

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held online on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7pm.

Present: - Councillor Tania Johnson (Chair) Councillor Margaret Boscott
Councillor Bob Dunn Councillor Bob Garland
Councillor Sheila Jones Councillor Des Knight
Councillor Jacqui Smith

In Attendance: County Cllr George Reynolds and District Cllr Phil Chapman.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Kenneth Porter (Clerk).
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** there were no declarations on this occasion.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** of 8th February 2021 were approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
5. **REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS:**
 - (i) **Village Maintenance and Development** – Cllr Knight reported that he has been monitoring the condition of the damaged retaining wall in Hell Hole and had noticed some further minor deterioration that he reported to Tony Brummell (Building Control Manager, CDC). Mr Brummell will be bringing his next inspection forward to w/c 8th March and will advise accordingly. The Upper Churchyard mowing rota will start during March. The mowing equipment has been scheduled for the annual service with Geoff Wheeler. The Chair also noted that the water collection system at the allotments has now been completed.
 - (ii) **Transport and Traffic, Street Lighting and Trees** – Cllr Knight reported that he and Cllr Garland have extended the tender period for the construction of the proposed school car park to involve a further four companies. All four have shown a strong interest in quoting for the work and have been given until the end of March to provide their respective quotes. Nicholsons have completed the 'Duty of Care' Tree Survey and the report has been received. The Chair and Cllrs Dunn and Knight have reviewed the report and there are four moderate risk observations that need some attention within 6 months. We have requested Nicholsons to quote for three of these and the fourth is being reviewed with Oxfordshire Highways.
 - (iii) **Village Plan, Crime Prevention and Environment** – Cllr Knight contacted Oxfordshire County Council to replace two grit/salt bins that were found to be in poor condition. These have been done, one at the Surgery and one at the School, and the new bins were topped up with grit accordingly.
 - (iv) **Planning, Finance and Legal:**

New Planning Applications: 21/00327/F – Beecham Cottage, Cropredy Lawn – erection of up to four glamping pods:
21/00413/F – 37 Station Road – three storey side extension and front porch;
21/00132/F – 6 Vicarage Gardens – single storey rear extension with flat roof; new porch; internal alterations; new rooflights; garden room;
21/00515/LB – 3 Red Lion Street – internal and external alterations (retrospective);

Decisions: 20/03376/F – land rear of 2 Stanwell Cottages, G Bourton – erection of two agricultural buildings – granted.
6. **SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB** – the Chair explained the need to review the insurance arrangements with the Sports & Social Club as there may be some overlapping cover. Cllrs Knight and Garland volunteered to assist with this.
7. **FINANCE** – the Clerk's report had been submitted to councillors prior to the meeting and it was **resolved** that the payments itemised for £2740.01 be authorised.
 - (i) **Bank Signing Mandate** – with changes to the make up of the PC imminent it is necessary to amend the mandate and it was proposed and agreed that the Chair and Cllr Jones be added, together with Cllr Boscott.
8. **REPORT ON COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS** – County Cllr Reynolds had nothing new to report on this occasion.
9. **REPORT ON DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS** – District Cllr Chapman reported that he is working with the Village Hall committee on the government/Open Reach project to improve connectivity for village halls.
10. **Correspondence: OCC** – Consultation on Oxfordshire's draft Transport Blueprint; Local Transport & Connectivity Plan – Vision Consultation (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/itcpvision); news bulletins **CDC** – Cherwell Parish Bulletins; **OALC** – February Members' Updates; Covid Community Outbreak Management Fund; **OPFA** – Lockdown guidance; **Volunteer Driver Service** – request for funding – Cllr Dunn proposed a donation of

£100 to be paid in the next financial year and this was seconded by the Chair and approved unanimously; **CPRE** – monthly newsletters; **Rural Services Network** – Rural Bulletins; **Healthwatch Oxfordshire** – Briefings.

- 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE** – District Cllr Chapman reported that he is continuing to pursue the issue of vehicles badly parked within the village. The Chair read out Cllr Dunn’s formal letter of resignation and thanked him for his 25 years of service to the Parish Council. The Chair also thanked Mrs McLoughlin, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Shepherd for their work litter picking around the village. Cllr Garland reported that the first meeting of the Climate Change Group was held via Zoom on 25th February hosted by Mr Jim Smith and Councillor Garland. There were fifteen attendees. Themes for further work were identified including sustainable food, energy efficiency of community and domestic buildings, transport, energy usage, water, and re-use and re-purposing of consumer products. These themes will be investigated further in the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 11th of March.
- 12. ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING** – there were no such matters raised on this occasion.
- 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL PARISH MEETING):** via Zoom will be held on Monday 12 April 2021 at 7pm.

There being no further matters the Chair closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Chair
12 April 2021