

Cropwell Bishop Parish Council Minutes of Meeting – 2nd February 2021

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

(The meeting started at 7.01pm and finished at 8.14pm)

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

In Attendance: Mrs J. Towndrow (Clerk), Cllr. G. Moore R.B.C. Cllr. Clarke N.C.C. & 2 residents

Apologies Approved

309. None Received

Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda

310. DOI – None Received

The Agenda was confirmed.

311. Standing Orders were suspended at 7.02pm to allow the order of business to be amended to enable attendees to speak to the meeting.

Parishioners' Question Time & Policing Report

There were no parishioners' questions.

Crime Figures

8/12/20 - Theft – Parcel stolen from doorstep – Hoe View Road

4/1/21 – Criminal Damage – car tyre punctured in Co-op car park.

27/1/21 – Covid 19 Breach – Wheatsheaf Public House

312. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.04pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

313. It Was:

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress

314. **M.295 – 12/1/21 – Street Names New Development Church Street**

COMPLETE: The Clerk sent a list of 7 street names with associated signed consent forms to Emily Farr of Bloor Homes. Emily thanked the Parish Council for their submission and advised she will request the street names put forward and give us an update once they have been formally issued.

315. **M.296 – 12/1/21 – Telephone Kiosk/Defibrillator**

a) The Defibrillator – The defibrillator has been delivered and will be fitted by C. Keast and Councillor Wilson in the coming days. Email correspondence has been sent to the Clerk and Chris Keast with regards to the setting up procedure.

b) Lending Library – The Clerk contacted Heather Sellars to advise the Parish Council had agreed the telephone kiosk could be used as a book swap/lending library. The Clerk will advise when the defibrillator is installed so she can meet with C. Keast to discuss location of shelving etc.

316. **M.299 – 12/1/21 – Memorial Hall Request for Release of Funds for Feasibility Study**

Following the Parish Council Meeting on the 12th January 2021, the Clerk received an e-mail letter from Carolyn Herrington on behalf of herself, Maria Carter, Steven Newbold and Paul Newbold. The letter was read at the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes.

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317. **M.305 – 12/1/21 – Hedgehog Highway**

COMPLETE: The Clerk wrote to Jennifer Tower – Planning Manager for Bloor Homes and Gregory Sharman – Planning Case Officer at R.B.C. to request that a Hedgehog Highway is included as part of the development for 85 houses East of Springfield Close, Church Street. Both Jennifer Tower and Gregory Sharman have confirmed a Hedgehog Highway will be included as part of the new development.

318. **M.306 – 12/1/21 – Laptops/Tablets for Cropwell Bishop Primary School**

COMPLETE: Cllr. Moore advised at the last meeting he may be able to provide some tablets for use at the Primary School. The Clerk was happy to report that Cllr. Moore had provided 4 schools in his area with 6 tablets each including Cropwell Bishop Primary School. Cllr. Wroughton said thank you to Cllr. Moore and advised they were already being used and making a big difference.

Planning Matters & Applications

319. No Planning matters for consideration.

Finance

320. **a) Financial Statement up to 28th January 2021**

It Was:

RESOLVED: “To approve the financial statement.”

321. **b) Payments made January 2021 and awaiting February 2021**

It Was:

RESOLVED: “To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 154.”

322. **c) To Review the Asset Register**

Cllr. Gelsthorpe asked if the Asset Register included everything we own. The Clerk asked Cllr. N. Clarke if the cost of replacing the Speed Signs on Colston Road would fall to the Parish Council or N.C.C. Cllr. Clarke advised the cost would fall to N.C.C. for the first 10 years. The Clerk advised that the Asset Register included everything we own.

It Was:

RESOLVED: “To approve the Asset Register.”

Correspondence for Action

323. There were no items to consider.

To Review Policy

324. **a) Standing Orders**

No Change

b) Financial Regulations

No Change

b) Risk Management

Cllr. Beazley will attend the Licensee Course when possible. Delay due to COVID-19.

COVID-19

325. **a) The Old School**

The Old School will be remaining closed to the public under the Lockdown Government guidelines. The building is being used for the food bank storage only.

326. **b) Food Bank**

Demand is still high families are needing lunch box foods with children being off school we are keeping up with demand and still have funds left available to us. It has been overwhelming this last week the number of donations that have come into the foodbank it has been amazing.

Gary Jowett butchers is this week donating a Sunday Lunch to each of our families which is very generous. These lunches will be gratefully received.

Cllr. Greenwood asked how many families were being supported. The Clerk advised it was 14 families. Cllr. Lacey asked if the group were okay for distribution. The Clerk advised we had a team of people on board to

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help and kept it to that team for privacy purposes. Cllr. Lacey stated if we were ever stuck for helper's he would be happy to help.

Cllr. Wilson thanked the Food Bank team for all their hard work which was resonated by the rest of the Councillors present.

Annual Meeting of the Electorate

327. The Clerk advised as yet there had been no legal ruling from NALC weather we should or should not be running the Annual Meeting of the Electorate. The Clerk has not yet booked a guest speaker for the meeting due to be held on the 19th April. Cllr. Gelsthorpe asked if this could be held virtually via Zoom but it was not appropriate for this meeting. Cllr. Wroughton advised that the speaker we had booked for last year would come on board when we are permitted to run the meeting.

Picnic In The Park 4th July 2021

328. Cllr. Bryan said he felt this was looking more and more unlikely or safe to go ahead, Cllr. Allison & Wilson agreed. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said she would like it to happen, she felt we would be out of lockdown but likely there will still be restrictions in place. Cllr. Allison stated she felt it would be as we felt for Bonfire Night; it would be outdoor event but not worth the risks associated with the event. Cllr. Lacey said they held a concert at Belvoir Castle where 2m squares were marked out and that worked well. The problem with this for Picnic in The Park is the area is not big enough to hold the number of people who usually attend. The Clerk said from her point of view the difficulty would be knowing when to book bands, staging, fencing etc.. These things cannot be done last minute, these things are normally already in place. Cllr. Clarke said a lot of it would depend on public feeling, attendance may be low as residents may not have the confidence and still be reluctant to attend such an event. Cllr. Wroughton said she felt Picnic in the Park would not be possible to organise as the future is till speculative, but we should commit to some sort of event when this pandemic is over. Cllr Wroughton wants to organise a tea party for all the Volunteer Group Buddies and volunteers when it is safe to do so. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said we needed something to lift spirits, but we cannot plan an event of this scale now. Cllr. Lacey said we should review an event of some sorts on a month-by-month basis, villagers will want to do something when we are able. Cllr. Moore advised that Saxondale were not planning "Saxonbury" this year but have left an option for a Community Picnic. No entertainment or expense just meeting on the village green for a picnic. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said this was a good idea which is something we could do with maybe some fireworks at the end. People will just be happy to be able to socialise and talk to each other face to face.

Cllr. Wilson proposed we review this at each meeting going forward, Cllr. Greenwood seconded. All Agreed
It Was:

RESOLVED: "To review a possible event at each meeting".

PA System Sell or Store

329. Cllr. Bryan advised it was a good half garage of speakers and amps and he did not feel we had anywhere to store it. If we could sell it, it will have a value and we should sell it. The Clerk advised it was donated by Kaox so we should offer it back to them first. Lisa Hazell said Alex would look to sell it for us and we should ask Andrew Howells of Kaox, if they do not want it back where they would like any monies raised donated to. Action: Clerk to contact A. Howells re giving equipment back or selling and if selling what they would like to see done with the funds. If A. Howells says 'sell it' contact Alex to see if he can sell it on our behalf.

Village Ranger Inspections

330. There were no reports for consideration.

The Parish Council would like to thank Ray for all his hard work during the recent snow and frosty weather.

Transport

331. Cllr. Greenwood advised he had nothing to report. Cllr Allison said there had been some disruption to the 833 service during the recent bad weather but this had been communicated well to our residents.

Highways & Footpaths Defects/Issues

332. a) Nottingham Road Traffic Calming System TRO 8309

Cllr. Clarke advised the resident who raised the issues with the disabled parking spaces was happy with the suggested location on the alternative side of the road. However, there had been 14 objections raised on the scheme and Highways need to work through those objections before it goes back to him and the Parish Council for further consultation. Cllr. Greenwood said the recent traffic lights between Hoe View Road and Barratt Close seemed to do a good job of calming the traffic along Nottingham Road. The traffic lights were very responsive to the traffic flow needs. Cllr. Greenwood seemed to recall Cllr. Wilson suggesting traffic lights near the Co-op site previously and wondered if lights would have any merit going forward. Cllr. Lacey said drivers leaving the village out past the Memorial Hall seemed to speed up in that area due to the frustration of the traffic lights and Cllr. Gelsthorpe said the lights made it easier around the Co-op site. Cllr. Clarke said we need to see what effects the current scheme will have when implemented but we should bear in mind it will not be a perfect solution.

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

Cllr. Clarke reported he had visited the site on Monday 1st February to check the width of the path and was surprised it was 2 to 2.4mtr wide, the department had got it down as 1.7mtr wide. The landowner has offered crushed stone material, the department said there is nothing available in this year's budget. Due to the offer of the materials, they will get it into the budget for early as possible next year to 120mtr length. The department cannot carry out the works until the landowner has trimmed the hedges back. This will have to take place within the next 3 weeks because from the 1st March they cannot be cut back because of nesting. The right of way will be closed whilst machinery is operating in the area. No exact timescale at the moment.

334. Cllr. Greenwood raised an issue that the hedgerows are overgrown, affecting the pavement between Cropwell Bishop and Cropwell Butler. Cllr. Greenwood has put a notice into N.C.C. to ask for the hedge to be cut back. This is the responsibility of the landowner. Cllr. Clarke has said he will speak to Russell Price to cut this back before nesting season starts.

335. Cllr. Clarke spoke about the sink hole at the entrance of the gateway to the public footpath off Cropwell Butler Road. There is a sound of water running which may be the source of the sink hole washing the ground away from around the pipes. The hole is about 4ft deep, the Clerk advised a team had been sent out to cordon the area off today.

336. Cllr. Clarke advised the meeting that works recently carried out on the corner of Church Street were not carried out at the time of the resurfacing works because the resurfacing works had caused the issues. The resurfacing works raise the level of the road surface and then the gullies must be raised up to meet the new surface. Unfortunately, the works were a bit overzealous and raised the gullies too much. Cllr. Bryan reported that following the heavy rain today there were no issues in this area.

337. Cllr. Clarke advised the demolished Belisha beacons by the doctors' surgery on Fern Road are now taped up. It is suspected agricultural vehicles are causing the damage and it is not a one off as it has happened in both directions but at different times. The Clerk has had an email from Laura Trussler to say these will be replaced.

The Environment

338. Cllr. Bryan thanked those who had completed the petition re Badger Culling. There are still signs of life in our current badger sets, Cllr. Lacey advised there were new badger workings along the Canalside and along the side of the drainage stream coming back from Butler.

Cllr. Greenwood asked re the Wildlife policy where that sits. It is currently held in the policy file in the office, this can be put onto the website with the map – the map will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Action: Clerk to add the wildlife policy to the website.

Councillors Reports

339. Cllr. Lacey asked who was responsible for the emptying of the dog waste bins as some along the canal were overflowing. The Clerk advised they had been reported earlier that day and had been emptied. Cllr. Greenwood advised they had reported it to the 'report a fault' website. Streetwise are good and responsive. They had a new crew on the route and these two had been missed. Cllr. Clarke reported when he walked the path at the top of Hoe View Road there were at least 4 bags of poop left in the hedgerow.

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Cllr. Bryan said there were lots of beer cans being thrown into hedge alongside the usual rubbish as you leave the village up Fern Road. The Clerk advised that Mel Stanley and others had formed an environment group and lots of people from the community are litter picking. Thank you to everyone who is helping with litter picking.

Cllr. Bryan had an idea that number plate recognition could be used to print car registration numbers on packaging from take away venues. Cllr. Greenwood thought this was a great idea. Cllr. Moore said he would put this suggestion to Environmental Health to see if they can progress the idea.

340. Cllr. Wilson advised the Parish Council had received an email from Sharon Pyke resident of Cropwell Bishop and Clerk at Bingham Town Council. Sharon is studying for her Community Governance degree and would like to help her home parish by carrying out a piece of community research. She has asked if there is a piece of community research that she could carry out on behalf of the Parish Council to gauge the views of residents and/or businesses on a potential project or initiative that the Parish Council is considering or would like to do but has never had the time.

Cllr Wroughton raised an idea to the parish council for consideration which is a floor painted activity for children within the village. The Clerk has a video of such a scheme in place in Italy and Cllr. Wroughton feels this would be perfect for the footpaths around the green areas in the centre of the village behind Cooper Close/Kendall Road/Brownhill. It is a simple painting project where a trail of activities is painted such as balancing lines, hopscotch, spirals, numbers etc which takes about 3 minutes for the children to complete. Once we had a system the ongoing costs would be minimal as its just painted on the floor. A lot of children used this safe contained bit.

Cllr. Bryan suggested the initiative regarding rewatering the Grantham Canal to the Cropwell Bishop section. This is a massive project, and it is not the type of thing she is looking at. Cllr. Greenwood asked if we could discuss it with Sharon. The Clerk will put it to her, but it really is a small community project she is looking for.

341. Cllr. Wroughton advised the Parish Council that the Primary School will be putting in a Community Grant request in for the March meeting. The school needs quite a lot of rejuvenation work totalling around the £10k mark. There are items like fencing to shield children from a pond that has been found causing safety issues, the school pond needs re-lining as its leaking, decorating, classroom carpets, playground repairs and much more. Cllr. Wroughton is going to apply to other businesses. Cllr. Clarke asked Jo to send an email to explain what they need as a matter of urgency so he can release what funds he has left before they go into Purdah. Cllr. Moore has no funds remaining currently. Cllr. Wilson said we could release monies from reserves to help further. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said it needs to be seen that it is for the good of the community children and that funds are coming from other areas, not just the Parish Council. Cllr. Wroughton to put a report for consideration of funding regarding further school needs.

342. Cllr. Moore has been dealing with Bloor Homes regarding a disabled bungalow. Cllr. Moore has now received the plans and sent those on to the resident for Occupational Health to look at. Cllr. Wroughton thanked Cllr. Moore for the work he has undertaken on this project it will be greatly beneficial for the resident.

Correspondence for Information

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

Date of Next Meeting

344. Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.14pm

Chairman's Signature:	Date:
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To: Janice Towndrow, Parish Clerk

Ref: Statements made during the discussion of Point 299, at the Parish Council Meeting on 12th January 2021

For context, we are all residents of Cropwell Bishop, and are all members of the Memorial Hall Committee.

This is a personal statement from ourselves, not from The Memorial Hall Committee.

We would like to provide the following information, for the sake of transparency, and accuracy, regarding statements that were made at the Parish Council Meeting, during the discussions regarding Point 299 of the draft Parish Council Meeting Minutes.

At the time of the Parish Council Meeting, the Memorial Hall Committee had not held a meeting to agree upon the value of the funds that they were going to request to be released by the Parish Council for a Feasibility Quotation, or for which Quotation (Focus or Pulse) they were requesting that release.

At the time of the Parish Council Meeting the Pulse Feasibility Study Quotation had not been seen by the entirety of the Committee; and the Memorial Hall Committee had not held a Committee Meeting to discuss the Quotations, nor had they expressed a preference for either Quotation.

For accuracy, the most recent survey (P20055) by Howard Ward Associates stated that 'there is **limited** lateral restraint to the gables above eaves level'.

For further information:

Discussions regarding both Quotations took place at a Memorial Hall Committee meeting on Thursday 21st January 2021, where it was agreed, by majority, to engage Pulse to carry out the feasibility survey.

Kind regards,

Carolyn Herrington

Maria Carter

Steve Newbold

Paul Newbold

27th January 2021