

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Des Knight, Sheila Jones, Jacqui Smith, Bob Garland, Margaret Boscott, County Cllr George Reynolds, and David Best (Clerk). One member of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Karla Martin and District Cllr Phil Chapman.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 12th December were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**
 - Hell Hole Wall** – No update but monitoring continues.
 - New Strimmer for Churchyard** – This has been collected.
 - Canal and River Trust Volunteering Group** – The next ‘Towpath Taskforce’ is scheduled for Wednesday 18th January.
 - Dog bin at Broadmore Lock** – The dog bin at Broadmoor Lock is overflowing. Canals and River Trust will be contacted to confirm who is responsible for keeping the dog bin empty.
 - Cemetery Leylandii Hedge** – National Grid has confirmed that the power lines are being isolated for some other work and the leylandii at the cemetery will be reduced in height on the same day.
 - Brown bins for volunteer mowing** – It was agreed that the Clerk would order the labels from CDC.
 - Wooden Bollards at the Lock Garden** – The condition of these bollards have been reported to OCC Highways through ‘Fixmystreet’ and still waiting a response.
 - Replacement Trees** – OCC has offered one tree to every Parish. It was agreed to order one for Chapel Green.
 - Millenium Sign** – This will be taken down and the Lockbund Gallery will quote for repair.
 - Allotment agreements** – It was agreed that the Clerk would try to obtain a copy of the current agreement.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**
 - Community Speedwatch Initiative** – Weekly speed checks continue with the schedule in place for the next quarter through to the end of March.
 - Yellow Lines on bend outside the Brasenose Arms** – OCC has issued the consultation with a deadline for comments of 3rd February.
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**
 - Salt Bins** – These have been checked and topped up where necessary. Water is seeping into the one on High Street and has been reported through ‘Fixmystreet’ for a replacement.
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA** – No update. Everything is in order.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**
 - Cherwell Local Plan** – Publication of the final draft is expected in January.
 - New Planning Applications:**
 - 22/03829/F** – Oathill Farm – change of barn from equestrian to leisure - PC to decide response
 - New Planning Decisions:**
 - 22/00042/REF** – Opposite Kyetts Corner – New telecoms mast – Allowed at appeal
10. **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**
 - Resurfacing the Tennis Courts** – The resurfacing is in progress.
 - New Agreement** – The solicitor’s response will be discussed at a meeting on 23rd January.
11. **FINANCE**

Accounts, Bank Balances, and Payments – Payments to John Taylor for work at the playground and book shelter and the Clerk and HMRC were agreed. The clerk will issue the accounts and bank reconciliation following the meeting.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

There is currently a big focus on educational needs. OCC is expected to increase Council Tax by the full 5%. This expected to increase Council Tax by the full £5. CDCD is moving over to a fleet of electric vehicles. CDC Planning has employed consultants to see how it can work more efficiently. The charge for brown bins was introduced to fund the introduction of the grey food bins.

13. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT – No update.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Defibrillator at the Surgery – The current volunteers want to stand down. It was agreed that Cllr Tania Johnson would discuss management of the defibrillator with the Surgery. Defibrillator and first aid courses would be investigated.

15. PARISH MATTERS

Warm Spaces Initiative – It was agreed that the PC would contribute £120 per month to the heating cost at the Methodist Chapel but this would be reviewed as it is recognised that the Methodist Chapel has limited funds.

Cropredy Fairport Grants – The following grants were agreed:

£500 for the Women’s Institute

£1,000 for the Historical Society

£300 for Cropredy Lunches

£300 for the Cluster Care Group

£61 for Cropredy Tots

£250 for the Gardening Club

£470 for the Short Mat Bowls Club

£2,000 for the Tennis Club

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 13th February 2023

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.12pm

Chairman
13th February 2023