

# CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Bob Garland, Sheila Jones, Margaret Boscott, Karla Martin, Jacqui Smith and David Best (Clerk). No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Des Knight, District Cllr Phil Chapman and County Cllr George Reynolds.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Johnson did not vote on the quote for removal of oak tree branch.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

**Hell Hole Wall** – No further update but it continues to be monitored.

**Canal and River Trust Volunteering Group** – Another clearance day was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May and the next one is on 15<sup>th</sup> June. We are always looking for additional support from parishioners.

**Trees around the village** – Cllrs Johnson and Knight met with Mr Tim Batchelor on 26<sup>th</sup> May to discuss options for new tree planting within the village that he could provide free of charge. Tim will provide a summary of the discussions for further review.

**Brown Bin Labels** – It was agreed that two more brown bin labels will be purchased for an additional bin at Kyetts Corner and a bin at the churchyard.

**Areas in the village requiring tidying up** – Areas in the village that are currently not mown were identified and it was agreed to obtain quotes from contractors. A decision will also be taken on whether to implement No Mow May next year in certain areas. The maintenance of the Lock Garden will also be discussed with the Canals and Rivers Trust as it is not clear who is responsible for this.

**Fallen Oak tree branch between Allotments and Cemetery** – It was agreed to accept a quote for £80 from Mr Rob Johnson for removing this.

**Complaints about the cemetery** – some complaints about the tidiness of the cemetery were aired on Facebook. It was agreed that the frequency and extent of grass cutting will be reviewed.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**

**Community Speedwatch Initiative** – This continues with one session per week and is currently scheduled through to mid-July. It is planned to extend the schedule every 3 months.

**20mph speed limit for the whole Village** – Parishioner opinions on the implementation of a 20mph speed limit have been sent to Mr Barrell, Oxfordshire County Council Developer Schemes Coordinator for the scheme. Cropredy is in Phase 2 for implementation next year.

**Car parking on bend outside The Brasenose Arms** – Cllrs Johnson, Garland Jones and Knight met Oxfordshire County Council Highways to finalise the extent of the double yellow lines on the bend outside The Brasenose Arms. OCC Highways will make the changes and submit their quote for consultation and review by the end of June. This will be considered with the quote already received to supply and install parking signs directing traffic to the public car park at the Sports and Social Club.

**Footbridge over the Canal** – Oxfordshire County Council, Highways has advised that the footbridge cannot be replaced before the Fairport Cropredy Festival as Thames Water has delayed the diversion of the mains water supply that runs along the footbridge. The Clerk will contact OCC Highways and the Festival organisers reminding them that pedestrians were diverted onto the road bridge when the festival was last held.
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**

**Defibrillator at the Sports and Social Club** – This is now operational and will be added to the Emergency Plan.
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**

The website has been revised to make it easier to use and Councillors will be trained how to upload to it on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**

**Cropredy Village Planning Consultation** - A planning survey report will be included in the next edition of the "Crier". A resident has drafted a demographic report to include in the final document.

**Cherwell Local Plan** – Consultation on the plan has been delayed until the Autumn.

**New Planning Applications:**

22/00030/REF – Appeal against 21/03126/TEL56 refusal for mobile mast near Kyetts Corner – PC to decide  
22/01407/F – The Straw Barn – remove condition 6 on 14/05/2022 – PC objects.

**New Planning Decisions**

21/00985/TEL56 – Mobile mast near Kyetts Corner – CDC Refused 26/05/2022

**10. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB – No update**

**FINANCE**

**Annual Governance Statement** – This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed.

**Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022** – These had been circulated in April and were agreed.

**Accounting Statements** – This summary of the accounts was circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed

**Payments** – Payments totalling £5,058.37 were agreed. The bank balances after those payments total £86,444.58.

**11. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT – No update.**

**12. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT – No update.**

**13. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**14. PARISH MATTERS**

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee** – The Chairman thanked all the volunteers and everyone who helped to make the events a great success especially the volunteers who put everything up and took it down afterwards. The magician was especially popular with the children and the bands ‘The Coopers’ and ‘The Fab4’ had us all dancing and singing along. The Parish Council had received letters of thanks. The total cost was £2,409 after income and grants. The generous donation from Richard Beghin and grant from Cherwell meant we came well under budget.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

**Code of Conduct** – Cherwell District Council is adopting a new code of conduct which the Parish Council agreed to adopt.

**16. ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - None**

**17. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 8.49pm

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Chairman  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2022