

Crimplesham Parish Council

Minutes of Crimplesham Parish Assembly, Monday 21st March 2024, 6.45pm

Those Present: Cllr. Satur, Cllr. Dodds, Cllr. Ashman, Clerk M Hilton.

Public: eight

Apologies: Cllr Dowel, Cllr Carter, BCLlr Moriarty, BCLlr Devulapalli, CCLlr Long

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and to consider apologies.** Apologies were approved.
2. **A minute's silence was held for the late Maragaret Carter**
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** Cllr Dodds declared being married to a Village Hall trustee.

4. **To receive a report from the Chair of the Parish Council:**

This is a fairly new Council who have been volunteering their time for the past year. In this time, we have tried to improve the appearance and facilities of the village. Our aim is to maintain a good standard with continual improvement being our mandate.

During our first term, we have refurbished the entrance gates, tidied up the village sign, installed a defibrillator, added additional play equipment and are looking to replace some of the existing ageing play activities.

Gina is progressing our Biodiversity plan for the Parish.

Despite our best efforts to undertake our duties as Parish Councillors, it has not always been easy to maintain our enthusiasm for the role when a minority of the village seem to have only one aim, which is to deflate this enthusiasm. We understand that you can't always please everyone, however, engaging with the Councillors to deliver the best possible outcomes for the village will be better than a continual negative approach.

Despite this we are looking forward to continuing our plans for the coming year.

I have always included our Parish Clerk as part of our team, but would like to thank her for all her support and advice during my first year as Chairman, also the Borough and County Councillors who have been supportive in providing us with information and directive.

5. **To receive a report from our Borough Councillors:** None in attendance
6. **To receive a report from County Councillor:** Not in attendance.
7. **To receive an update from the biodiversity working Group:**

Cllr Ashman said, Norfolk County Council have a biodiversity policy that each Parish should adapt. Crimplesham Parish Council have done this and a copy is on the website. The aim is to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

I have contacted BCLlr Devulapalli who passed on my initial enquires to Claire Wiggs (ecologists) and Ed Johnson (Arboricultural Officer) to start to gather information and advice for the first meeting due on the 23rd March.

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The volunteer group, I hope, is going to choose the name of the group and will be a collaborative group thinking of ideas to protect and enhance biodiversity in our village.

Any issues and misunderstandings should be brought to the Parish Council and Clerks attention. No decisions are made without open dialogue and discussion invited from the villages.

8. Open Forum – public opportunity for questions to Councillors or issues about matters in the Parish:
no one wished to speak.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Signed by the Chair Date