

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 12th June 2023 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Sheila Jones, Bob Garland, Gill Moss and David Best (Clerk). 8 members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Jacqui Smith, Des Knight, District Cllr Phil Chapman & County Cllr George Reynolds
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 22nd May were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**
 - Hell Hole Wall** – There is no further update on the state of the wall.
 - Wooden Bollards at the Lock Garden** – The posts have been purchased and will be installed shortly. Parking in this area is still a problem.
 - Lock Garden** – A vote of thanks was given to Gill and her husband for tidying the lock garden.
 - Millenium Sign** – This has been restored by the Lockbund Gallery and replaced. A vote of thanks was given to Michael Jeffries who helped to replace it back in position.
 - Volunteering day on the coronation weekend** – A vote of thanks was given to Stewart and Maureen Knight and Rob Johnson who helped clean play equipment in the playground with some of the Councillors.
 - Damaged Fence at Lock Green** – The damaged section of fencing has been replaced by Cherwell Fencing.
 - Damaged Planter on Station Road** – The planter by the railway bridge has been repaired.
 - Broken chain on piece of playground equipment** – This has been reported and will be repaired.
 - Gate at entrance to playground** – The lock and chain were removed to allow access for emergency vehicles but the gate is left open constantly so this will be reviewed.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**
 - Yellow lines outside the Brasenose** – vehicles have been observed parking on the double yellow lines. Vehicles parked illegally should be reported on the Oxfordshire County Council website at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking>
 - It has also been observed that the yellow lines have caused the parking issue to move further around the bend in the direction of The Surgery and it was agreed to monitor this.
 - 20mph Speed Limit** – Consultation has commenced.
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**
 - No update**
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**
 - Communication with the Village** – A member of the public attending the meeting suggested that the Parish Council maintain an email list of residents wishing to be updated immediately on matters like road closures and planning. A button will be added to the website to enable enrolment but in the meantime would residents wishing to join the list please email the clerk at cropredypc.clerk@gmail.com. Members of the public offered help and advice regarding the Village website and use of social media, and a meeting will be arranged to implement these.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**
 - New Planning Applications:**
 - 23/01427/F & 23/01428/LB** – Old Manor House – Orangery – PC to decide response.
 - 23/00976/F & 23/00977/OUT** – These applications are not on the agenda for the June Cherwell District Council Planning Committee. The July Planning Committee meeting is 13th July. Applications being considered are published approximately one week prior to Planning Committee meetings. The Parish Council confirmed that it

would exercise its right to speak at the Planning Committee meeting but had not finalised its response as it is still gathering information. It was confirmed that residents would be invited to a public meeting prior to attendance at the Planning Committee meeting.

PC responses to planning applications – In response to a question from a member of public attending the meeting the PC confirmed that responses are given based on “material planning considerations” that Cherwell District Council use in making a decision on an application. These include: Overlooking/loss of privacy, Loss of light or overshadowing, Parking, Highway safety, Traffic, Noise, Effect on listed building and conservation area, Layout and density of building, Design appearance and materials, Government policy, Disabled persons' access, Proposals in the Development Plan, Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions), Nature conservation. However, issues such as loss of view, or negative effect on the value of properties are not material considerations.

New Planning Decisions: None since last meeting

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: None

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12. SPORT AND SOCIAL CLUB: No update

13. FOOTPATHS:

Restriction on New Place Footpath - This has been removed at the request of a resident to allow disabled access along the footpath.

New Footpath from Station Road to link with the Great Bourton Footpath – A vote of thanks was given to Mr Stewart Alexander for getting this designated as an official footpath.

14. MEMORIAL BENCHES:

Two requests had been received to install memorial benches. These were both agreed. It is anticipated that one will be placed in the playground and the other on the grass by the telephone exchange.

15. FINANCE

Year End Accounts and Annual Return – An Internal Audit had been carried out on the accounts to the year end 31st March by Mrs Sheena Dunn. The Accounts were agreed. The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return was agreed. The Accounting Statements of the Annual Return were agreed.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE:

Car Park Sign by the Canoe Club – This is very faded, and it was agreed to refurbish/ replace this.

18. ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 10th July 2023

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 8.10pm

Chairman
10th July 2023