



Crondall Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Village Hall, Crondall

Monday, 29th April 2024



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence
3. To approve and adopt the Minutes of APM 2023 and any Matters Arising
4. The Chairman's Report – Cllr R Freeman-Griffiths
5. Finance Report – Cllr D Argent
6. Planning Report – Cllr R Freeman-Griffiths
7. Roads – Cllr I Taylor
8. Reports from other councils – Cllr J Glen (HCC) and Cllr C Dorn (HDC)
9. Speedwatch – Jonny Freeman-Griffiths/Scott Shepherd
10. Questions and Discussion

Chairman's Report



Cllr Richard Freeman-Griffiths

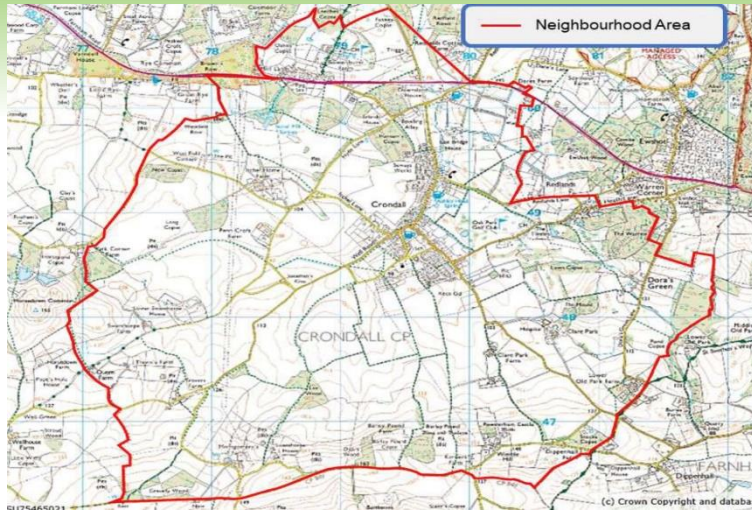
Your Parish Council

Councillor	Role
David Argent	Finance Officer
Richard Freeman-Griffiths	Chairman & Planning
Sharon Gregory	Flooding and Emergency Planning
Gillian O'Connor	Conservation Area Review
Geoff Smith	Vice-Chairman & CPC representative on Village Hall Committee
Ivan Taylor	Roads, Traffic & Footpaths
Stuart Worthington	Environment Lead & Faster Broadband Project
Vacancy	

Employees	Job
Astrid Angove	Clerk
Sean O'Gorman	Groundsman

Role of a Parish Council

- A statutory local authority established under the Local Government Act 1972, operating in a defined area:



- Council is made up of elected ‘volunteers’ and must have a paid officer (the Clerk) who organises meetings and carries out the Council’s decisions
- Powers relate to local matters such provision and maintenance of recreation grounds, open space, play areas, bus shelters, the “open” churchyard, some street lighting; the control of litter and dog mess; the creation and updating of the Neighbourhood Plan
- Representative powers such as comments on planning applications, review of Conservation Area appraisal document

Review of year 2023/24

- Conservation Area Review and Boundary Change
- Tennis court resurfaced (despite delays caused by a particularly wet summer)
- Introduction of online booking system for the tennis court
- Increased security measures at Tractor Shed following repeated burglaries.
- Introduction of part-night streetlighting

Review of year 2023/24

- Resurfacing / repair of worst of the potholes in the village
- Initial investigations into potential new Burial Ground
- Hosted public meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones in direct response to parishioner concerns
- Installation of decorative streetlight poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day

Looking Forward to 2024/25

- Non-Contested Election with only 4 candidates applying this time, with the remaining 4 councillor places now needing to be filled by co-option.
- To date, two candidates have expressed interest in co-option.
- This lack of councillors will impact the parish council's ability to progress council business, projects etc.
- As a result, the parish council will need to prioritise its focus on the more essential business.

Looking Forward to 2024/25

The new Parish Council will be creating a Business Plan to outline their key projects and objectives.

Highlights to include:

- Green/Eco Policy and initiatives
- Addressing ongoing issues with vandalism and antisocial behaviour
- Parking review
- Integrated locking system on the tennis court

Looking Forward to 2024/25

- Review of the Neighbourhood Plan
- New Burial Ground
- Creation of Emergency Plan

And finally – with the weather hopefully improving, painting the final lines
on the tennis court!

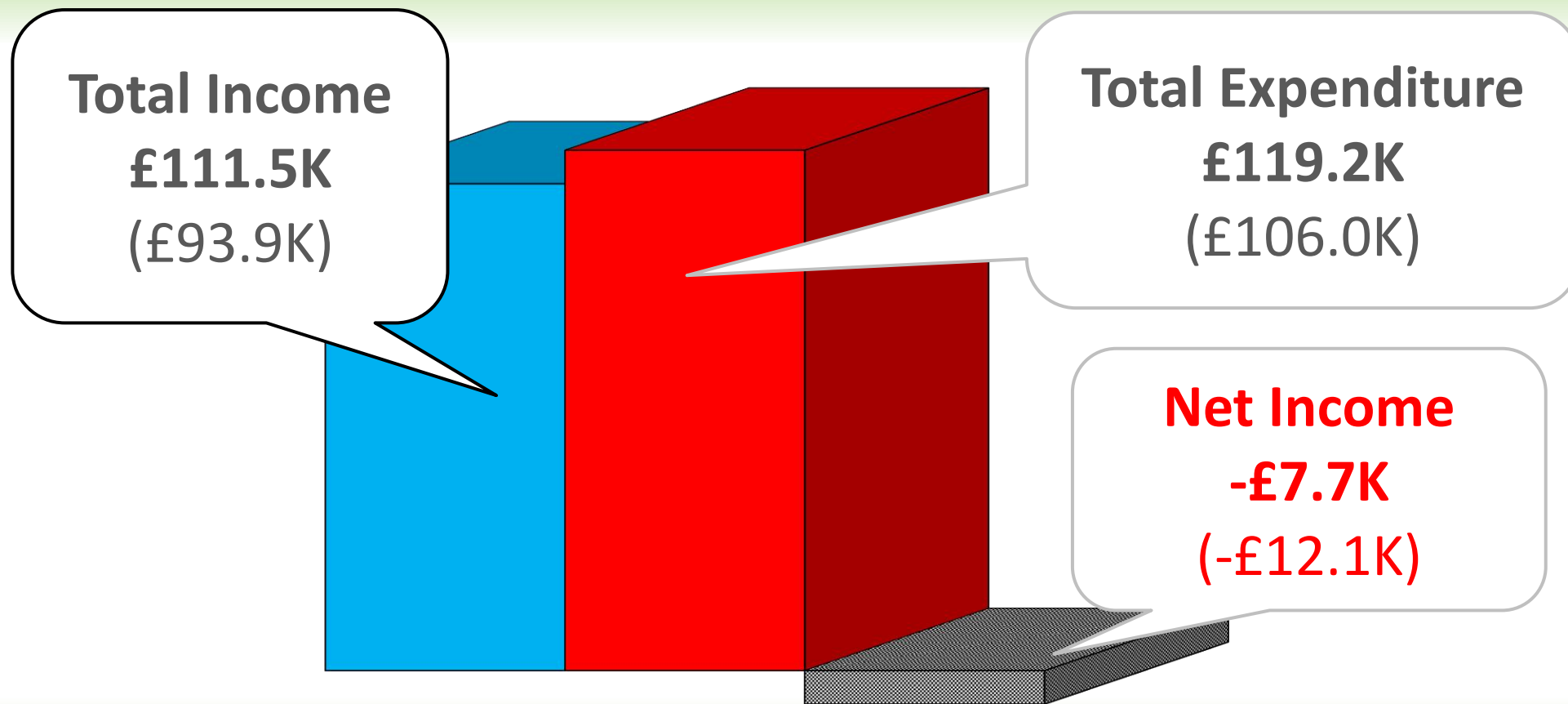
2023/24 Financial Report for the 12 months to 31st March 2024



CLlr David Argent

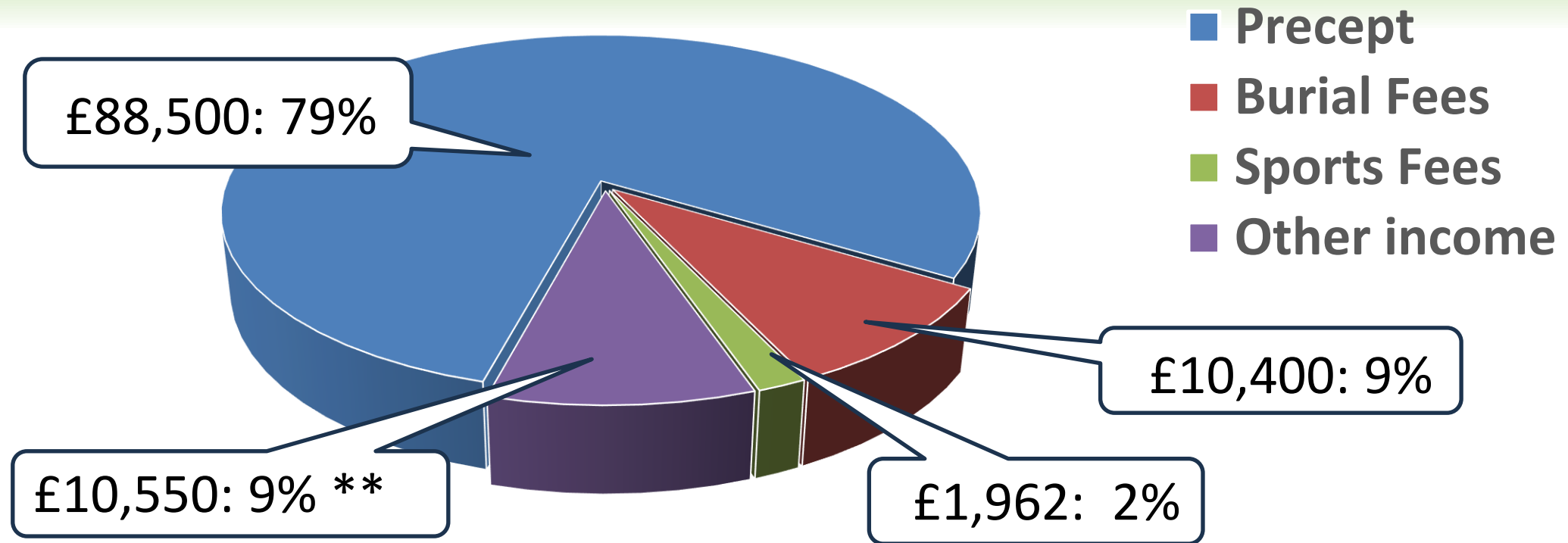
2023/24: The Big Picture

(previous year's figures in brackets)



2023/24 Total Net Income: £111.5K

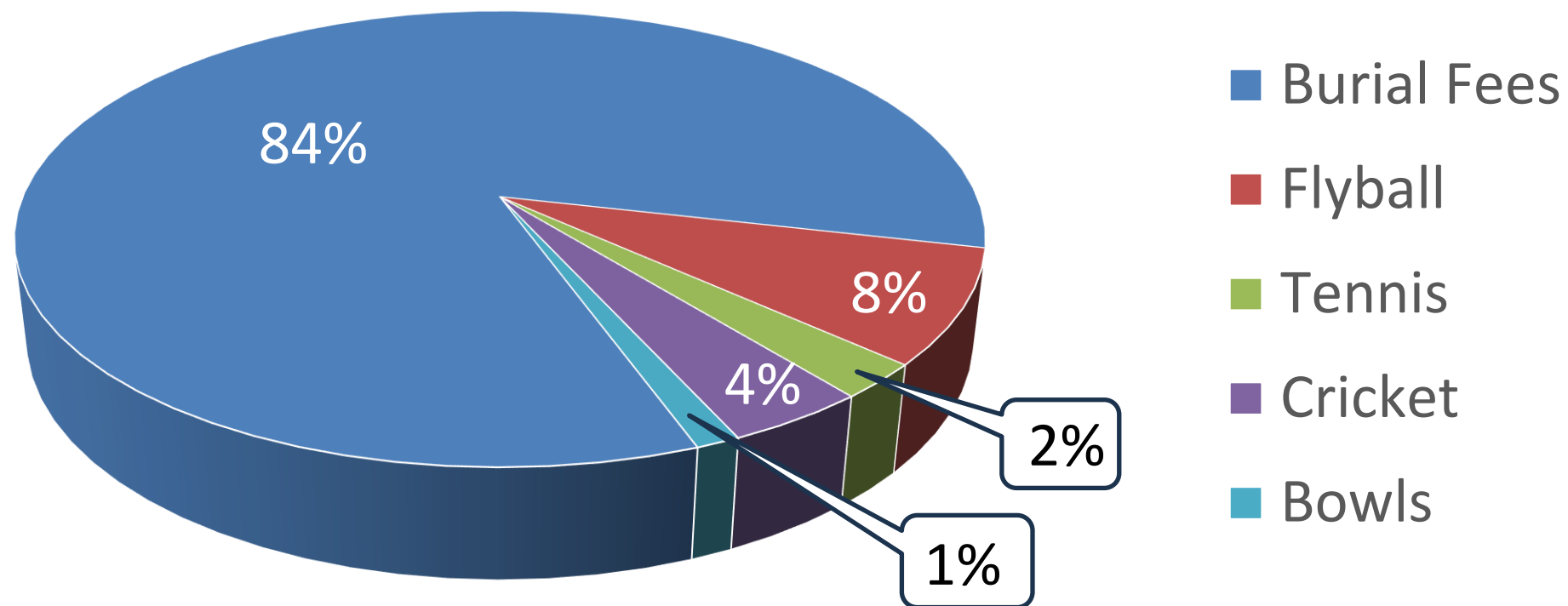
(previous year £923.9K)



** S106 funds from HDC

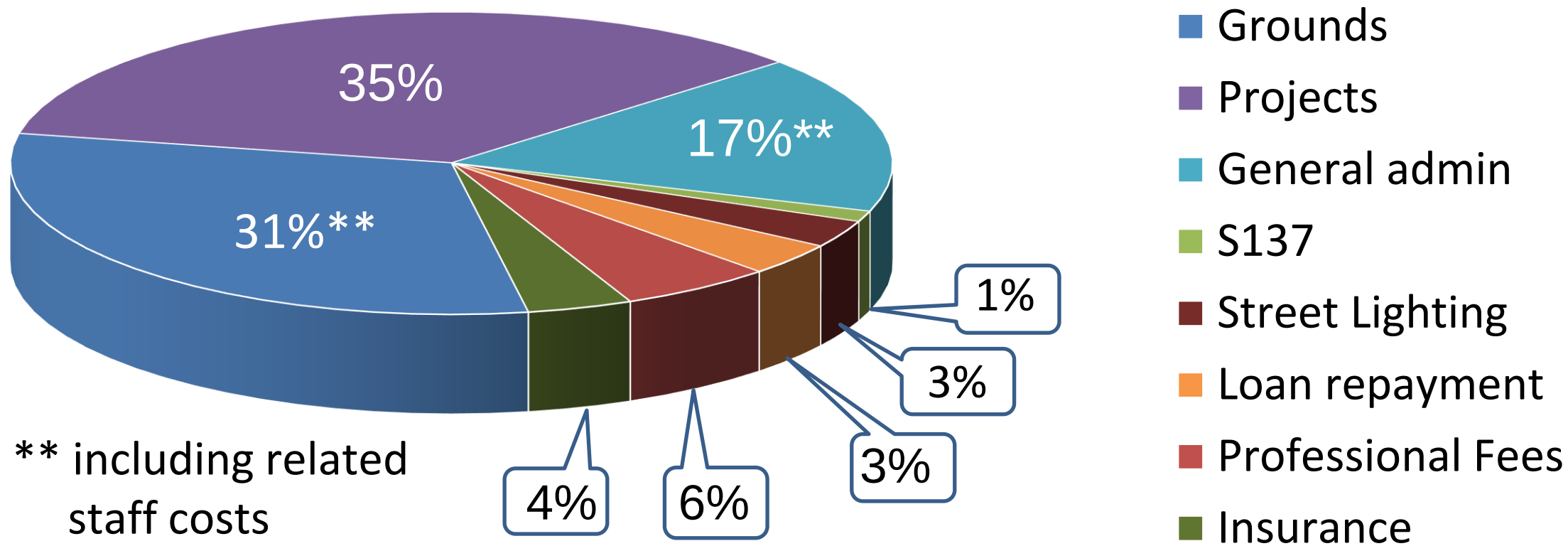
2023/24 Services Income: £12.4K

(previous year: £13.4K)



2023/24 Total Expenditure £119K

(previous year £106K)



Balance Sheet @ 31/03/24

(previous year-end figures in brackets)

Bank Account	£57.2K	(£57.2K)
Other current assets**	£5.5K	(£4.6K)
Short term Creditors	£4.7K	(£5.0K)
Long term Creditors (PWLB loan)	£4.0K	(£8.0K)
Total net assets **	£45.2K	(£48.8K)

*** excluding fixed assets and real estate*

2024/25 Precept: £91,155

(just 3% more than previous year)

*For a 'Band D' property this is equivalent to approximately **£1.96 a week** (5p a week more than for 2023/24)*



OR less than an excellent Cappuccino at the Croft Lane Café!

Planning



CLlr Richard Freeman-Griffiths

The Planning Role of The Parish Council

- The Council has a statutory right to be consulted on planning applications within and adjacent to the Parish boundary
- We do *not* have the power to grant or refuse permission. This is the role and responsibility of Hart District Council, where our opinion is one of several
- Between 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024, CPC commented on **47** planning applications
- CPC's "no objection" rate = 60% (26 of 43)
- The majority of applications are for extensions or alterations
- Where works are purely internal only to a Listed Building – CPC does not comment and relies upon the Conservation Officer at Hart DC

Applications of Interest 2023/24

- Oak Park, Heath Lane (23/02171/OUT):
 - CPC's position
 - support, in principle, proposals that retain the golf course as a community facility as per Policy 8 of the Neighbourhood Plan provided that the proposals respect local character, residential amenity and highway safety
 - welcome applicant's intention to improve biodiversity and sustainability subject to discussing with Hart DC the legal mechanism to secure the measures
 - concerns over (1) creation of a "camping site" with 54 pitches through Eco Lodges; (2) Eco-Lodges are not truly "Eco" as connected to mains water, electricity and sewage – environmental impact of installing the services and then the potential of creating a "brownfield" site should the golf course fail; (3) need for 54 Eco Lodges not demonstrated; (4) transport impact understated; (5) residential amenity concerns; (6) lighting; (7) reduction in golf course to a 12 hole course

Applications of Interest 2023/24

- Oak Park, Heath Lane:
 - Hart DC has rejected the current application to develop Oak Park, citing rationale expressed by CPC.
 - The main points are:
 - Proposal would involve a change of use from a golf course to a mixed leisure use – concludes would not be in a suitable location.
 - Have not demonstrated that the existing 18-hole golf course is surplus to requirements.
 - Application does not provide sufficient information to demonstrate that would not increase flood risk and would be safe from flooding.
 - Concern over installation of lighting and its impact;
 - Significant visual impacts owing to the amount of development proposed and spread across the site.

Applications of Interest 2023/24

- Oak Park, Heath Lane:
 - Hart DC's opinion
 - Fails to provide adequate parking on site to meet the needs of the proposed development;
 - No arboricultural information has been submitted; impact of the development can therefore not be assessed, particularly with reference to ancient and veteran trees/woodland along with those trees protected by a TPO.
 - Absence of detailed ecological information so have not demonstrated that the proposal would conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Applications of Interest 2023/24

- Farnborough Airport
 - The parish council has responded to Rushmoor Borough Council in respect the airport's proposed expansion of capacity and operations.
 - A number of concerns were raised, and clarity sought on specific points around claims made about sustainability, noise, traffic pollution and air pollution.
 - Details of timelines and parish council response to date can be found on the website.
- Various battery storage facilities
 - CPC supportive of renewable energy and recognises batteries are part of the solution
 - concerns are with lack of details submitted – e.g. no battery fire safety plan

Applications of Interest 2023/24

- Penn Croft Winery
 - Various issues for Itasca's plans for expansion and development.
 - Will be discussed in the council meeting immediately following this meeting.

Applications of Interest 2023/24

- Lodge Farm – proposed warehousing at roundabout, North Warnborough, Hook:
 - CPC, along with other parish Councils, have objected to the proposal (at consultation station not full planning application yet)
 - Concerns include: inappropriate development in the designated Countryside, not in accordance with the Local Plan, traffic, landscape and visual impacts



Highways (potholes!) and Traffic



Cllr Ivan Taylor



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Pothole Update

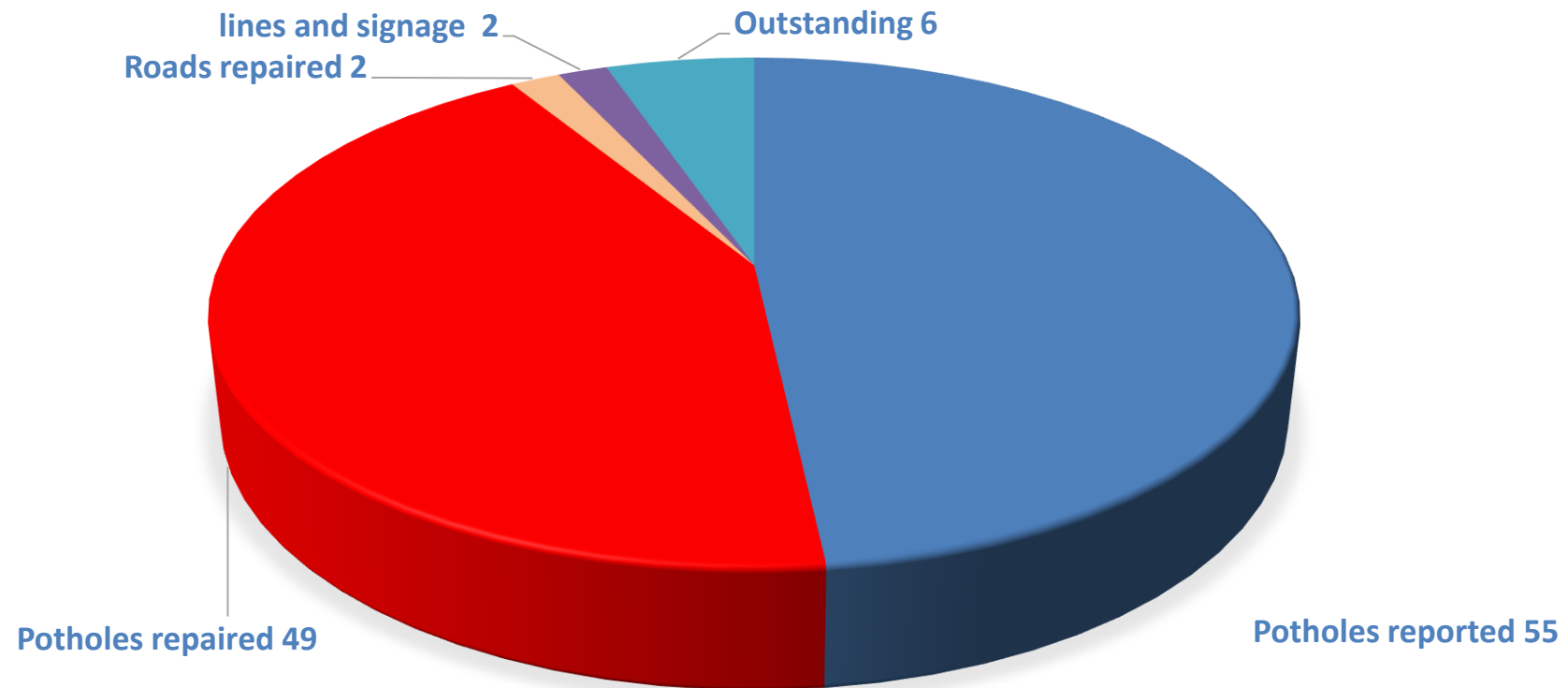
With the never-ending battle with Potholes on Crondalls roads we have had a successful year in getting more potholes fixed than the average for this area. A monthly audit of the roads in the Crondall parish is taken and the reports are then sent on to the council for them to organise the contractors to come in and fix the issues.

We managed to get the appalling road resurfacing on Dippenhall fixed this year, so the resulting road surface is now smoother than it has been for several years.

In addition, we have also looked at the state of the road markings and put requests into the council to have these repainted where needed plus repairs to the pinch point signage were also carried out in a timely fashion.

Highways (potholes!) and Traffic

- Pot Hole Status



Highways (potholes!) and Traffic

10	Glebe Road My-3-words Tender.crossword.film	Hole in Road Hampshire CC Roads and Transport Enquiry 21667414 Marked for Repair		
11	Dippenhall Street – on the corner of farm entrance My-3-words Digitally.amends.reap	Hole in road Hampshire CC Roads and Transport Enquiry 21667417 Marked for Repair		
12	Dippenhall Street My-3-words Truffle.breathing.lifted	Dangerous hole in the road on corner of Dippenhall and Pankridge. It has been marked for repair but nothing has happened in Months Now Repaired		

County & District Council Updates



Cllrs Jonathan Glen
and Chris Dorn



Speedwatch



Jonny Freeman-Griffiths & Scott Shepherd

What is Crondall Speed Watch (CSW)?

- Crondall Speed Watch is a community operated initiative manned by volunteers and undertake speed watch sessions around the village. The scheme is about education not enforcement.
- Our aim is not to catch as many speeding drivers as possible, but to raise awareness that excessive speeds through the village are unacceptable.
- CSW volunteers monitor vehicles from designated sites which have been risk assessed and approved by Hampshire Constabulary. Those locations are on:
 - Pankridge Street (30mph & 40mph)
 - Dippenhall Street (20mph & 30mph)
 - Well Road (30mph & 40mph)
- We also have two speed indicator devices which are rotated around locations in the village.

CSW – Speed Limits

- CSW only sends letters to vehicles travelling faster than the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guidelines suggests (10% of the speed limit +2).
- In the 20mph limit, we are allowed to capture details of vehicles travelling at 24mph and above.
- In the 30mph limit, we are allowed to capture details of vehicles travelling at 35mph and above.
- In the 40mph limit, we are allowed to capture details of vehicles travelling at 46mph and above.
- Details of vehicles are sent to the Community Speed Watch administration team at Hampshire Constabulary for processing. A PNC (Police National Computer) check is run on the vehicle and the registered keeper of the vehicle is contacted and a letter sent to the registered address.

CSW– Speed Watch

- Total number of letters sent started in 2019 - 800
 - Number of first-time offenders - 624
 - Number of second-time offenders - 61
 - Number of high speeders - 20
 - Unable to issue / no owner / mismatch - 95
- Speed watches commenced again in March (due to light) and have targeted Dippenhall Street / Croft Lane junction so far, as highest volume of vehicles speeding there.
- 72 vehicles recorded so far at this location speeding in 2024, with highest speed recorded of 35mph in the 20mph zone.
- Low volunteers numbers is barrier to undertaking more speed watches. Currently there are 9 volunteers.

CSW– Speed Indicator Devices

- There are two SID's used around the village in key locations to make drivers speed visible to them.
- Top speed recorded on the Dippenhall Street SID (located by end of village capturing vehicles leaving village) is 60mph. The average speed of vehicles here is 30mph, with approx 32% of vehicles recorded as being over 30mph.
- Top speed recorded on the Pankridge Street SID (located by Vine Cottage capturing vehicles leaving village) is 71mph. The average speed of vehicles here is 30mph, with approx 22% of vehicles recorded as being over 30mph.

Crondall Speed Watch

...Volunteers Needed 😊



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Questions and Discussion



**An Open Forum for you to
have a say
or ask a question**