

MINUTES OF CRIDLING STUBBS VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 29th April 202 – 19:00, Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr S. Riley. Four residents.

The Chair gave a warm welcome and presented the agenda of the meeting.

Cllr S. Riley 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 20th May 2025. He reminded the room that only parish residents were allowed to vote should a vote be required. The Chairman confirmed that the PC Members were in attendance however they were 'residents' at this meeting and not in any official capacity.

1. Welcome from Cllr Simon Riley, Chair of Cridling Stubbs Parish Council.
2. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th May 2024. Minutes from the 30th May 2024 were agreed by all as a true representative of the meeting. – Minutes agreed.

3. Chair's Report: Cllr Simon Riley.

Due to the on-going cost of living crisis, which we are all facing the priority for the Parish Council was to keep expenditure under tight control and make efficiency savings where it could, which it did successfully. This has resulted in a carryover from 2024 of a £1825.92 on the set budget.

Unfortunately, due to no expenditure in the early part of 2024, other than on the essentials to pay for the running of the Parish Council and maintaining the limited amenities in the village, resulted in no new additional or upgrading of the amenities already established, but these saving, along with Grants helped changed this at the end of 2024 and the start of 2025.

During last year a group of residents along with members of the Parish Council were successful in obtaining several grants totalling £7,500 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work in obtained several grants for the village, these are – Amanda Brundell, Emma Ryans, Vanessa Thurston, Daria Palmowska and Cllr Jennifer Howarth.

The Parish Council added a futher £500 from the 2023/24 Precept's carryover and the £8,000 was spent on the two projects in the village, a new slide/climbing frame in the Playpark for the younger age children of the Parish and surrounding area and the maintenance of the trees in the area next to the Playpark, felling a total of eight dead and broken trees, the logs from these trees were given to residents at no cost for them to burn as fuel.

The Parish Council would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the community, Parish Council members and Cllr John McCartney who have supported the village and its residents during the past year.

For the coming year I would strongly suggest the priority for the Parish Council, Village Hall committee and especially the residents will be to pull together and work closer together to ensure we control the Budgets of both the PC and VH and keep both these amenities running to ensure they in turn support all residents during the

challenges that the world will in 2025/26 has and will throw at the residents as a whole.

4. Questions and Comments: members of the public

- 4.1 Grass Cutting was not as good as last year, what is happening?
Chair explained that the grass cutting is on the PC radar, and it would be kept under observation. PC to take up.
- 4.2 Is the village doing anything for VE Day?
Past celebrations either Royal or War has been arranged by the Village Hall Committee, but no celebrations had been planned this year.
- 4.3 What's happening with the phone box?
The residents had, from the results of the survey indicated that they wanted to keep the Telephone operational and the telephone box, therefore an Objection to removal of either had been submitted to NYC. Closing date for the consulation is 12th June, further details to be given as soon as we are made aware of the Objection.
- 4.4 Hedge along the Playpark when will it get cut?
Not until after 31st August due to birds nesting.

As there were no more questions the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and confirmed the Parish Council Meeting would take place on 20th May 2025, at 19:00 in the Village Hall all were welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 18:25

Signed

Simon Riley.
Chair Cridling Stubbs Parish Council.