

Cropredy Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held at the Methodist Chapel on Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chair), Sheila Jones, Gill Moss, Jacqui Smith, David Best, Clerk. 4 members of the public joined during the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors Des Knight & Bob Garland, District Councillor, Phil Chapman; County Councillor, George Reynolds

2. Declarations of Interest None

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th August 2023

These minutes were approved as correct and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda.

- i. **Wildflower areas** – A group will meet shortly to discuss developing wildflower areas in the village.
- ii. **Crocus Planting** - The PC has given permission to the Banbury Rotary Club for crocus planting.
- iii. **Incident with emptying glass recycling container** – There has been no update on this and it is assumed that this was an isolated event but it will be monitored.

5. Reports of Working Groups:

i. Village Maintenance & Improvement including:

- a) **Overflowing bins on canal towpath after Fairport Festival.** The overflowing dog bin and rubbish bin have been emptied and Cllr Jacqui Smith removed the rubbish that could not be put in the full bin. The organisers will be asked to put a large bin here next year/
- b) **Tree survey.** The last survey was carried out in 2021. It was agreed that the clerk will check with the insurers how frequently they recommend surveys to be carried out.
- c) **Play area inspection.** This has been completed and the clerk will send out the report. The zip wire needs tightening. Cllr Jacqui Smith is obtaining quotes from Wicksteed for repainting and remedial work. A supplier is being sought for work to the skate park.
- d) **EV charging points.** It was agreed that the clerk will confirm to OCC that Cropredy is interested in installing EV charging points.
- e) **Defibrillator for Village Hall.** Cllr Tania Johnson has applied for the grant and is co-ordinating with the Village Hall.
- f) **Women's Institute River Action Day** – A meeting is being held in the Village Hall on 17th September at 2.00pm with presentations on how to create a clean and green household and also on monitoring water quality and making a difference to rivers.

ii. Transport, Traffic & Street Lighting including:

- a) **Bus timetable** – The new timetable is being displayed and it is believed that it allows sufficient time in Banbury as it leaves at 10:30 and returns at 13:30.
- b) **20 mph limit** - The consultation has closed, and it is believed that it will be implemented shortly.
- c) **Dangerous parking** – It is believed that the Brasenose owns the field behind the pub which could be used for parking which would take cars off the road. The Community Officer will be consulted on what parking is considered dangerous for the Police to intervene.

iii. Village Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention and Environment

- a) Some updates are required with the new Anglican vicar and some changes of the Village Hall management committee. Councillors Jones and Garland will update.

iv. Parish Council use of Internet & social media

- a) The website continues to be updated with road closures etc...

v. Planning, Climate Change Finance and Legal

- a) **Planning Application for housing adjacent to Claydon Road.** There are no updates. The application was scheduled to be discussed at the Cherwell Planning Committee meeting on 7th September, but this has been delayed without explanation. The future dates when it might be considered are 5th October or 2nd November.
- b) **Cherwell Local Plan.** This anticipated to be approved by CDC Executive Committee shortly and if approved will go out for a 6-week consultation. The most important section affecting the

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village is chapter 8, Rural Areas Strategy. The PC will notify residents via the website and Facebook.

New Planning Applications & Appeals since last meeting:

22/02530/F – Oxhay Farm – modified application – PC to decide response.

Planning Decisions since last meeting:

23/01919/F – Crimond – Two storey rear extension – CDC permitted.

6. **County Councillors Report** – County Councillor George Reynolds (apologies had been received).
7. **District Council Report** – District Councillor Phil Chapman (apologies had been received).
8. **Sports and Social Club** - Nothing to report.
9. **Finance: Clerk's Report**
 - i. Year to date accounts - These were issued prior to the meeting. Reserves are currently £85,328 which are anticipated to be required for repairs to the church wall. Fairport ticket sales income was up on last year. Tree and Hedge expenditure and Lock Garden expenditure are up on last year.
 - ii. Budget for next year – Councillors and residents are requested to list that items they consider important for expenditure in order of importance e.g. grass cutting, playground equipment before the next meeting
10. **Correspondence.** The Short Mat Bowls Club had received a £500 grant from CDC to hold an open day at which eight new members were recruited.
11. **Any other business not of a confidential nature** – None.
12. **Any matters raised by members of the public attending the meeting** – None.
13. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 9th October 2023 (to be confirmed)

The Chair asked that any members of the public and press to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of any confidential items.

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 8.00 pm

Chair

9th October 2023