

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Margaret Boscott, Bob Garland, Sheila Jones, Des Knight, Jacqui Smith and David Best (Clerk). Three members of the public attended the meeting.

Meeting opened 7pm

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Karla Martin, George Reynolds, Phil Chapman
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 14th February were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**
 - Upper Churchyard** - Emergency work to fell the wind-damaged pine tree in the Churchyard was carried out by Tim Batchelor, we thank him for his timely work done with minimal disruption. The mowing rota for the Upper Churchyard will be sent out week commencing 14th March.
 - Lower Churchyard** - Clive Porter will start strimming at the end of March/beginning of April.
 - Book Shelter** - The modification works has started.
 - Chapel Green** – New posts and chains have been erected. This was required to protect the public village area.
 - Sports Pavilion** – Valuation has been carried out for insurance purposes and we are awaiting the report.
 - Canal and River Trust maintenance** - Volunteering Group has a follow up ‘Towpath Taskforce’ in Cropredy on Wednesday 16th March. We are always looking for additional parishioner’s support.
 - General Maintenance** - Steve Watts quote for work in the village this year was accepted. This covers mowing and cutting hedges (Kyetts Corner hedge to be lowered - awaiting quote).
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**
 - School Car Park** – A face-to-face meeting was held on Friday 11th February where a number of points raised by the School were subject to a follow up meeting involving the Landowner on Friday 17th February. The next meeting would be arranged once the first draft of the proposed documentation had been completed by our solicitors. The referred documentation has now been received from our solicitors and reviewed by Cllr Garland. This review is now subject to a conference call with our solicitors that we are waiting to be confirmed.
 - Community Speedwatch Initiative** - ‘Community Speedwatch’ is operating well. We continue to focus on Claydon Road whilst waiting for police approval on Williamscot Road and Station Road.
 - 20mph speed limit for the whole Village** - Cllr Knight has submitted a 20mph application into OCC on 21st February. OCC cannot guarantee that the request is approved until it has been examined by a speed review panel. OCC are expected to respond within 21 working days which will be 22nd March.
 - Car parking on bend outside The Brasenose Arms** - Cllr Knight has now received a quote of £967.00 plus VAT from OCC on the subject of parking outside The Brasenose. It covers the supply and installation of signs and posts directing traffic to the public car park at the Sports and Social Club. The drawings for the double yellow lines around the Brasenose bend are expected shortly and then we are able to start the consultation review.
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT** – Nothing to report
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA** – Nothing to report

9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**

Cllr Garland explained plans for the consultation during April on planning in Cropredy, including a questionnaire to be sent to every household in the village, and two open meetings in the Village Hall.

New Planning Applications

21/04090/F – Cropredy Lock – Install lock counter – Support in principle dependent on location of telemetry box

22/00445/F – The Cottage, The Plantation – single storey rear extension

Planning Decisions since last meeting

None since February meeting

10. **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Cable connection to carpark lighting and floodlights - The work has started on laying new electric cable. The trench is being dug for work to start this Wednesday.

11. **FINANCE**

Clerk's Report

Though the clerk has not had confirmation, it was hoped Barclays Bank had approved the change of mandate.

12. **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – None

13. **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT** - None

14. **CORRESPONDENCE** – No outstanding items from correspondence received since the last meeting.

15. **PARISH MATTERS**

Brown Bins - The clerk has ordered registration of brown bins for voluntary grass cutting in public areas.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Plans are underway.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE** - None

17. **ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Three parishioners attended the meeting. Concerns raised were:

- Extra signage that may be needed if the village became a 20mph zone.
- The road marking white lines need to be refreshed at The Plantation.
- We were asked if the posters and branch decorations on the chestnut tree on The Green could be removed.

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11th April 2022

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 8.30pm

Chairman

11th April 2022