

# CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Bob Garland & Karla Martin District Cllr Phil Chapman and County Cllr George Reynolds.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 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** –The next clear up day has been rescheduled this month to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July due to the weather conditions. Additional volunteers would be welcome.

**Brown Bin Labels** – It was agreed that a brown bin label will be purchased for the Plantation mowing.

**Canal Tow Path repairs** – A resident in Great Bourton has asked if Cropredy PC would contribute to repairing/upgrading the canal tow path between Cropredy and Banbury. Great Bourton PC is prepared to contribute. The Canals and Rivers Trust is going to be approached for advice.

**Upper Churchyard Mowing Equipment** – It was agreed to purchase a new strimmer edging shears and rake and repair one of the mowers which is broken.

## 6. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING

**Community Speedwatch Initiative** – This continues with one session per week. Since the monitoring started 110 vehicles have been logged breaking the speed limit with two vehicles being repeat offenders. Most of the speeding is along Williamscot Road.

**Car parking on bend outside The Brasenose Arms** – Over a period of time mid to late 2021 there were a number of increasing observations from parishioners that The Brasenose Arms corner situation is an ‘Accident Waiting To Happen’. This was something that could not be ignored and OCC Highways (OCC-H) were contacted for advice. At a site meeting there was nearly a three car collision, one from Claydon Road, one from Station Road and the third from the direction of Williamscot. OCC-H saw the dangers for themselves.

OCC-H identified 4 potential solutions of double yellow lines to include signage to direct traffic to the Public Car Park at the Sports and Social Club. These were presented to the Parish Councillors and the feedback suggested that ‘less is better’ in terms of double yellow lines. There was a further Parish Council group meeting with OCC-H during June to refine the preferred option. This option is actually marked up on the pavement area with white painted lines and covers 45 metres from No. 4 Station Road Cottages to the far side of the Brasenose driveway, In addition, it was agreed that white access protection lines would be useful across driveways and dropped kerbs. A total of three sites were identified:

- Driveway at Constone, Station Road
- Driveway at The Cottage, The Plantation
- Dropped kerb for pedestrian crossing, The Plantation

Parish Councillors have approached those residents that are directly affected by both the double yellow lines and white access protection lines proposals and they have confirmed their full support.

### Financial Implications

Consultation Review for double yellow lines proposal with supporting signage is £3,320 (no VAT). 45 metres of double yellow lines and additional white access protection lines on the same visit are £203 + VAT. New signage to direct traffic to the Public Car Park at the Sports and Social Club is £967 + VAT. The total costs is £4724 inc. VAT.

## 7. VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT

**New Police Liaison Officer** – The new Police Liaison Officer is Dan Murphy.

**8. PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Additional training will be provided to Councillors on uploading to the website.

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

**New Planning Applications:**

22/00499/DISC – The Stables Gt Bourton – PC response agreed

22/01905/TEL56 – Mobile Mast on Station Road – PC objects.

**New Planning Decisions:**

None since last meeting.

**10. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

The new defibrillator has been installed and is operational

**11. FINANCE**

The bank balances total £90,687. The year to date accounts will be circulated after the meeting.

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

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

**14. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**15. PARISH MATTERS**

**Review of burial fees** – The clerk will obtain fees and rules from local Parish Councils for comparison.

**Mowing** – It was agreed that quotes should be obtained from other contractors. Mr Steve Watts has agreed to mow additional areas in the village. To make the mowing easier in the cemetery there needs to be a gap of 2 1/2 feet between any kerbs around graves. The Leylandii trees at the cemetery boundary have got very tall and the height needs to be reduced. The contractor used by Western Power will be asked if they can cut all of the trees, not just the ones under the power cables.

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

None.

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

**18. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 8.45pm

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Chairman  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2022