



# Crowle & Ealand Town Council

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## Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Town of Crowle and Ealand held at 7:00pm in the Ealand Victory Hall, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### 001 Apologies for absence

Cllr Sheila Walshe

### 002 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

No minutes as last meeting was in 2019. No matters arising.

### 003 Updates and reports from service providers, groups and organisations

Cllr Robbie Pender, Mayor of Crowle & Ealand Town Council presented the Council report:

Recent years has seen our community go through the most awful unprecedented ordeal that most people couldn't have imagined. Many of our residents had little or no support, leaving them feeling extremely vulnerable and alone.

As a council we got together and tried to put a plan into place to tackle the main issues our residents faced during the pandemic. An assistance plan was born, but which would only work if our community and shops rallied together to help. A Town wide leaflet drop was done with the help of the Regen and a pool of volunteers quickly swarmed offering direct help with shopping & prescription/deliveries, pet and bin services, and check in/support calls for those that lived alone or just needed someone to talk too. This plan grew arms and legs and spread beyond our boundary to the smaller outlying villages and lasted for 18 months. We are so very proud of our residents and local businesses for everything they did to help so many people.

During this period, the majority of council business carried on as normal but, as with everyone else in the country – we went virtual. Staff worked from home where possible and everything adapted to the new way of life, but all planned projects went on hold.

Following the slow move back to 'normality', we were able to get on with plans and projects that we had hoped to accomplish and are very happy to see many of them reaching their conclusion:

- The chapels, which have stood empty since the 70s was always a big project that we wanted to tackle. They have been an off/on challenge for various reasons for many years but finally went out to Public Procurement in 2021 with the contract being awarded to local company 'Wroots'. Works began in Jun 2021, with aims of completion within the year. Unforeseen delays forced works into 2022 but are now in the final stages. The restoration has been done traditionally and sympathetically, bringing the unloved buildings back to their former glory. Plans for the chapels are now to make sure they are fully utilised, so they never fall into disrepair again. The council office will relocate to the left-hand chapel in due course and the

right will be available for hire as a Chapel for smaller, more intimate funeral services and council meetings.

- Following the annual park inspections, Ealand Park has undergone some sectional refurbishments and all repairs have been completed, mostly by our trained staff rather than having to use an outside company, thus saving a good deal of the budget which has offset funding in other areas.
- We are entering the final year of our grass cutting contract which was devolved to us in 2019. The contract permitted the council to tender for contractors to carry out the works and utilise any underspend of the allocated funds within the Town to improve public spaces. Much of this has been spent on additional cuts, maintaining the local area, improving the cemetery, parks and following raising complaints about speeding throughout the Town, the installation of the two speed cameras at both ends of Crowle which have had a positive impact on the speed entering the Town from both directions on the A161.
- A Youth Council is underway with local schools' visits to discuss how they can get involved and understand how they can impact the democratic system of local government to better shape our Town for the younger generation has been happening this week and elections planned for Jun will hopefully get it off the ground.
- The Queens Platinum Jubilee plans are looking great, offering something for everyone and bringing us together in celebration – much needed after everything and local children have been delighted to receive a commemorative mug to mark the occasion.
- We continue to advertise grants to support local groups and organisation and are delighted that so many local groups have survived and are finding their feet again. Hopefully next year we will see the return of the larger events; Rescue Day and the 1940s weekend.

A breakdown of spending is as follows:

Cemetery Expenses

Bins	£ 512.49
Cemetery Map	£ 1,375.00
Hedge Planting	£ 1,425.00
Memorial Safety Work	£ 147.00
Rubbish Removal	£ 200.00
Spoil Soil Removal	£ 550.00
Tree Work	<u>£ 500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL SPEND</b>	<b>£ 4,709.49</b>

Chapel Restoration	£111,970.51
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Park Repairs	£ 2,524.00
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Grants:

Crowle & Ealand Lights Community	£ 1,000.00
Crowle & Ealand Regeneration Project	£ 1,000.00
Crowle & Ealand Pavilion	£ 1,000.00

Grasscutting	£ 18,566.00
Speed Cameras	£ 5900.00

Mike Johnson, Highway Operations Manager:

Inspection/repairs & winter treatment and flooding for NLC.

Briggs / Reed Way massively improved the cow path.

Axholme Ave 2 wheeled parking is finally completed and alleviates the parking issues on a very narrow road. It is so successful that it will be rolled out on Mill Rd later this year. Godnow Rd. Some links and information notice boards are installed. The noticeboard will keep residents up to date with all happenings related to the works. Create an upstream diversion to route it to Windsor Rd/Lane and on into the ditch. All updates will be notified via the noticeboard.

High St will have an island in the middle to create a better crossing system  
KCOM have planned works until 17<sup>th</sup> Jun.

Fountain having a new pump tomorrow, 25<sup>th</sup> May. If OK it will be switched on.

Axholme North tour to identify and report all potholes has been conducted and will be programmed in for works by NLC.

NLC plan on reviewing some single-person pot hole equipment in order to allow repairs to be carried out by a single worker rather than a team.

Investigations into recycled materials to carry out the repairs is under way.

All road lines in Ealand are due to be repaired.

Surface water in Commonsides is a problem causing flooding in a number of residents gardens/driveways

#### **004 Questions from members of the public**

Ann Hindley – Trains Sheffield city region ref platform 0. Talks about a half hourly service has not happened and 2 hourly until Dec service happened but was suspended to bus service until May. Bus service and back to 2 hourly from Dec. This has now gone back to hourly has also stopped.

Other services have also been cut and much fewer services are being provided, in some cases not even a bus service has been provided. Reasons for cutsws have been attributed to; COVID – lack of driver training and COVID Absences. Cuts are coming from the treasury down to transport and hitting the local services.

This is having a real impact on residents that commute to school/work and causing rural areas to be deserted.

Representation is needed, so anyone that uses the trains are urged to come along to the meetings and voice their opinion.

Bus services are following a similar path and this is being reviewed

Thanks from Ward Cllrs to all Town Cllrs and staff for all help and support

Youth council applications and posters have been released and elections will take place in June.

005 **Next Annual Assembly**

The Annual Assembly 2023 will take place on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May 23 at 7:00pm in the Ealand Victory Hall

006 **Meeting Closed**

The meeting was duly closed at 7: 45pm

Signed:

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Designation: Mayor of Crowle & Ealand Town Council

Date: