- d. landowners and agents.
- e. Traffic, speed, road safety and parking congestion are recurrent issues raised in our consultation. The school and their local residents also specifically requested that we should look at the issue of parking and congestion at drop off and pick up times. To this end we are undertaking a feasibility study to see how the situation could be improved. You may have noted that our SID has recently been relocated as part of that study.

5. Communication

- a) It is regrettable that WOIC ceased publication at the end of 2003 for a number of reasons. The Parish Council had been subsidising the publication for the last two years as it had become unviable, also the editor resigned and was unsuccessful in finding a replacement.
- b) We are concerned that there is no vehicle for collating parish news and information and are currently exploring available options. To this end we are inviting local stakeholders to assist us in determining what could be done to join up local news and events and effectively communicate these to our community. We are launching a new web site which could potentially help. We also have email list services and there are numerous online groups. We will consult with you on our stakeholders' recommendations.

Aura Presentation on Kemble Solar Farm (see attached)

Following the presentation a discussion followed on the solar farm. It was noted that Crudwell Parish Council will receive approx. £6,500 per annum in a community fund to be distributed to various community causes.

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Closing comments

The preschool expansion was discussed, such as container storage or pre-fab buildings.

Local shop provision, locations such as Churches and halls are being used. As are vending machines to milk, meat, food stuffs etc.

Meeting closed at 1.10 pm – thanks to all those who attended.

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