

Cropwell Bishop Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting – 3rd November 2020

7.00pm – Virtual Meeting via Zoom. A Recording Is Available on the Website

(The meeting started at 7.03pm and finished at 8.45pm)

Present: Cllrs. W. Allison, M. Beazley, C. Bryan, J. Gelsthorpe (acting Chair), J. Greenwood, J. Lacey, P. Storer, J. Wroughton & A. Wilson (Chairman)

In Attendance: Mrs J. Towndrow (Clerk), Cllr. G. Moore R.B.C. Cllr. Clarke N.C.C. & 3 local residents

Apologies Approved

203. None Received.

Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda

204. DOI – None Received

The Agenda was confirmed

205. Standing Orders were suspended at 7.04pm to allow the order of business to be amended to enable attendees to speak to the meeting. Cllr. Gelsthorpe requested any parishioners' questions relating to agenda item 10a) be held till the agenda item comes up where standing orders will be suspended again to allow parishioners' to speak on this item.

Parishioners' Question Time & Policing Report

There were no parishioners' questions.

Crime Figures

There were no figures to report.

206. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.05pm.

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207. It Was:

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the acting chairman Cllr. Gelsthorpe".

Progress

208. **PGT – 6/10/20 – Church Street & Stockwell Lane Resurfacing**

The resurfacing part of the works is complete. The road was swept by a mechanical sweeper on the 1st November to remove any debris. The ironworks and white lines will be completed when the surfacing has completely settled.

209. **M.184 – 6/10/20 – Fencing at Cropwell Bishop Playpark**

COMPLETE: The fence has been installed and the old broken fencing removed.

210. **M.185 – 6/10/20 – Lease Invoice for Memorial Hall**

COMPLETE: Lease invoice for £2,113.95 has been paid.

211. **M.186 – 2/10/20 – Focus Group Re the New Proposed Unitary Council Structure**

Cllr. Wilson was set to attend the Zoom meeting regarding this unfortunately it was cancelled. No future date for the meeting has yet been set.

212. **M.196 – 6/10/20 – Councillors Reports Trick or Treating**

Cllr. Wroughton reported that a trick or treat treasure hunt had been organised for the village. The event was a success with over 100 families taking part in the hunt. Entry fees were donated to the Memorial Hall.

Planning Matters & Applications

213. **RBC Grant Permission: 18/00815/FUL** - Replace lights to car park with energy efficient lights and add 6 floodlights to playing field (retrospective) – Robin House, Colston Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BN
NOTED
214. **RBC Grant Permission: 20/02083/FUL** - Construction of a garage – Long Hey, 5 The Maltings, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BN
NOTED

Finance

215. **a) Financial Statement up to 29th October 2020**
It Was:
RESOLVED: “To approve the financial statement.”
216. **b) Payments made October 2020 and awaiting November 2020**
It Was:
RESOLVED: “To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 160.”

Correspondence for Action

217. **a) To Consider the J9 Initiative**
A letter has been received from Ruth Edwards MP asking for local councils to get involved with a non-political campaign called the J9 Initiative. The idea is to provide safe spaces across Rushcliffe for victims of domestic abuse. Cllr. Bryan stated his wife Serena would like to be put forward for the training on behalf of our parish.
It Was:
RESOLVED: “The Clerk would put Serena Bryan forward for the training and report back to the Parish Council once it has been completed.”

COVID-19

218. **a) The Old School**
The report provided for the meeting has been superseded by the National Lockdown coming into force on the 5th November. The Old School will now be closed for events etc. during the lockdown and will be reviewed as the Government guidance changes.
- The Old School will be being used to store a new food bank for the residents of Cropwell Bishop. Some of our residents are struggling to provide food for themselves and families through no fault of their own during this pandemic and we need to ensure all our residents are safe and fed.
- Cllr. Moore has made a donation to the volunteer group through his Community Fund to help set up this food bank and for any financial support we may have to offer. Cllr. Clarke has agreed a further £300 from his fund.
- Under the powers of wellbeing the Parish Council can also allocate a fund if needed. Cllr. Gelsthorpe proposed the Parish Council ring fence a further £250 if it is needed, Cllr. Bryan seconded and all agreed.
It Was:
RESOLVED: “£250 be available to the volunteer group if required”.
- Cllr. Moore said he was proud of all concerned and thanked Cllr. Clarke and the Parish Council for backing this initiative.

219. **b) Parish Council Meetings – To Consider Future Meetings**
It Was:
RESOLVED: “The 1st December 2020 and the 12th January 2021 Meetings would be held via Zoom.”

Village Ranger Inspections

220. The Ranger has reported that the urinating in the bus stop seems to have ceased.
The Range has now switched to his winter hours and the ride on mower has gone in for a service. The Billy Goat has come out and the Ranger has been picking up leaves around the village. Thank you to Ray for a great job keeping our village tidy. Cllr. Gelsthorpe commented a huge pile of leaves had blown up at the bottom of St. Giles opposite the Church that may need to be collected by the Billy Goat.

Transport

221. Cllr. Greenwood had nothing to report on the current service and as of yet there had been nothing reported with regards to a reduced service. Cllr. Clarke reported he had asked the question about reduced services and advised for now the services will run as normal. This may change over the coming days but Cllr. Clarke will report any changes should they be made.
222. Standing Orders were suspended at 7.40pm to allow the order of business to be amended to enable attendees to speak to the meeting

Highways & Footpaths Defects/Issues

223. **a) Nottingham Road Traffic Calming System TRO 8309**

Jonathan Good provided written questions to the Parish Council which he read to the meeting:

"I have concerns about the plan to ban all parking along the full length of the North side of Nottingham Road and also along the South side from opposite the Old School all the way to the sandwich shop. I have grave concerns because it appears to me that this will mean:

1. *Residents particularly on Mill Lane will no longer be able to park or access their homes. Two of these residents are disabled and need access to their homes to carry shopping etc.*
2. *That the Council will be handing a complete 'right of way' to all vehicles entering the village from both directions without slowing down*
3. *That it will lead to large more vehicles conflicting and over running the pavement opposite the butcher*
4. *That it will leave pedestrians unprotected on the very narrow pavements with nowhere to safely cross*
5. *It also does nothing to slow all vehicles approaching the Co-op entrance which will make it even more dangerous for pedestrians*
6. *It does nothing to discourage parking on pavements such as in front of the church*
7. *That it could well lead to the closure of the remaining independent businesses in Nottingham Road*
8. *The yellow lines would create an eyesore when the area is expected to become a conservation area*

I have also made a complaint to Nottinghamshire County Council that the residents of Mill Lane have not even been sent a letter notifying them of this proposal. This scheme seems only supported by people who do not live on Nottingham Road just drive up and down it, without any concern at all for the very real problems of people who actually live there?

So I have explained why it is a very bad plan. Why is the Council supporting it?"

Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised that disabled residents can apply for a parking space on the public highway, the application can be done through N.C.C. However, these spaces have to be paid for. Cllr. Wilson pointed out that there can be two types of disabled spaces white lines which are non-enforceable and yellow ones which are enforceable. However, it was stated that if these disabled spaces were put outside the shops where the residents currently park, this would take away valuable spaces from the hairdressers and the sandwich shop.

Jonathan Good reminded them he had asked "Why is the Parish Council supporting this scheme?"

Cllr. Clarke replied for the Council and explained that the plan was the best compromise possible. He advised that residents can object to the scheme through the consultation process. The Scheme that has been proposed has been discussed and reviewed by the Working Group in the first instance and this scheme is to mitigate the effect of the Co-op move onto Nottingham Road. There is no easy of finite solution and this was felt to be the best that could be done at the present time. The consultation gives everyone the chance to consider the proposed scheme but Cllr. Clarke feels the scheme offers a good compromise.

Jonathan Good was part of the Working Group and said he refuted that the plan was as agreed by the Working Group and did not agree with the subsequent changes which have been made to the plan.

Pam Wregg stated that Home Farm on Fern Road often has problems with their delivery lorries and vehicular access turning into their entrance due to parked cars opposite their drive. With reduced parking on Fern Road due to the yellow lines and displaced parking from Nottingham Road - forcing cars further up Fern Road. She also has concerns with regards to the speed of traffic coming down Fern Road towards the Co-op site. In her experience from doing the community speed watch cars slow down at the top of Fern Road where

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the 30pmh signs light up but speed right back up again once over the hill, down interrupted into the village. This will cause conflict outside the Co-op area and a hazard to pedestrians.

Cllr. Gelsthorpe said it would be preferable for this area to be a 20pmh zone.

Pam Wregg advised the 2014/15 reviews Kendra Hourd carried out stated it would be dangerous to have long stretches of yellow lines down Roads as it would speed up the traffic making it dangerous for pedestrians on the narrow footpaths. Pam would also like to see 3 car spaces outside the shops adding an extra one, up to the outside the Wheatsheaf door - to provide parking for business customers/residents and to assist with visibility issues for Mill Lane users who exit onto Nottingham Road from a concealed entrance, Cars travelling from Langar waiting to pass parked cars outside the barn, give an indication that there is traffic approaching from the A46 direction.

Cllr. Greenwood confirmed that Jonathan Good did raise many of his points of today during the working group process. Cllr. Greenwood said the points that Jonathan Good made were valid but agreed with Cllr Clarke that there needs to be a compromise. The scheme makes steps in the right direction for junction safety but will not solve the village parking problems.

Cllr. Lacey said we need to find a solution that would slow the vehicles down and Cllr. Wilson stated you cannot see around the rows of cars that park outside the Wheatsheaf pub.

Cllr. Clarke advised regarding the comments raised by Pam Wregg re Fern Road – This scheme does not factor in Fern Road and this would have to be considered as part of a future scheme further down the line. Cllr. Clarke also advised he has requested a speed survey be done in the area of the Cheese Shop and will ask Fern Road to be included. The 20mph signs are difficult to get as they have to be in an area that is recognised as a risk and have credible evidence to back them up. Once Cllr. Clarke has the results of the speed surveys he will report that back to the Parish Council.

Jonathan Good suggested that the 20mph signs were a red herring and that dangers were due more to the configuration of the road which could be dangerous even at 20mph. He pointed out that drivers cannot exit the village because vehicles entering the village are not giving way and he has borne witness too many unpleasant incidents due to this. He feels this scheme will make these incidences worse.

Cllr. Wilson suggested traffic lights may be a solution. The roads and footpaths in this area are very narrow and cannot be widened without taking residents gardens away.

A resident had sent in an email regarding the proposed yellow lines on Stockwell Lane being reduces in length as the lane had a large splay at the bottom where a couple of cars could park without causing visibility issues. Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised that these lines must be 10mtrs in length.

Jonathan Good raised the issue that if there are yellow lines on the corners of Church Street it will force people to park on the naturally wide pavements in this area.

Cllr. Clarke advised that if the pavements are part of the public highway and there are yellow lines in place it will then be an offence to park on the pavements.

Cllr. Storer state a lot of lorries park on these wider pavements and they were not made for heavier vehicles and are crumbling from incorrect use.

The Clerk asked how the Parish Council wished to respond to the proposed scheme TRO 8309?

Cllr. Beazley proposed we go ahead with the scheme as put forward by VIA and as requested by the working group.

Cllr. Greenwood proposed we respond as follows:

Request one more parking space on Nottingham Road outside the Wheatsheaf door and request a reduction of the yellow lines on Stockwell Lane. He felt we should proceed and ask for the right to review the scheme in 6 months.

Cllr. Lacey said the Co-op is a major factor in this scheme and over the next month problems may be alleviated during lockdown but will return again after.

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Cllr. Allison asked if we can ask for a review after 6 months and apply changes if needed or would we have to go through a similar process again to make the changes.

Cllr. Clarke advised that this scheme is a permanent scheme and review would not be easy or permitted. If we wished to make any modifications to the scheme or additions we would have to re-start the process under a new scheme.

Cllr. Bryan stated he was happy with the proposal put forward by Cllr. Greenwood.

Cllr. Beazley proposed we go ahead with the scheme as put forward by VIA and as requested by the working group.

Cllr. Gelsthorpe asked the parish council to vote on the two proposals put forward.

Proposal One by Cllr. Beazley to go ahead with the scheme proposed, Cllr. Wilson seconded and five voted for it.

Proposal Two by Cllr. Greenwood to add an extra parking space outside the Wheatsheaf Door and reduce the lines on Stockwell Lane, Cllr. Gelsthorpe seconded and four voted for it.

The first motion was passed.

It Was:

RESOLVED: "The Parish Council support the scheme as proposed in TRO 8309)

224. Standing Orders reinstated at 8.25pm.

225. **b) Footpath at the Rear of Hoe View Road – Request for Remainder of Pathway to be Stoned**

Cllr. Clarke advised he has spoken with officers at N.C.C. and they have put it as a low priority. Cllr. Clarke is going to approach the land owner regarding the supply of stone. If it is possible to get the stone from the landowner the works may progress quicker. It looks as though this year the pathway will not be done ahead of the muddy winter months.

The Environment

226. The finalised version of the Wildlife Policy has been put forward for consideration. The maps have yet to be finalised but the policy is completed.

Action: Cllr. Storer will complete the maps and forward to the Clerk for publication alongside the policy.

Cllr. Beazley proposed the Wildlife Policy be adopted, Cllr. Wilson seconded – all agreed.

It Was:

RESOLVED: "To adopt the Wildlife Policy"

227. Cllr. Clarke left the meeting at 8.30pm

Cropwell News September 2020 Competition Winner

228. Cllr. Gelsthorpe made the draw and the winner was Mrs. Caroline Bellamy,

Councillors Reports

229. Cllr. Wilson advised he will be attending the Remembrance Service on Sunday and laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr. Wilson advised he had been asked to read the list of the fallen.

230. Cllr. Wilson advised he has been chasing Mr. Keast regarding the defibrillator in the phone box. The defibrillator cannot be fitted at the moment as there is no power to the kiosk. The defibrillator boxes need electric to keep the heating element warm inside the defibrillator boxes. We have to source power to the telephone kiosk or as an alternative install it outside the Heritage Centre and pay a fee towards the electricity costs. The Clerk will look into getting power to the telephone kiosk.

231. Cllr. Storer asked if the flashing security light outside the Memorial Hall could be sorted out. Cllr. Beazley advised it has been temporarily switched off and a repair is being organised.

232. Cllr. Lacey raised the issue of increased amounts of Dog Fouling left on the footpaths off the Springfield Close area. It was also noted that there had been an increase in general around the village. The Clerk is to do a

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poster asking people to pick up during the winter months.

- 233.** Cllr. Moore reported he had been having detailed discussions with the developers of the new site on Church Street regarding a resident need for a 3 bedroom bungalow. The discussions seem to be progressing well and in the right direction.
- 234.** Cllr. Beazley reported that the brick wall of the boiler room at the Memorial Hall was damaged and has collapsed inwards after a car hit it. There will be a lot of work required which will be covered by the Memorial Hall Insurance.
- 235.** Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised that on all agendas for meetings going forward supporting documents have to be available for members of the public. At the bottom of agendas going forward participants will find a hyper link to the meeting supporting documents.

Correspondence for Information

- 236.** There is no folder for circulation during the COVID-19 Pandemic as this type of information is being e-mailed.

Date of Next Meeting

- 237.** Tuesday 1st December at 7.00pm via Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman's Signature:	Date:
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