

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 10th April 2023 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Des Knight, Sheila Jones, and David Best (Clerk). 1 member of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Margaret Boscott, Bob Garland Jacqui Smith County Cllr George Reynolds and District Cllr Phil Chapman.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Tania Johnson on churchyard mowing.
3. **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

The Village Hall is busy, hosts 11 community groups and has lots of one-off bookings. The finances are healthy largely due to the Fairport breakfasts and rental prices haven't been increased since 2006. Although the building is in good order currently it is not going to last for ever so the committee is hoping that if either or both proposed housing developments go ahead it would like to have S106 funds allocated to it.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council would be discussing S106 funds with Cherwell District Planning as soon as any planning applications are submitted and that the Village Hall requirement for funds would be highlighted. Ultimately, it is Cherwell District Council that determines S106 funding allocation.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 13th March 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 working group is on 19th April.

Upper Churchyard mowing – The first cut has been completed and a schedule is in place for the year. One volunteer has come forward, but more volunteers are needed.

Wooden Bollards at the Lock Garden – The missing/rotten bollards has been escalated to a higher level within OCC Highways, but no commitment has been given for repairs as the contractors are inundated with work. Councillor Des Knight will try to get a working group together to replace bollards.

Replacement Trees – It is hoped that the new trees will be planted within the next two weeks.

Highways Super User – OCC is providing training for “Superusers” to assist with identifying potholes in villages and approving the repairs. A volunteer will be sought.
7. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**

Community Speedwatch Initiative – Weekly speed checks continue, and more than 300 offenders have been reported to Thames Valley Police. Cllr Des Knight will check whether it is necessary to display a sign when speed checks are being carried out.

Yellow Lines on bend outside the Brasenose Arms – These have been painted on the road. It is possible to report cars parking on them via the OCC website.

Village Bus Service – Some residents have asked what services are available. It was confirmed that Stagecoach run a service into Banbury on Thursdays and Saturdays and Ability Bus Service buses run into Banbury on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It was agreed that the clerk would confirm details which would be posted on the website and displayed in the bus shelter. Details of the Ability Bus Service can be found at <https://abilitycic.org.uk/banbury-bus-service/>
8. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**

Damaged Salt Bin – OCC has still not repaired this despite the issue being escalated.
9. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Inappropriate posts on Facebook Page – There had been a pornographic post on the village Facebook page, and it was agreed that checks would be made to ensure that this could not happen on the Parish Council Facebook page.

10. PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL

New Planning Applications: None since last meeting

New Planning Decisions:

23/00334/TEL56 – Station Road – telecoms mast – Refused by Cherwell DC.

22/02839/F – Oathill Farm – change of use to leisure/tourism – application withdrawn.

11. **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB:** No update

12. FINANCE

Accounts, Bank Balances, and Payments – The year end accounts, and bank reconciliation were issued prior to the meeting. An internal audit will be carried out prior the PC agreeing them.

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.

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

15. CORRESPONDENCE

16. PARISH MATTERS

Date of the May Parish Council meeting – This cannot be held on the second Monday of May due to the election and it was agreed to hold it on the fourth Monday 22nd May.

Coronation Mugs – Not many applications for mugs for children under 12 years have been received yet. It was agreed that spare mugs would be sold for £4.00.

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE:** None

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

19. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 22nd May 2023

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.03pm

Chairman
22nd May 2023