

Crowhurst

PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 June 2022

	<p>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</p> <p>No members of the public were in attendance.</p>
17864	<p>MEETING ATTENDANCE:</p> <p>a) Present Cllr. Plato, Day, Roller, Thomas b) Acceptance of Apologies for Absence; Cllr. Jill Mitcheson</p>
17865	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Declarations of interest were received from:</p> <p>Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Thomas Youth Club & Environment Group – Cllr. Ms. Plato</p>
17866	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of Crowhurst Parish Council held on 16 May 2022 were approved and it was agreed that these should be signed by the Chair.</p>
17867	<p>MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA:</p>
17868	<p>REPRESENTATIONS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: Apologies were received from District Councillor Gary Curtis and County Councillor Kathryn Field</p>
17869	<p>ANNUAL RETURN 2021/22</p> <p>Members considered the review of internal controls and internal audit letter completed by Pat Buckle. The Clerk reminded members that the system had been changed to a receipts and payments system as previously agreed. Members went through the receipts and payments and significant variances and noted both the accounting statements and AGREED that these be signed by the Chair. Members also noted that the publication of public rights would be put onto the Notice Board in the village as well as the website.</p>
17870	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>a) The financial report to 30 May 2022 was noted. b) The payments report for June 2022 was noted and it was agreed to add the payment to Luigi Romano c) The Bank Reconciliation for May 2022 was considered and members noted that the Clerk would ask the Bank if the date on the statement could be changed.</p>

	<p>d) Members approved the schedule of direct debits for the year 2022/3</p>
17871	<p>RECREATION GROUND:</p> <p>a) It was agreed that paper copies of the inspection sheets would be used as Councillors cannot use the online system at present. Rope is getting loose on slat on climbing wall. The bolt covers had been replaced by the Chair. Cllr. Plato had weeded the thistles in the playground area but it was noted that the level of chippings was getting low. The Green team have planted honeysuckle and are going to reseed areas, and the Youth Club have been asked not to use until this has grown</p> <p>b) Members noted that the lighting work was due to start and the Chair was going to organize a visit with AMB. Cllr. Goddard offered to check the phone box door to the defibrillator as Nicola Stell had reported that this was sticking.</p> <p>c) Members AGREED the request by the Pre-school for a new gate.</p> <p>d) Members AGREED that the football club could carry out painting to the pavilion, but they were asked provide a plan showing the area which they intend to cut, the frequency of this, and where they are intending to reseed. Some members expressed concern regarding the work of John O'Conner and it was agreed to set up a meeting with them.</p> <p>e) Members noted the work behind the Youth Hut which had been carried out by the Green Team and it was agreed that the Chair would write and thank them.</p> <p>f) The Clerk was authorized to get a playground inspection completed as the provider had still not turned up. Councillor Goddard would take forward a user group for the Recreation Ground and the clerk was to provide him with list of user groups. The Clerk was asked to get the tank emptied whilst the ground was still hard.</p> <p>g) Members considered the options for a plaque for the community orchard. Will Kemp has created plaques and Cllr. Ms. Plato agreed to talk to Mary Boorman regarding the wording on the Garden Society plaque.</p>
17872	<p>TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING:</p> <p>Members considered the below planning applications and agreed comment to be submitted to Rother District Council.</p> <p>RR/2022/1236/P St. Benedicts Byre, Catsfield Road, Crowhurst</p> <p>Members heard that there is no garage at St. Benedicts Byre. There is 4m strip on slightly sloping ground and members felt that considering the proposals, it will be in keeping with the neighbours. It was AGREED to SUPPORT the application.</p> <p>RR/2022/1223/P Crowhurst Caravan Park, Telham Lane</p> <p>The Park currently has 11.5 months occupancy. The owners feel that this is anti-competitive as others locally have 12 months occupancy. However Combe Haven, Beauport and Coghill are not open 12 months per year and members felt that this was not a reasonable ground for changing the occupancy condition. It was AGREED to OBJECT.</p> <p>RR/2022/1137/P - Bynes Farm, Royal Oak Lane</p> <p>The proposal was on a field where there was already planning permission for glamping. The solar array is for the owners useage as they are not going ahead with glamping at present. The house is Grade II listed and members felt that the proposal was adequately</p>

	<p>screened. It was AGREED to SUPPORT.</p> <p>The Clerk had received a copy of a request to RDC for a Tree Preservation Order on land adjacent to Sabon Gari.</p> <p>Cllr. Plato declared a personal interest as she lives next door. Cllr. Day felt that this was part of the rationale for why the area was important in planning terms to the village, and she was happy to support. Members AGREED to support and the Clerk was asked to enquire of RDC what the process is for letting the Parish know about TPOs and where they can be found on the website.</p>
17873	<p>COUNCILLOR UPDATES ON EXTERNAL BODIES (IF ANY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Village Hall Management Committee (Cllr. Thomas). This had not met, but Cllr. Thomas was asked to obtain instructions for the dishwasher and cooker, and an outside light was requested. b) Climate & Ecological Emergency Working Group (Cllr. Ms. Plato) including Crowhurst Warmer Homes. An event was being held on 21 June to help support the insulation of homes and this has been widely advertised across the village. c) 1066 Steering Group (Cllr. Ms. Plato/Cllr. Thomas). It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs. Roller would join the Steering Group in place of Cllr. Thomas.
17874	<p>CLERK'S REPORT:</p> <p>Members agreed the interview process for the new Clerk and that Cllrs. Thomas, Ms. Plato and Mrs Day would form the interview panel. The remainder of Councillors would be asked to endorse the candidate to be appointed.</p>
	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING 21.40pm</p>