

## Annual assembly meeting of Cromhall parish Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 @ 7pm

Mike Line as chairman of Cromhall parish council welcomed nine residents and opened the meeting of Cromhall parish residents where lively debates ensued.

A resident expressed his thanks for the recent litter picking and the positive effect this had on the village environment. The council and residents were thanked for their hard work and it is hoped that now so much has been cleared, everyone will continue to help keep litter under control.

Speeding remains a serious and growing problem especially the speed of HGVs. Grave concerns were raised over the potential for a serious accident including worries about the access arrangements for the housing by New Cottages. Where possible some residents were reporting the problem and registration numbers to the names company on the vehicle. The perceived lack of follow up to speeding letters issued by the Police does nothing to deter speeding.

The parish council is aware that the reduction to 40mph at the Charfield end of the village by South Gloucestershire Council has been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic as has the installation of village gates. The council is also aware that plans are in place to reduce the Heathend to Bagstone road to 40mph. Residents were reminded to report speeding issues to South Gloucestershire Council as evidence is crucial for any actions to be taken.

Interest was expressed in community speed watch although this would need community support and commitment. Some information including links to Avon and Somerset Police have been posted on the *latest news* section of the parish council website <https://cromhallpc.org.uk/community-speed-watch/>. Clearly there are no simple solutions.

A question was raised about the proposed solar farm at Newlands Farm (just outside the parish). An objection was submitted by the parish council but no further information has been received

Post meeting: as of 16<sup>th</sup> April no decision has been made by South Gloucestershire Council.

Blocked drains in Farleigh Lane were raised although it is believed South Gloucestershire Council may have attended this location. South Gloucestershire Council is the responsible authority and has an online reporting system <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/general-information/online-services/report/> Information on what issues can be reported to South Gloucestershire Council can be found on the parish council website under 'Community' tab and 'Report it' <https://cromhallpc.org.uk/report-a-problem/>

An update on the local plan was requested. Sites under the South Gloucestershire Council 'call for sites' process have been identified and a map produced. The parish council has also responded to the Local Plan phase 1 consultation. This information is available on the parish council website under the 'Parish Council' tab and 'planning' <https://cromhallpc.org.uk/planning/>

The annual report (appendix 1) of the Cromhall Pools Allotment Charity was received and is available on the parish council website under *latest news* <https://cromhallpc.org.uk/cromhall-pools-allotment-charity-annual-report/>

The 2021 Cromhall Flower show has been cancelled.

There being no further matters the meeting closed at 19:40

Appendix 1

CROMHALL POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY  
Registered Charity No: 204061

Secretary: Mrs.S.Wray Bushrods Fiddlers Bottom Cromhall GL12 8AW  
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**APA Report 2021**

Brief outline of the charity.....

The object of the charity is for the relief of the poor in the parish of Cromhall and its income is distributed to people over 65 who have been in the village 5 years or more, near Christmas, in the way of vouchers to be used in the village shop. couple.

Individuals can apply for assistance if they find themselves in need, and all requests will be considered.

The charity is run by four Parish Council appointed trustees – currently, David White, Caroline Massey, Doug Collett and Clive Young.

There are no appointments/reappointments due this year.

Brief presentation of Accounts 2020....

Income was generated, as usual, by the Grass Keep, a Rural Payment Agency payment and electricity wayleave which totalled £3,444.50

(It is still not known how long the RPA payment will be made and, if it is not, then the income will be greatly reduced and therefore the amount available for the purposes of the charity will fall.)

Expenditure included water rates, secretary fee, agent's fees and the Christmas Gifts (58 at £25 each - £1,450) and grant to '5Alive'. There was also a grant given a villager in need of assistance, due to ill health and unable to work, and total expenditure had been £2,957.71

Profit over the year 2020 = £486.79

Individual requests for assistance continue to remain rare, and the trustees, once considering the creation of an application form, have not done so as yet. The charity continues to meet and agree each request as it is made and on its own merits.

The Covid 19 pandemic restrictions over the year did not affect the running of the charity. The trustees were able to meet as usual at the beginning of the year to consider the individual request and later in the year, it was possible to meet in the church which allowed the required social distancing. (There has not yet been meeting in 2021.)

Sue Wray, Secretary 11.04.21