**Crawley Parish Council**

**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting**

 **held at 7.30pm on 22nd May 2024**

1. Present: Cllrs Heather Northam, Mark McCappin, Isabel Webb, Michelle Hill; Sue Bremner-Milne (Treasurer); Sheena Derry (Secretary); Liam Walker (OCC and WODC); Parishioners Lewis Ross, Jane Harris, Chris Babbage. Chris has lived in the village for several years and is interested in a role with the PC.
2. Apologies: None.
3. Chairman’s report for 2022-23.
	1. HN thanked all the current parish councillors, and SB-M and SD for their work as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. She also thanked Colin Dingwall, Tony Connell and Graham Howkins who have resigned in the last year and have given years of service to the village. Special thanks went to Jane Harris for auditing the accounts, MM for his continuing work with WiVTAG on Area Weight Restrictions and recent work setting up the Witney Neighbourhood Infrastructure Group (WING), Mary Valentine and Cathy Funnell for upkeep of the war memorial, and to Sebastian and Lana for hosting parish council meetings. She also thanked the Social Committee for organising village events, and all litter pickers.
	2. HN reflected on the fact that we have had three resignations from the parish council in the last year, but welcomed two new members and the potential for a new Treasurer and a new Councillor.
	3. Around the village, Thames Water have lined the leaky sewers, reducing the need for tankers during wet periods, and a sink hole on Dry Lane has been repaired (although the repair itself is sagging), but the barrier on the causeway has not been repaired.
	4. New Standing Orders and Financial Regulations have been approved, a village maintenance plan has been drawn up and a few tasks completed, and the Risk Register is under review.
	5. WING was initiated by Crawley.
	6. A 20mph speed limit is under consultation.

MM thanked HN for her hard work over the last year.

1. OCC and WODC report – LW.
	1. The 20mph speed limit for Crawley is going ahead.
	2. There are plans to replace the whole barrier along the causeway as so many of the posts are failing, but this is likely to be in 2025/26.
	3. The whole length of Foxburrow Lane is due to be resurfaced.
	4. Following the local elections, the political balance of WODC has changed but the West Oxfordshire Alliance of Lib Dem, Labour, and Greens remains. There is a period of two years now without elections.
	5. WODC did not contest the East Witney and Minster Lovell housing developments, and the outline planning consultation for the North Witney development is now closed. There is a risk that speculative planning applications will start again.
2. WING – MM. The Witney Infrastructure Neighbourhood Group is supported by nine Parish Councils plus Witney Town Council. Representatives from these ten local councils have come together to try to ensure that adequate infrastructure is provided if the North Witney housing development goes ahead. WING submitted an initial objection to the developers’ outline planning application, followed up by a more detailed report. This report will now go back to the parishes for consultation. It is hoped that a Resolution in support of WING’s submission will be approved by all ten councils. This will give WING a strong mandate to influence planning decisions. MM will send the report to Crawley parish councillors to study first, then make it available to all Crawley parishioners in mid June.
3. Questions. The drainage problem at Whiteoak Green has been inspected by OCC, who said they would clean out the soakaway. IW will check to see if this has been done and report back to MM.