

**CRAZIES HILL & COCKPOLE GREEN  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
**WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2024**  
AT CRAZIES HILL VILLAGE HALL AT 7:00PM

Item	
1	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Phil Davies, Susan Robinson, Richard Jones, Peter Fife, Clare Donovan, Paul Donovan, Tom Greenham, Angela Collis, Charlie Lacey, Dave Smith, Nigel Dibbo, Helga Lehmann, Liz Tweddle, Brian Turnbull, Sandra Turnbull, Neill Pitcher, Barbara Pitcher, John Ladd, Irene Ladd, Dick &amp; Diane Bush, Jo Shell, Anthony Broom, Wayne Smith, Nicky Dibbo, Justin McKeegan, Karen D’Arcy, Lyne Wilkes</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Steve &amp; Jo Morris, Rita Mclaughlin Pugh, Victoria McKeegan, Frank &amp; Moniac Hope, Brian &amp; Judy Robson, Susie Wingate, Linda Ashwell.</p>
2	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b> No amendments - minutes approved</p>
3	<p><b>Matters arising from the last AGM:</b> Nothing arising.</p>
4	<p><b>Primary School Report: Jo Shell, Head Teacher.</b> Our vision for the school is that our ‘fruit’ will be children and adults who have the resilience to weather life’s ups and downs, respect for themselves, others and their environment and the ability to build and maintain good working relationships with all in their community so that they can ‘be the best that they can be’. A tree is known by it’s fruit, people by their actions – Matthew 7:20. Our values of Relationships, Resilience and Respect underpin every aspect of school life. Celebrating the strengths of the school this year:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ofsted Inspection</b> in November – CHPS continues to be a good school with outstanding ratings in 3 out of 5 areas – EYFS, Behaviour and attitudes and personal development.</li> <li>• <b>SIAMS Church Schools Inspection</b> in March – Leaders are deeply committed to serving this school community and meet the needs of its pupils and adults exceptionally well. As a result, the Christian vision is realised, enabling the ‘fruits of the tree’ to flourish.</li> <li>• Both inspections highlighted that, despite us being a small school, our children are offered a wealth of opportunities and enrichment</li> </ul>

	<p>experiences designed to widen pupil’s experiences and nurture their talents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I’m incredibly proud of leading a school that enables all pupils and adults to grow academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally, enabling them to be the very best that they can be.</li> </ul> <p><b>EYFS</b> – First cohort to enjoy our transformed Early Years indoor and outdoor space. New equipment and sections of specialized surfacing have enabled outdoor learning to take place all year round. Our cohort of 10 pupils have had the very best start to their educational journey.</p> <p><b>Schools Council</b> – Fund raising for a range of local and national charities. Focused on developing opportunities for pupils to explore the injustice, to enable them to become agents for change. Continually educate and encourage our children to grow as globally-minded citizens and develop their understanding of the world beyond our school gates.</p> <p><b>Eco Council</b> – Green Eco school flag – a series of projects carried out to achieve Green School status.</p> <p>The biggest challenge we face as a school is falling pupil numbers due to two years of low birth rate and a third low birth rate year ahead of us. Typical picture for many other schools. There are so many spaces across so many schools for parents to choose from. Marketing our school has been a major project. More open mornings, professional promotional video and new promotional flyers. Please pass on a promotional flyer to anyone you know looking for school spaces – spaces available throughout the school.</p> <p>Thank you, to you, our neighbours for supporting our school and thank you Dave, for always communicating with us, keeping us in the loop and helping us to strengthen our links with the community.</p> <p>I feel immensely proud of the staff and pupils and all they achieve at our wonderful village primary school.</p> <p>Q - Are all schools suffering with numbers? Yes all schools are nationally. There is a lot of competition. The issue is with funding if there are low pupil numbers. Every pupil counts.</p>
5	<p><b>Chairman’s Report:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The first event after last years AGM was the annual village BBQ on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> June. Having moved to a Friday a few year’s ago, rather than the Saturday, numbers attending have been really good. We had 85 guests, which meant a lot of cooking but it was great to see so many residents getting together and enjoying themselves.</p>

Some enjoyed themselves so much that they stayed to the bitter end and it was only the looming darkness that caused proceedings to be halted.

June last year also saw the opening of the library in the village phone box. This has proved to be a great success and the RA is grateful to Cayton Park who have taken over the maintenance of the phone box and who provided the shelving for the books.

In July the RA organised a CPR and defib training course in the village hall. The defib was installed in 2014 with help from Millie's dream, although the RA has now taken on the full cost of maintaining and replacing the defibrillator. We ran a refresher course in 2019 and so though it was time to run another one.

The course was run by Suzanne Stickley who is a director of First Aid Matters, Suzanne also works part time as a trainer and paramedic for the East of England NHS Trust.

It proved to be a very worthwhile evening and we shall run another one in a couple of years time. Meanwhile do not forget we have put up a video on the RA's website on how to use the defib machine. Spending 7 minutes watching that could just save someone's life.

Work continued on the Green throughout the year with a major push in Sept and Oct, when it was prepared and several hundred pounds worth of wild flower seeds were sown. The yellow rattle that we planted the previous year is growing well at the moment and we now wait to see what the fruits of our labour will be over will be as, hopefully, the wildflowers start to bloom.

Then later in the year we installed the wooden post and rail fence to deter the joy riders. The RA is aware of the ongoing debate over the number of reflectors and will be considering that matter at its next committee meeting.

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.

Our October social event was a Spanish themed evening which proved to be very popular. 58 people packed the hall to drink Spanish beers and wines whilst partaking in starters and puds supplied by the RA and a delicious paella cooked by a travelling chef, Chris O'Neill who owns, 'Man With a pan'.

October also saw the disappearance of our bus shelter, thankfully not permanently. It was taken away to be restored and it was re-erected in early November. The RA is very grateful for donations from Wargrave heritage Trust and the Parish council which paid for the majority of the costs of the restoration.

The last day of October is of course Halloween and this year the children of our two hamlets decided to organise a home grown 'trick or treat' rather than going down to Wargrave. They loved it and many thanks to the residents, some of whom do not have children, who took part and made it such a great success. I suspect it will be repeated this year.

December came along and after a rather unusual 2022 session led by an elf the RA was very grateful to Oliver Good of Warren Row who agreed to act as musical director for the 2023 carol singing. Oliver put together a small band consisting of his two children Freddie and Florence and with the help of Julie Wheals they kept everyone in tune and in time.

The surprise hit of the night was a hearty rendition of a slightly amended version of "The Fairy Tale of New York". The RA is pleased to say that Oliver and his family enjoyed the experience so much they have agreed to help us out with this year's carol singing as well.

And so into 2024. The Spring social event in March saw the return of a very popular event, music bingo. This was a sell out with 60 residents turning up to socialise and compete for prizes whilst enjoying wonderful platters of food put together by the committee.

Despite some confusion amongst the participants as to what constituted a horizontal line the evening went well and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I'm pleased to say the annual Village clean up at end of March attracted as many residents as ever but that there was also a big reduction in the overall amount of litter found. Although we did find the complete bumper and underside of a car! As always Wokingham were very co-operative and came along at lunchtime as promised and cleared away what rubbish we had found.

For once it was a dry Easter Monday but that did not mean the school playing field was any less muddy due to the torrential rain over the previous few days. As has become tradition, the adults enjoyed coffee, hot cross buns and a chat under the shelter, the children raced about in the mud in pursuit of the hundreds of chocolate eggs which had been scattered around. There were some very happy but muddy children by the end of the morning.

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.

They are:

Phil Davies, Sue Robinson, Richard Jones, Liz Twedde (Secretary), Angela Collis (Treasurer), Tom Greenham, Clare Donovan, Nicky and Nigel Dibbo.

6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b>  The RA spent more than we raised – we invested in wild flower seed and the cost of bus shelter and nose fencing. We got a lot done for the money we spent, and we also got donations towards the bus shelter and the fencing.</p> <p>£1,800 from fund-raising.  £17,300 in the fund.</p>
7	<p><b>Rewilding – Update:</b>  Covered in the Chaiman's report above.</p>
8	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b>  Dick Bush - Well done for the bus shelter. There was a thought that we should we try to repair it – but the replacement looks really good. Neil 2 weeks for the plaque - Coronation 2023. Both this and the original plaque will be installed in the bus shelter.</p>
10	<p><b>Election of the Committee and Officers for 2023-24:</b>  All the current committee are willing to stand for re-election - Charlie Lacey volunteered to join the committee.</p> <p>One resident has emailed to say there is a conflict of interest, with Horns Hospitality Ltd and the Resident's Association. The three members who are involved in both, (Dave Smith, Angela Collis and Phil Davies) were put up for re-election first. Agreement to re-elect these three was unanimous.</p> <p>Everyone agreed to re-elect the remaining committee members.</p> <p>Dick Bush thanked all of the committee for all their hard work.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 19.36</p>