

**CRAZIES HILL & COCKPOLE GREEN
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13th May 2026
AT CRAZIES HILL VILLAGE HALL AT 7:00PM

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| 1 | <p>Attendees: Phil Davies, Richard Jones, Sue Robinson, Angela Collis, Dave Smith, Liz Tweddle, Tom Greenham, Nicky Dibbo, Jo Shell, J A Brown, Neill Pitcher, Barbara Pitcher, Roger Cope, George Harper, Dick Bush, Di Bush, Sandra Turnbull, Brian Turnbull, Adam Pacitti, Edwin Hayes, James Hayes, Laura Lord, Anthony Broom</p> <p>Apologies: Rita & Clive Pugh, Monica Wyatt, Irene & John Ladd, Steve & Joanna Morris.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Minutes of the last meeting – 14th May 2025 No amendments - minutes approved</p> |
| 3 | <p>Matters arising from the last AGM: Nothing arising.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Primary School Report: Jo Shell</p> <p>As a small primary school at the heart of this community, we are incredibly proud of what we have achieved this academic year, and I'm delighted to share some of those highlights with you.</p> <p>This year has been one of growth, celebration and real momentum for our school.</p> <p>Our dedicated staff team and governing body have worked hard to raise the profile of the school by sharing and celebrating the wonderful things happening here every day – through social media, local newsletters and community engagement. As a result, our school is gaining recognition well beyond our immediate area and we are seeing the benefits of that growing reputation.</p> <p>This academic year, we have been delighted to welcome eight new children into our school family, bringing our pupil numbers to 88 and interest continues to grow, with new families regularly visiting and enquiring about places. Even more encouragingly, our Early Years Foundation Stage intake for 2026 is already full with a waiting list hopeful for places. For a small school, this is tremendously positive news. Not only does it reflect confidence in what we offer, but it also strengthens our funding position and helps secure a bright and sustainable future.</p> <p>At the heart of that success remain our school values: Resilience, Relationships and Respect.</p> <p>These are not simply words displayed on a wall, they are values that we all live and breathe each day. Visitors often comment on the warm, nurturing</p> |

atmosphere in our school, the strong sense of family and the deep understanding our children have of kindness, belonging and responsibility. It is this spirit, alongside our commitment to high standards that makes our school such a special and desirable place for children to learn and grow. Academically, we continue to strive for excellence while nurturing a genuine love of learning. Our pupils are currently shining in their statutory assessments, approaching these challenges with confidence, determination and maturity.

But we remain equally committed to developing children who are thoughtful, compassionate, curious and well-rounded individuals; young people who will make a positive difference in the world around them. This year has also seen exciting pupil-led initiatives that reflect those values in action.

Our Eco Council has been hard at work planting hedge trees around our grounds, helping to enrich our environment and encourage biodiversity. They are also leading a 'No Energy afternoon' where lights, computers and smart boards will be switched off so that children and adults alike can experience learning without electricity. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on energy use and consider how we can all make more environmentally conscious choices.

Meanwhile, our School Council is leading an inspiring Reading Shed project. Soon, a quiet reading space will be built in the corner of the playground – a place where children of all ages can read, recharge and enjoy moments of calm and imagination. In a school where our youngest children happily play alongside our oldest, we look forward to seeing stories shared across year groups and a deeper love of reading continue to flourish.

Our school remains a hive of activity, energy and joy. There is a genuine buzz that radiates through every classroom, corridor and corner of the playground – and that is something very special.

Finally, I want to thank you, our local residents, for your continued support. Your encouragement, goodwill and belief in our school matters enormously. You help us remain a thriving part of this community, shaping and inspiring generations of children for years to come.

We are proud of where we are, excited about where we are heading and hopeful that, with your continued support, you will keep championing our wonderful school so that it continues to flourish year after year. Thank you.

Q – What happens to those on the waitlist?

A - Some of the people on the waiting list have asked to appeal. An independent group will determine if they can expand a little bit. 15 is the smallest number, but we have the space for more. Capacity of 105 in total.

Q - if people live in the village do they get priority?

A - If there is space, yes, but existing pupils get priority.

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Chairman's Report:

Thank you for coming tonight. I'll run through what we have been up to over the last 12 months since the last AGM and then be happy to take any questions.

The first event after last years AGM was the annual village BBQ on Saturday 14th June. We moved back to a Saturday after experimenting for a couple of years with a Friday. On balance we have decided Saturdays work best and that was reflected in the numbers attending. We had 76 adults and 18 children. The chefs were definitely kept busy but it was great to see so many residents getting together and enjoying themselves.

Luckily the evening stayed dry and it was only the looming darkness that caused proceedings to be halted.

As you know we normally put in a social evening in October but with some of the committee heavily involved in the upcoming re-opening of The Horns, the RA decided not hold an autumn event but to try and get the village together on the opening night of the pub.

At the end of November it finally happened, after over three years of closure The Horns finally opened its doors again and as hoped, it was standing room only. It was great to see everyone there and it certainly made up for not having an October social. Plus the RA now has a proper venue for its committee meetings rather than random kitchens around the village.

December came along and we were very pleased that Oliver Good of Warren Row agreed to come back and act as musical director for the third year. Oliver once more persuaded a small band consisting of his two children Freddie and Florence along with Julie Wheals, plus a special guest from South America on the cello. They all performed magnificently. Word must have got around about how good Oliver's concerts are as it was definitely standing room only. We ran out of chairs and of song sheets. More will be ordered for next year.

And thank you to everyone who contributed to the charity collection after the carols. We raised a magnificent £542.63 for a very worthy local charity, Yeldall Manor in Wargrave who provide specialist care or drug and alcohol for men struggling with addiction and they do really great work locally. And so into 2026.

The Spring social event in March saw the return of an ever popular quiz night. It was decided to use Fance as the theme for the quiz, as most residents will probably have visited our nearest neighbour sometime. Supper was provided by the local Wargrave catering company, Save thyme Cooking. A delicious coq au vin and tarte tatin. Washed down by French wine of course.

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| | <p>As quiz master I was told the previous American quiz was too difficult, so I tried hard to make the questions easier. I think I succeeded as most teams accrued a goodly number of points.</p> <p>I'm pleased to say the annual Village clean up towards the end of March attracted over 20 residents and that there was also a reduction in the overall amount of litter found.</p> <p>Now all these events which I have just told you about, could not happen without lots of hard work from your committee, I would like to personally thank them for being a great team and thank them on your behalf for the effort they put in.</p> <p>They are: Phil Davies, Sue Robinson, Richard Jones, Liz Tweddle (Secretary), Angela Collis (Treasurer), Tom Greenham, Clare Donovan, Charlie Lacey, Nicky and Nigel Dibbo.</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Treasurer's Report: The Residents Association has spent money this year. We started with £18,500 and bought in a net £1,000 from events, but we spent on low level fencing and the set up of the Christmas tree location (both 1 off costs) We currently have £12,500 in the bank. Q - Who pays for the cutting of the Green? A - RA hire brush cutter and there are many volunteer helpers to scarify and collect.</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>Cockpole Green - Update: Work continued on the Green throughout the year. We are currently mainly looking at maintaining what we have now planted. I am sure you have noticed the main problem is our beautiful but voracious deer, who seem to have decided the sapling are just the right maturity to be their tasty best.</p> <p>We will now need to put up some much more robust protection which unfortunately costs a fortune, especially given the number of trees we planted. I am very pleased to announce that we have had a £5000 donation from a local resident specifically for the Green. This should suffice for about 50 of the worst affected trees. We will be working to put the protectors up over the coming months.</p> <p>You will also have seen we have extended the post and rail fencing down the Hatchgate Lane side of the Green. With money we have raised over the last year we now intend to extend the fencing as far as we can along the Warren Row Rd, side of the Green.</p> |

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| | <p>Whilst talking of the Green, I should mention at this point, our thanks to Cayton Park for the regular cutting of the paths during the summer period.</p> <p>Q – You have spent a lot of money on wild flowers with little results. A - We have sowed some further seeds and we think that they will thrive this year, even though the land has recently been mowed..</p> <p>Q – What happened to the reflector lights?. A - Originally there were lights on every post, and now they are on every other post.</p> <p>Q - When extending the low level fence have the committee thought about where cars are supposed to go eg if they break down?. A - Decision has not been made yet on where the fencing is going to go.</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Q Speed limits – I can't believe there is still no speed limit. A - Borough Councillor has been working with RA. Proposal going through is to have 30mph limit on a number of rural roads. We don't yet know if this will be successful.</p> |
| <p>9</p> | <p>Election of the Committee and Officers for 2025-26:</p> <p>Sue Robinson will be standing down, but all rest of the committee are willing to stand – No extra nominations this year.</p> <p>Dave thanked Anj Collis, Liz Tweddle, Claire Donovan, Phil Davies, Rik Jones, Sue Robinson, Tom Greenham, Charlie Lacey, Nigel Dibbo, Nicky Dibbo for all their contributions</p> <p>Everyone agreed to re-elect the remaining committee members.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 19:35</p> |