
Crimplesham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Crimplesham Parish Council, Thursday 18th July 2024, 18.55pm

Committee Members: Cllr Satur (Chair) Cllr Dodds (Vice-Chair) Cllr Carter, Cllr Ashman, Cllr Dowell

Those Present: Cllr Satur, Cllr Dodds, Cllr Dowell, (arrived 18.53pm) Cllr Ashman, M Hilton Clerk

Public: none

Apologies: Cllr Carter

MINUTES

Cllr Dodds Chaired the meeting.

- 1. Welcome & opening remarks.** The Chair asked for thanks to be sent to BCllr Moriarty for informing the parish council of his intention to undertake the recent unofficial straw poll regarding the village hall building and to thank him for his time and effort in organising poll.
The Chair has recently spoken with Cllr Carter who has not attending the last three meetings, the Council recognise and sympathise with his recent loss and have agreed to extend the ruling regarding attendance and hopes that Cllr Carter will attend the next meeting. The Chair will write a letter to him to explain this.
- 2. To consider and approve apologies for absence:** these were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 3. To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's agenda:** Cllr Dodds declared an interest in Village Hall matters, as his wife is a trustee.
- 4. To approve the minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 5. Public Forum (fifteen minutes only):** no members of the public present
- 6. To receive an update of the Action Log:**
 - The playing field building has been painted. The Council are now in contact with a local artist to paint a mural on the building. It was suggested that a small chalk board area could be painted for the children to draw on.
 - Bench: this is waiting collection to be installed in the playing field building.
- 7. To discuss any general correspondence:**
 - the Clerk had recently posted on Facebook regarding getting the parishioners involved with fund raising for a trod to be installed from Dorplan to Vets one. The cost of this is £185K. One parishioner commented reading grants, the idea was to have a working group or parishioners to execute this. To date no one has come forward.
 - A parishioner contacted the council regarding the verges at Springfields. She asked that the playing field building be left as only the children would benefit and spend the precept on verge cutting at Springfields. The Council explained the building renovations cost was roughly £100 and verge cutting would be thousands of pounds, which would increase the precept. To note the Borough council currently cut the verges at Springfields.
 - The Chair has been getting quotes for a new swing, new climbing frame and a goal post. Once in a CIL grant will be applied for.
 - The Clerk recently asked for engagement from the parishioners regarding a climbing wall at the playing field. As only six people have so far responded this will probably not go ahead.Outdoor gym equipment was also discussed to promote adult health and wellbeing. This will be an idea for the future.

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8. Reports from individual Councillors, Council groups and Clerk

- i. **To discuss Biodiversity within the village:** Cllr Ashman held a meeting in the church, which was poorly attended.

Some logs will be installed in the village as a bug hotel very soon. Poppy seeds are now starting to grow alongside the church. Cllr Ashman will look into purchasing two cherry trees for the village green area along with some hebes and salvias. She will also in the autumn look at the Woodland trust for trees and hedging for the playing field perimeter.

- ii. **To discuss installing a footpath on the main road from Crimplesham to link up to path near the industrial site:** *see under correspondence.*
- iii. To discuss installing a new dog waste bin and location: in the next village update Cllr Satur will ask the villagers if they wish the Council to purchase a new dog waste bin.

9. To consider and receive reports on Health and Safety issues:

- Cllr Satur has made some recent repairs to the play equipment; he was thanked for doing this. He asked his fellow Councillors to also check the equipment whenever they can. He reported the slide has lots of excrement on the top, this will be cleaned. He reported there were no more rabbit holes in the slide mound.
- Cllr Ashman said there was nothing to report regarding the SAM2 camera.

10. Finance matters

- i. To note and approve monthly expenditure. This was noted.

Payments for June 2024 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton expenses	100.00	18.00	118.00	EP	working from home allowance, website domain
Melanie Hilton	304.80	0.00	304.80	EP	20 Hours
HMRC	76.20	0.00	76.20	EP	Month 3
NALC	96.00	19.20	115.20	EP	Payroll service 2024/25
The Methodist Church DM	14.00	0.00	14.00	EP	Meeting room hire 9th May
Clear Councils	478.48	0.00	478.48	EP	Insurance renewal (pd 24/6/24)
Barry Satur	152.06	38.02	190.08	EP	paint and timber for playing field building
SSE	66.90	6.93	73.83	DD	Street light energy
Cozens	75.00	15.00	90.00	SO	Street Light Maintenance
TOTAL	1,363.44	97.15	1,460.59		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted.
- iii. To note the Quarterly Progress Against Budget: this was noted

11. To propose agenda items for the next meeting. Please let the Clerk know at least a week before the next meeting.

12. To confirm the date and time for the next meeting of the Parish Council – 19th September 2024 at 6.45pm.

13. Close: the meeting closed at 19.45pm

Signed by the Chair **Date**