

Cridling Stubbs Parish

Notice of Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting will be held in the village hall at 7.00 p.m. on

Wednesday 1st June 2022

Agenda

1. To receive the report form the Chairman of the Parish Council regarding issues raised on the Parish Council AGM:
 - Grass cutting.
 - Parish Council Website.
 - Parish Council Clerk.
 - Information received form the Village Hall committee.
2. To receive the Annual Financial Report
3. To receive questions and comments

Please note:

This is a meeting of the village and **not** the Parish Council.

Members of the public can ask questions and raise issues at the meeting regarding the village.

Parish Council members will be present at the meeting.





MINUTES OF CRIDLING STUBBS VILLAGE MEETING

Wednesday 1st JUNE 2022 – 7.00pm

Present: Simon Riley (Chair)

In Attendance: Janet Senior (Due to no appointed Parish Clerk in office, at the invitation of the Chairman notes of the meeting were taken by JS)
25 Village residents + 1 Non resident

The Chairman gave a warm welcome and presented the agenda of the meeting along with the reasons why he had actioned the meeting and invited all village residents to attend. He made clear that this was a meeting of the village and NOT a Parish Council (PC) meeting and any discussion that was deemed to be the responsibility of the PC would be referred to the next PC meeting that was planned to take place on the 30th June 2022. He reminded the room that only parish residents were allowed to vote should a vote be needed.

The Chairman confirmed that the PC Members were in attendance however they were 'residents' at this meeting and not in any official capacity. He informed the room that as the parish had no Parish Clerk in office, he had invited Janet Senior (village resident) to take the notes of the meeting for him and it was intended to advertise for a Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

He went on to explain as to why he had called the Parish Meeting, that due to the unprecedented circumstances in which the PC had to host its first AGM, residents of the village had not been allowed to ask questions or express any concerns at that time, therefore, this meeting was to allow for informal discussions to take place and certain information that was not made available for the AGM was now available and could be made public.

Several attendees expressed concern as to why the meeting was taking place and if the meeting was in breach of regulations due to the length of notification given when the meeting was to be held.

The Chairman informed the meeting again as to why the meeting was being held and the Chairman's requested that all questions or to raise any issues regarding the village at the appropriate time and place as stated on the agenda. He also reminded the attendees that all village residents had a right for openness and transparency.

The Chairman confirmed that he had sourced advice and the meeting could go ahead and if any concern regarding the meeting could be directed to Alison Hartley, SDC Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.

The Chairman was pleased to announce he was now in possession of the past Parish Councils paperwork including the minutes/records/accounts/laptop etc.

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Grass Cutting:

The Chairman confirmed that the company who was carrying out the grass cutting had given notice of the intentions to stop and the last cut took place in April 2022. Investigation had taken place to replace the company and the grass cutting had been actioned as a priority ahead of the village HRH Platinum Celebration weekend and a cut had taken place.

The next planned cut of the grass would take place W.C. 6th June 2022. After this date there would be no more cuts until the PC had the opportunity to discuss the situation on the planned PC meeting on the 30th June 2022.

PC Website:

The Chairman stated that it was disappointing to find that the PC website had been closed down and the parish laptop was blocked with no password. That said, the Chairman confirmed that action has been taken to reinstate the website and laptop, but this would take time. He confirmed that once it was up and running all residents would be informed accordingly. The situation would be discussed on the planned PC meeting on the 30th June 2022.

PC Clerk:

The Chairman stated that the original Clerk had resigned as had his replacement due to personal reasons.

This situation would be discussed on the planned PC meeting on the 30th June 2022 and once agreement was reached an advert would be placed for the position of PC Clerk.

Village Hall (VH):

The Chairman informed the meeting that as the VH was a huge part of the Parish and as this was a Parish Meeting he had invited the Chairman of the VH committee to attend the meeting to give a report summary of the VH, but due to work commitment he was unable to attend. However he did supply the PC Chairman with a summary of the VH year, financial situation and future plans, which the Chairman read out to the meeting.

PC Financial Report:

As financial records had now been received a summary of the records and financial position as reported on the PC meeting on the 3rd May 2022 were given.

The Chairman thank the previous PC for the health financial position it was in, but stated that a number of invoices had and would be received over the coming month due to reinstating areas of the PC responsibilities that had been allowed to be, or had been closed down.

The Chairman opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

Q. Concerns were raised at the accessibility of the playground/area for wheelchair use.

Action: PC Agenda

Q. Looking into funding /grants for improving this access and for equipment maintenance of the playground.

Action: PC Agenda

Q. A concern was raised that as two of the newly elected Parish Councillors were related what was going to be put in place to stop potential fraud. The person asking the question stated that they were not insinuating or alleging that fraud had been or would take place, or had any proof, but more what was going to be put in place to secure against fraud, Reference was also made, by another resident to the fact that fraud had been committed in previous years by a person on the PC.

Action: PC Agenda

Q. A concern was raised at the 'animosity in the room' shown by some residents. Other residents were unsettled at the attempts made to override and undermine the proceeding.

Action: Noted

Q. Weeding and grass cutting at both ends of the village

Action: PC Agenda

Q. The possibility of a shelter in the village for children/adults to use whilst waiting for school buses.

Action: PC Agenda

Q. A Non-resident asked if the minutes would show that there were no legal requirements for the Chairman of the VH to attend the meeting and where will the minutes of the this meeting be displayed.

Action: Chairman confirmed that the minuties would be displayed on the village notice board as soon as they were available and there is and never was any suggestions that it was a legal requirement for the Chairman of the VH to attend the Parish Meeting. It was made clear that he had been invited, but due to work commitments could not attend.

As there were no further questions the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and confirmed the 'Parish Council Meeting' would take place in the village hall on the 30th June 2022 All were welcome, and the meeting was closed.

Signed
Simon Riley
Chair, Cridling Stubbs Parish Council