

Annual assembly meeting of Cromhall parish Tuesday 26th April 2021 @ 18:45

Mike Line as chairman of Cromhall parish council welcomed thirteen residents to the Cromhall annual assembly meeting.

The minutes of the 2021 annual assembly meeting held on 15th April 2021 were approved and a brief update on council's actions during the year given.

- Council continued to be impacted by Covid
- Submitted request to SGC to consider pedestrian crossing near the Burltons
- Village gates finally installed
- Speed reduction at Charfield end of village introduced
- Ongoing review of speeding issues
- Responded to SGC's phase 2 Local plan
- Regular review of all planning applications
- Undertaking work to protect village green and prevent unauthorised parking
- Up to date website with council news and information on issues affecting the community
- One visit from local Police team
- Governor at Leyhill attends meetings
- New defibrillator
- Informed the public of potential future planning developments on sites identified on the call for sites
- Grants issued to support local groups
- Still have one vacancy

The chairman opened the meeting to Cromhall parish residents.

Residents complained about the state of the pavements. In particular encroachment from grass and overgrowth which is reducing the width of the pavement between Cowship lane and Jubilee Lane and the added problem of protruding hedges within this section. The parish council confirmed that responsibility lies with South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) and the issues should be reported to SGC using their Report-it function. Councillors also offered to report the matter but would require full details and the exact location, the offer was declined. The parish council confirmed it had also raised restricted path widths with SGC as these could potentially affect the safety of wheelchair users and those with pushchairs.

A robust discussion was held over the issue of speeding lorries and general speed control through the village. The actions taken by the parish council were outlined whilst a member of the public suggested all submissions with South Gloucestershire Council on the matter should be published. Actions over speeding are recorded in the minutes which are publicly available.

Concerns were raised about the amount of dust emitting from the quarry on certain days.

Discussions were held around defibrillators. The council reported that it had arranged for a defibrillator to be installed at the De Smit building as together with one being installed at Cromhall Chapel, together these will provide good coverage for the whole village. Although the council does not know when the one at Townwell will be operational, there will be joint publicity and hopefully training. A member of public reported that further fund raising was needed for an exterior box.

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

There being no further matters the meeting closed at 19:30

Appendix 1

CROMHALL POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY
Registered Charity No: 204061

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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 continues to be 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. 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. Both Doug Collett and Caroline Massey are due for re-appointment or replacement by the Parish Council at it's Annual Meeting this year. I can confirm that both Doug and Caroline are happy to stand again for the four year term.

Brief presentation of Accounts 2021.....

Income was generated, as usual, by the Grass Keep, a Rural Payment Agency payment and electricity wayleave which totaled £3,372. (Uncertainty about how long the RPA payment will be made remains 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 (64 at £25 each - £1,650) £2,177.

Profit over the year 2021 = £1,195

Individual requests for assistance continue to remain rare but if made, the trustees will meet and agree each request on its own merits.

This year, 2021, additional time and consideration was given to a request that part of the cost to fell a tree on land adjacent to charity land, should be borne by the charity. After much discussion, between trustees and the owner, the owner accepted total responsibility. (It would have been unlawful, under the schedule of the charity, for the charity to have contributed.)

The Covid 19 pandemic continued over 2020 but did not affect the running of the charity in any way.

Sue Wray, Secretary 06.02.22