



Croft Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners,

It is a new year and we are looking forward to some fabulous events in 2022. Hopefully the world is moving forward and so are we. We hope that you enjoyed the new Christmas lights in the village and as time progresses we are hoping to add to the Christmas lights and possibly expand the display to other areas within the village. The Christmas fare raised a grand total of £753.20. Thank you to everyone that attended and supported the village and the parish council. As you will be aware this year is the Queens Platinum Jubilee and we are planning a Platinum Jubilee Gala for you all to enjoy.

Parish council meetings are now back to face to face meetings at the Pavilion, the third Tuesday of every month so please feel free to come along and get involved in your local community,

Council Tax Increase

We wanted to take the opportunity to share with you the recent increase in the precept which will of course affect your council tax payments. As a parish council all the funds that we hold and use belong to you as parishioners and therefore we are completely transparent with what funds we have, where it comes from and how we use it as a council within the community. This year the precept has increased by 35% which may look like a big jump. Unfortunately we did not increase the precept in 2021 which meant a larger increase was needed to cover all costs within the parish. As with everything in life all costs are increasing and running the parish is costly. Had we of increased the precept by 19% in 2021 like previous years we would have only had to increase by 13% in 2022. This increase means that an average band D council tax rate in Croft has gone from £115.25 in 2021 to £155.05 in 2022 an increase of £39.78 averaging out at an increase of £3.32 per household per month. We want to be able to continue to support the community as we have always done but doing this often means making difficult decisions and we hope that you can appreciate that we always try to do our best by our parishioners.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

This year marks a momentous occasion, something that we will never see again in our lifetimes. 70 years of our Monarch's reign. CPC are holding an exciting Platinum Jubilee Gala to celebrate this event on Saturday 4th June 2022 at Croft Primary School 1pm—5pm, Everyone is invited to come along and celebrate the occasion with fun inflatables, magic shows, stalls, get up close and personal with some exotic animals, food, drink, games and much more.

If you would like a stall or want to get involved then please contact our Clerk

Cemetery Update

We are still working on a new Garden of Remembrance. As with all things, Covid has slowed the process down but we have finally got planning permission from Blaby District Council so watch this space.

Do you want to own an allotment plot?

Contact our Clerk who will be able to put you on our waiting list.

Croft Village Cup

Unfortunately we were unable to award the village cup at the Christmas Fare. We are hoping to award the cup at the Queen's Jubilee event. So we are asking our parishioners to get voting. We do have some votes from the last year which we will carry over but we have so many amazing parishioners who do some fantastic, selfless acts and remember we have the junior cup as well so please contact our clerk to nominate someone who you think is deserving.

Pavilion Update

While movement has been slow on the redevelopment of the Pavilion, mainly due to the pandemic we have completed some site surveys and we have had some provisional plans sent through. We have made comments and sent them back to the architects but once we have something solid we will be sure to share it with you all.

Fond Farewells and Warm Hellos

Croft Parish Council would like to send a fond farewell to Richard Howard who stood down from the council in late 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all of Richards dedication and hard work over the years. We would also like to say a happy hello to our new councillor, Dave Bell. We are extremely excited to welcome you onto the team.