

Cropwell Bishop Parish Council – Minutes of Meeting

7th May 2013

7.30pm -The Old School

(The meeting started at 7.30pm and finished at 9.00pm)

Present: Cllrs: C. Bryan, J. Gelsthorpe, J. Greenwood, J. Page
M. Wright, & A. Wilson (Chairman)

Apologies: Cllr H. Kendall, R. Stanley, J. Wroughton - Approved

In Attendance: Mrs J. Grice (Clerk), 3 Local Residents, Cllrs G. Moore (Rushcliffe Borough Council)
Cllr R. Butler (Nottinghamshire County Council) C. Keast (Cropwell Scouts / M. Hall
Committee), Ian Prince (Principles Surveyors Ltd) PCSO J. Heaps, C & A Howells (P.I.P.
Celebration Committee) I. Hickman & S. Hunt (Memorial Hall Committee)

Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda

11. DOI – Cllrs Gelsthorpe and Bryan – Agenda Item 5c – St Giles PCC Grant Request
The Agenda was confirmed.
12. Standing Orders were suspended to allow the order of business to be amended to enable attendees to speak to the meeting.

Parishioners' Questiontime & Policing Report

There were no comments received from residents.

PCSO J. Heaps gave a summary of recent crime statistics in the neighbourhood, there is a noticeable increase in activity and he asked that residents be vigilant. The Chairman thanked John for attending, he then left the meeting.

Picnic in the Park

13. Andy and Caroline Howells advised members that controlled car parking on the Memorial Hall field was essential to the organisation and success of the event. In view of the organised PCSO presence it was:
Resolved: "To allow field parking".
14. C and A. Howells leave the meeting.

Memorial Hall Condition Survey

15. Ian Prince from Principle Surveyors gave a summary of findings on the current condition of the Memorial Hall. At the present time it is a useable asset that could benefit from having immediate minor repair work. However he reported on other major repair work that would be required in the medium (5yrs) and long (10yrs) term. He advised that the Committee would need to seriously consider whether the cost of these works is viable given the age of the building and should start to think about making future plans for ultimately its replacement.
16. I Hickman, S Hunt and Ian Prince leave the meeting.

Memorial Hall Grant Request

17. The Committee are seeking funds of £1,500 towards the cost of replacement chairs. It was:
Resolved: "To award £750 as a contribution."

It was noted that the following contributions were also being made:

Cllr G. Moore- £200
Cllr S. Bailey - £100
Cllr R. Butler - £240

18. Standing Orders resumed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

19. **Resolved:** “That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd April 2013, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.”

Progress

20. **M.402 Football Provision**
Cllr Butler is still looking into any available nearby land that the County Council may own.
21. **M.403 Fern Road Landscaping/Jubilee Garden**
All the hard landscaping is now complete, but the bench has been installed on a slant. County Project Engineers have been informed and will hopefully address the issue.
22. **M.404 Van Diemens Land**
The five year tenancy agreement has now been signed and paid for.
23. **M. 405 Entertainments & Activities**
Another Zumba Instructor has taken over the Monday classes, so the Old School is now back up to being virtually fully booked on Weekday evenings.
24. **M. 408. Royal Mail**
A response has been received advising that they have no plans to alter the opening times of the Delivery Office in Bingham.
25. **M. 428. Grantham Canal**
Eliza Botham, a consultant working on an Activity Plan as part of a Heritage Lottery Bid for the Grantham Canal has again asked for comments from local Parish Councils. Noted

Planning Matters & Applications

26. **RBC Grant Permission: 12/01017/FUL** – Erect 12 Dwellings with New Vehicular & Pedestrian Access – Land East of 12 Cropwell Butler Road, Cropwell Bishop (Waterloo Housing Group) NOTED.
27. The Chairman advised that problems with the current affordable homes scheme on Barlows Close were now being addressed by the contractors.

Finance

28. **a) Financial Statement April 2013**
It was:
Resolved: “To approve the financial statement.”
29. **b) Payments Made April 2013 & Payments Awaiting May 2013**
It was:
Resolved: “To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 77.”
30. **c) St Giles PCC Grant Request**
The organisation is seeking funds of £300 to replace the Tower Staircase top door. Members considered the quotation received as excessive and asked the Clerk to suggest they seek alternative quotes. It was:
Resolved: “To award a contribution of £100.”
31. **di) Grantham Canal**
The Grantham Canal Partnership is approaching conclusion of a Phase One development grant for feasibility and engineering studies from the Heritage Lottery Fund. As part of their Phase Two application they seek formal letters of support as part of the bid. The Clerk would write to the Vice Chairman with confirmation of support for the restoration project on locks 12,13,14 and 15.
32. **dii) Grantham Canal**
The Partnership is also now requesting payment of pledged funds of £350 for the project. It was:
Resolved “To release the funds awarded of £350.”

33. **e) 1st Cropwell Bishop Scouts**
The organisation is seeking funds of £780 to help with costs for the annual Camp and a ground base for the new container. It was:
Resolved: “To award a contribution of £400.”

It was noted that the following contributions were also being made:

Cllr G. Moore- £200
Cllr R. Butler - £180

Correspondence for Action

34. **a) CPRE The Valerie Gillespie Cup**
The Cup is an award for the best community initiative enhancing the environment in Nottinghamshire. It was:
Resolved: “To enter the Jubilee Garden project.”
35. **b) Titan Passenger Transport Services**
Cllrs Greenwood, Wilson and the Clerk recently met with County Transport Officers to discuss the loss of the 53 bus service and other transport issues. Various options regarding taxi transport schemes were also discussed. The County Council is fully aware of the problems facing the residents of Cropwell Bishop and have taken on board the comments raised. The Titan Transport Review continues and a Roadshow event is planned in June. A consultation bus will be parked at The Old School on Wednesday 12th June 2.30-3.30pm to obtain the views of local residents.
Cllr Butler advised that a petition by Cotgrave residents to reinstate the 53 service has been handed in to the County Council and Cllr Greenwood thanked him for the information provided on the current subsidy levels to Trent Barton on the current local services.
36. **c) Rushcliffe Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2012**
The Borough Council has now finalised its 2012 SHLAA report. The lengthy document, totalling over 700 pages is available to view in the planning section of the Borough website. Noted.
37. **d) East Midlands Trains**
There are major resignalling works being carried out at the Nottingham Railway network between 20th July – 25th August. The £100 million project to rebuild the rail infrastructure around the city will cause major disruption to passengers. Cropwell News would signpost to information. Noted.
38. **e) RBC Grant to Plant**
A single grant of £200 is available to individual Town and Parish Councils across Rushcliffe in celebration of the Ashes Test Cricket coming to Rushcliffe. The Clerk would apply for planting for one the areas in need in the village (to be determined).
39. **f) Football Pitch Provision**
British Gypsum has offered to undertake discussions about land of Kinoulton Road for Community use. Upon inspection is it just not a viable option for football as the land would need to be graded and the soil is primarily clay based. However members agreed that Chris Keast progress discussions on behalf of the Parish Council for the land for other community based initiatives.
Another land owner is also prepared to discuss further the possibility of making land available for the Football Club, but this will very likely be based on market rates for lease or purchase. The Clerk will continue to liaise between the two parties initially.
40. **g) N.C.C Lengthsman Scheme**
The Parish Council has been accepted as a Stand Alone Scheme. Highway Manager, Eamonn Harrison has advised that the grant will be in region of £2,400 for this year and can be allocated to Highway related tasks undertaken by the Village Ranger and Contractors. It was:
Resolved: “To confirm scheme participation on the above basis.”
41. **gi) Nurture Landscapes** have advised that they would charge an additional £10 per verge cut up to the Dairy on Nottingham Road. It was:
Resolved: “To inform the contractor to continue up to the Dairy every time the entrance verges are cut (currently 11 times per year)”.
42. There is a lot of litter along Nottingham Road which appears to be from Dairy workers. The Clerk would write to Robin Skales.

Village Ranger Inspections

43. The planting in the Jubilee Garden has now finished, once established more planting may be needed to fill any gaps. Members appreciated the efforts of the Gardening Club and the Village Ranger, Ray Kimpton.

The Old School

44. **a) Entertainments, Activities & User Update**
The next cinema film in Les Miserables on May 17th. Tickets are selling fast for this popular film.
45. **b) Village Ventures**
The Entertainments Group have met to choose 5 performances with the hope that 3 will be allocated. After the heavy subsidy the most expensive act will cost £276. It was:
Resolved: "To approve the suggested acts."
46. **c) Garden Access**
Members considered public access arrangements into the Old School garden. In view of ensuring security for the building; the opening/closing arrangements for the new gate would be left at the discretion of the Caretaker, taking into account private bookings and securing at night.
47. **d) Old Fridge**
An offer has been received for the old fridge. It was:
Resolved: "To accept the offer of £25".

Fireworks Night

48. Fireworks night falls on a Tuesday night in November. Councillors considered an appropriate date to host the Annual Fireworks Night Event. It was:
Resolved: "To seek to hold the event on Friday 1st November 2013".

Councillors' Reports

49. It was noted that there is a large rubble mound next to the Grain Stores at the bottom of Nottingham Road. It is understood that this is intended to be crushed down as a base for a new store.

Highways and Footpaths Defects

50. There were no reports.

Draw Competition Winner

51. This item was deferred until the June meeting.

Correspondence for Information

52. None received.

Date of Next Meetings

53. **Annual Parish Meeting – 13th May** (Cllrs G. Moore, S. Bailey and R. Butler gave apologies).
54. **June 4th 2013**

Chairman's Signature.....Date.....