

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Des Knight, Bob Garland, Sheila Jones, Jacqui Smith, County Cllr George Reynolds, and David Best (Clerk). 15 members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Margaret Boscott, and District Cllr Phil Chapman.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Tania Johnson on churchyard mowing.

3. **PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT OLD DAIRY FARM**

Nicholas King Homes PLC and Walsingham Planning along with their consultants SP Broadway, DTA Transport and Simpson Engineers attended the meeting to explain the proposed housing development at Old Dairy Farm and answer questions. This followed a public exhibition from 2pm to 6pm before the council meeting.

Nicholas King Homes builds 150-200 houses per year and has just completed a development off Milton Road, Adderbury. The proposal for Old Dairy Farm is for 71 two, three, and four bedroom houses of which 35% will be affordable housing with a new access road off Station Road near the railway bridge. It will include a 46 space car park for use by parents and teachers using the school and the wider village. The planning application will be submitted to Cherwell DC in April. Details can be seen at <https://www.nicholaskinghomescropredy.co.uk/> Feedback can be given via the website or by email to alice@spbroadway.com by 12pm on Monday 27th March.

Cropredy residents asked the following questions:

Q – Concern at the location of the new access road. A – It has been surveyed and it is believed that the sight lines are safe. This will be decided by OCC Highways.

Q – Have the conditions of the previous planning application for a car park been considered? A -Yes and believe that they have been addressed.

Q – Who will have responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the car park. A – This is to be determined but responsibility will be offered to the parish council in the first instance.

Q – Will the flooding risk be increased by run off? A – The risk of flooding will be reduced by managing run off with sustainable drainage.

Q – Will rainwater harvesting be installed? A – This has been installed in previous developments but its effectiveness is dependent on the householders using it.

Q – Will solar panels be installed? A – We expect to install them.

Q – Concern that sewage discharge will be increased. A – Thames Water has confirmed that there is sufficient capacity in the current system and that unauthorised discharge is managed by the regulatory body.

Q – What is your definition of Affordable Housing? A – This is usually a combination of Social Rent Housing, First Homes (discounted homes) and shared ownership housing but Cherwell DC will specify the percentage and type/mix of Affordable Housing.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 13th February were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:** None

6. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

Hell Hole Wall – Monitoring continues.

Canal and River Trust Volunteering Group – The next taskforce is on 15th March. There are a number of observations from residents that will be reviewed. It is expected that the Towpath Taskforce in Cropredy will continue throughout the summer on the third Wednesday every month.

Upper Churchyard mowing – More volunteers have been requested but not many people have come forward yet.

Cemetery Leylandii Hedge – The height has been reduced.

Brown bin labels for volunteer mowing – The 2023/24 labels have been received and are in place.

Wooden Bollards at the Lock Garden – OCC Highways has not responded to the report on 'Fixmystreet' yet and so the PC may have to undertake this work. Car parking where the bollards are missing is blocking access to Prescott Manor. This has been escalated within OCC Highways.

Replacement Trees – The Ash tree by the book shelter is being taken down on 14th March. Planting of the new trees will take place in the week beginning 20th March. The thorn tree surrounded by a bench on Chapel Green needs replacing but it may not be possible to remove the root without removing the bench which is set in concrete.

Lower Churchyard strimming – It has not been possible to contact the contractor who did this last year. Mr Rob Johnson has offered to do this for the same price using his equipment and petrol. This was agreed unanimously. It is envisaged that a maximum of 5 cuts will be required.

7. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING

Community Speedwatch Initiative – Weekly speed checks continue.

Yellow Lines on bend outside the Brasenose Arms – No objections were received to the OCC consultation, and it is anticipated that the lines will be painted at the end of March/ beginning of April.

20mph Speed Limit in Cropredy- The speed of cars has reduced in villages where the lower limit has been implemented. Cropredy is expected to be one of the early villages in in Phase II which is expected to commence in the summer.

8. VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT

Flood Warden – The Parish Council gave a vote of thanks to Mr Hugh Brooman who is stepping down. Mr Steve Watts is taking over, and Mr Bob Dunn is carrying on as deputy.

Emergency Plan – This has been updated by the clerk and will be circulated and a copy will be sent to OCC.

9. PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA – No update. Everything is in order.

10. PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL

Cherwell Local Plan – Publication of the final draft is delayed indefinitely.

Consideration of Proposals from Obsidian and Nicholas King Homes – The Parish Council is considering both proposals ahead of its response to any planning applications as and when they are submitted to Cherwell D.C.

New Planning Applications:

23/00221/F - 35 Station Road – two storey extension - PC submitted supports application to CDC

23/00334/TEL56 – 5G mast on Station Road – PC submitted objection to CDC.

23/00386/F – 19 Station Road – New oil tank – PC submitted supports application to CDC.

New Planning Decisions:

None since last meeting.

11. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

New Agreement – The Parish Council is providing the Sports and Social Club with advantages and disadvantages of different agreement types and sports club organisation types to assist them make decisions on these.

12. FINANCE

Accounts, Bank Balances, and Payments – The accounts and bank reconciliation were issued prior to the meeting.

Fairport Grants – It was agreed that applications will only be considered when all the information is provided by the applicant including bank balances.

13. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT – No update. County Cllr George Reynolds, in response to a question, advised that it was most unlikely that a footpath between Cropredy and Williams Scot would be funded by OCC.

14. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT – No update.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Green hearts installation on The Green – The W.I. installation on the Green is part of the Climate Coalition's campaign to #Show the love for the planet. It was noted the W.I. endeavours to remove any installations after an appropriate time period. The Green Heart installation is due to be removed on Wednesday 15th March.

16. PARISH MATTERS

Coronation Litter Pick/ Spring Clean Monday 8th May – This day is designated volunteering day and although some residents do litter picks it was agreed that residents would be invited to do a litter pick or wash the play

equipment from 11:30-13:00. Volunteers will be invited to have refreshments at the Methodist Chapel afterwards.

Coronation Mugs – It was agreed that children living in Cropredy under 12 years will be given a coronation mug.

Burial Ground Rules and fees – The rules have been tidied up and fees increased by £10.

Fairport Grant Guidelines – These have been drafted and were circulated prior to the meeting.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

W.I. Energy Day Saturday 22nd April at the Village Hall– A speaker from Low Carbon Hub, Oxford will be presenting ideas that residents can implement to save energy. It was agreed that Cllr Bob Garland would attend on behalf of the Parish Council. The PC would not donate funds as the Fairport Grant had been given to the W.I. for workshops.

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

19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 10th April 2023 (Easer Monday)

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.10pm

Chairman
10th April 2023