

Cropwell Bishop Parish Council Minutes of Meeting – 6th April 2021

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

(The meeting started at 7.03pm and finished at 9.12pm)

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

383. Non-Received

Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda

384. DOI – Cllr. M. Beazley Agenda Item 4 21/00332/FUL

The Agenda was confirmed.

385. Standing Orders were suspended at 7.05pm to allow the order of business to be amended to enable attendees to speak to the meeting.

Parishioners' Question Time & Policing Report

Pam Wregg asked the Parish Council who will be responsible for the LEAP areas on the new development – East of Springfield Close, Church Street. It will not fall upon the Parish Council to upkeep the LEAP it will be the responsibility of the company who take charge of the affordable homes.

Crime Figures

14/3 – Theft of Spirits – Co-op Nottingham Road

27/3 – Theft of Spirits – Co-op Nottingham Road

29/3 – Theft of Spirits – Co-op Nottingham Road

29/3 – Theft of Spirits – Co-op Nottingham Road (Not a duplicate of the above)

All thefts of Spirits were all high value alcohol, one male loaded up a child's pram with 13 bottles before leaving without paying.

22/3 – Parking issues mostly inconsiderate parking during school times

31/3 – ASB Cropwell Bishop Primary School (parents arguing)

8 reported COVID incidents within the village

386. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.09pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

387. It Was:

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress

388. **M.314 – 2/2/21 – Street Names - New Development Church Street**

COMPLETE: RBC have confirmed they will need 4 street names and Bloor Homes had put our list of 7 forward to choose from. RBC have taken our top 4 to progress forward which are Oldfield, Hopewell, Simpson and Walker.

389. **M.350 – 2/3/21 – Telephone Kiosk/Defibrillator**

COMPLETE: Cllr. Wilson reported the kiosk door was not shutting properly – Cllr. Lacey had a look at the closer on the door and reported everything was seized solid and the locking ring is aluminium, so he did not want to over force it. Cllr. Lacey has resolved the issue by installing a new rubber seal on the door reveal – Thank you to Cllr. Lacey.

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- 390. M.361 – 2/3/21 – Community Grant Cropwell Bishop Primary School – KS1 Shed**
COMPLETE: £1,110 has been paid towards the KS1 Shed.
- 391. M.362 – 2/3/21 – Community Grant Vale 1st Responders – Contribution to Ambulance Car Annual Lease Charge**
COMPLETE: £400 has been paid towards the Lease – Vale 1st Responders placed a thankyou piece on the Cropwell Bishop Bulletin Board.
- 392. M.363 – 2/3/21 – Release of Funds Request – Cropwell Bishop Primary School – Various Projects**
COMPLETE: £7,000 has been paid to the primary school towards the cost of various outdoor projects. The Parish Council has received a lovely thank you card from the pupils and e-mails of thanks from the CEO Phil Palmer and the School which have been circulated out to the council earlier in the month.
- 393. M.364 – 2/3/21 – Wildflower Seeds**
The Clerk has placed an order for 2kg of seed. However, due to the large uptake from Councils there may be a delay in receipt of the order.
- 394. M.374 – 2/3/21 – Proposal for Permissive Footpath – Nottingham Road**
The Clerk wrote to R. Price and R. Barlow regarding the permissive footpath. To date the Clerk has not heard back from R. Price, R. Barlow responded and advised the Clerk he did not farm that land it was Nigel Hallam. The Clerk has forwarded the request letter on to Nigel Hallam and is awaiting a response.

Planning Matters & Applications

- 395. RBC Grant Permission: 21/00528/AGRIC- Out of season storage for agricultural machinery – Quarry Farm, Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BA**
NOTED
- 396. N.C.C. Approval and Adoption – Adoption of Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan**
NOTED
- 397. RBC New Application: 21/02281/REM – Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 18/02700/OUT for residential development for 85 dwellings – Land East of Nos 1 to 9 Springfield Close, Cropwell Bishop. This application had been viewed prior to the meeting as the deadline date for response could not be delayed the decision is being noted for reference.**
It Was:
RESOLVED: “NO OBJECTION”.
- 398. RBC New Application: 21/00332/FUL – Erection of shed to front of garden (Retrospective) – 7 Cropwell Butler Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DD.**
It Was:
RESOLVED: “OBJECT” with the following comments:
- This will prove to be a fire risk if as stated it is for the use of storing motorbikes. There will be fuel in the tanks of the bikes and the building is wood with a proposed asphalt and AstroTurf roof.
 - It is usually frowned upon to have a shed in the front of a garden and the visual impact of this is not pleasant. This is one of the major approaches into the village and will set a precedent for other houses to put sheds on the frontage of properties.
 - There would be no objection from the Parish Council if this shed were behind the building line or at the rear of the property where there is sufficient garden space.
- 399. RBC New Application: 21/00753/FUL – Conversion of ancillary residential accommodation to dwelling house and alterations to elevations – Wyndlands, Fern Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BJ**
It Was:
RESOLVED: “OBJECT” with the following comments:
- This development is in the **green belt** and should not be allowed – giving permission for this development will set a precedent for future building on the large amount of land in this area.
 - There is nothing denoting any boundary lines on the plans.

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- The road that has been put around the back has not been noted on the plans – this road was explained as being an entrance to a menage. There is no menage or stables in this area and as far as the Parish Council can see there is no intention of having one as all the hedging that has been put around the area is Yew. Yew is highly poisonous to horses and animals!

400. RBC New Application: 21/00754/FUL – First floor extension over existing garage with solar photovoltaic panels – 16 Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BP

It Was:

RESOLVED: “NO OBJECTION”

401. RBC New Application: 21/00879/FUL – Construction of first floor extension with rear dormer. Remodel of existing rear dormer – 33 Colston Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BJ

It Was:

RESOLVED: “NO OBJECTION”

402. RBC Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 257 and Schedule 14 – Cropwell Bishop Footpath No.5 Public Diversion Order 2021 – Notice of Making Order

It Was:

RESOLVED: “NO OBJECTION”

403. RBC New Application: 21/01037/FUL – Single storey side extension – 5 Mercia Avenue, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DQ

It Was:

RESOLVED: “NO OBJECTION”

Finance

404. a) Financial Statement up to 31st March 2021

It Was:

RESOLVED: “To approve the financial statement.”

405. b) Payments made March 2021 and awaiting April 2021

It Was:

RESOLVED: “To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 156.”

406. c) Receipts & Payments Reports April 2020 - March 2021

It was:

RESOLVED: “To approve the receipts and payments reports.”

407. d) VAT Summary – April 2020 to March 2021

It was:

Resolved: “To approve the VAT Summary as produced on the report.”

408. e) Financial Summary April 2020 to March 2021

It was:

Resolved: “To approve the Financial Summary as produced on the report.”

409. d) To Consider Community Grant Application – Cropwell Bishop Cricket Club – Pitch Improvement

Cllr. Greenwood asked if Cropwell Butler Parish Council also contributed towards the Cropwell Cricket Club – Cllr. Moore advised that Cropwell Butler Parish Council do contribute to the Cricket Club with various grants. Cllr. Wroughton proposed we give a grant of £154.35, Cllr. Wilson seconded the proposal all agreed.

It was:

RESOLVED: “To pay a Community Grant of £154.35 towards the cost of pitch improvements”.

Correspondence for Action

410. There were no items for consideration

COVID-19

411. a) The Old School

The Old School will be re-opening on the 17th May 2021, some of the exercise classes will resume week commencing 17th May and some are still to confirm. Bridge Club and Square Dancing are preparing to resume week commencing 21st June and Gardening Club in September. Cllr. Wroughton asked regarding Youth Club if they can run with one bubble of year 6 children with vaccinated volunteers. The rule of 6 is in place from 17th May, and the Clerk was not sure regarding the rules for Youth Club. Further advice will need to be gained from possibly Youth Services. Up until the 17th May the Old School will continue to Host the Food Bank.

412. b) Food Bank

As the building is opening on the 17th May, to maximise capacity of the rooms for bookings we can no longer host the food bank in The Old School. The proposal is week commencing 10th May is to divide all remaining stock between our families and release funds to ensure they have a month of non-perishable stock taking them to the 21st June when restrictions are on track to ease.

Surplus Fair Share we have been receiving from the Cotgrave Community Kitchen will stop on the 8th April as they are moving to smaller premises and will not be able to cater for stock for the outlying villages. We have funds in the Food Bank Account so we will be buying fruit and veg for our families from our funds each week to supplement what they would have received from the surplus Fair Share from Cotgrave.

Any funds remaining week commencing the 10th May will be transferred to Aldi Vouchers and given to our families to see them on till the 21st June.

We will signpost our families to other resources going forward.

Cllr. Wroughton advised that the support group will have to start getting the vulnerable we have been shopping for etc., back out and about once they are double vaccinated etc. Some are reluctant to go back out Cllr. Wroughton said it was a little worrying for some of them. Cllr. Wroughton has spoken to Neil from public health who has suggested a couple of walks be organised to get them out and about again.

413. c) To Consider instruction from NALC – Meetings after the 7th May 2021

NALC have informed us that the Government are still ruling that face to face meetings commence from the 7th May, NALC and the SLCC are still lobbying to get this amended. This would mean for our Parish Council the meeting on the 1st June will be face to face in the Old School. Bridge Club are not running on the 1st June so we can use the big room and be socially distanced. We will have to run a hybrid type meeting where the Councillors are face to face but members of the public are invited to join on Zoom as is the case now. How that will work will need some consideration by the Clerk possibly members of the public will join by an audio link not a video link. The complications will come for the July meeting if Bridge Club have resumed and we are put into the smaller room. Cllr. Allison asked if the upstairs space was big enough instead of using the small room but the Clerk advised it was not big enough due to the big pool table being up there and Cllr. Lacey asked if there was adequate ventilation which the Cllr. Wilson advised there was not so this room is not suitable. Cllr. Bryan asked if the rule was everyone was double vaccinated plus 3 weeks and the Clerk advised that all were supposed to attend socially distanced with the correct ventilation.

If Government Legislation does not change the June meetings forward will be face to face. Cllr. Bryan asked if this was if we all agree – Cllr. Bryan was advised that it was not a choice it was compulsory.

414. c) To Consider Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate – Tuesday 27th April 2021

The instruction came through from NALC that Parish Councils must hold the Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate virtually before the 7th May. Cllr. Wilson has suggested that we save our Olympian guest speaker for when we can have a live meeting and that instead we ask Cllr. Moore to speak on RBC Supporting the Borough through COVID-19. This would give the format of Guest Speaker talking for approx. 15 minutes with Q&A session after followed by Chairman's report and finally questions to the Parish Council. Cllr. Moore advised he was happy to be the guest speaker. The Chairman cannot guarantee being available as he has had his pre-op for knee surgery, Cllr. Gelsthorpe as Vice Chair will read in his absence.

It Was:

RESOLVED: "To hold the Annual Meeting of the Electorate on Tuesday 27th April at 7.00pm"

To Consider Perimeter of Memorial Hall Playing Field

415. Cllr. Lacey asked if everyone had received a copy of the reports and pictures from the Working Group meeting. Cllr. Bryan asked when it had been sent out – the Clerk advised it had been sent as part of the meeting supporting documents they had all received. Cllr. Lacey advised they had been around the perimeter of the playing fields and identified areas of missing hedgerow, fencing etc. with a view to forming a schedule of works for repairs to the boundary which will alleviate any future problems with the perimeter. This will entail a variety of different options i.e. wooden fencing with natural hedgerows as in place now and introduce different types of vegetation, hedgerows, trees, shrubs etc., but also backing that up with some initial protection for those as we are having problems with people pushing through the vegetation breaking it down or even jumping over them. It will help with future security issues when events are being run. There are existing hedgerows there that could be laid to repair the existing gaps, the works can be spread over a 12 month to 2 year period.

Cllr. Greenwood felt the use of natural varied species of hedges was an excellent idea, he was not so happy about the post and chain link type fencing was not so appealing and it would be susceptible to damage – Cllr. Lacey advised these were a temporary measure to be put in place whilst the new planting has time to grow and establish and cannot be trampled down. The Clerk advised the chain link fencing would be needed – as can be seen on Cllr. Lacey drawing the gap near the muga area right next to the gate, a new 6ft established bush was put in place there to stop people accessing there and use the gate right next to it but people just trampled the bush down rather than walk 2 paces to the side and use the gate. Cllr. Lacey said wherever new vegetation has been put in it will need protection – maybe there is a bio-degradable option we could use. Once the hedgerow is established the protection chain link fencing can be removed.

Cllr. Greenwood was not sure if we needed to check the lease with the Landowners to see if we are responsible for both sides of the hedgerows or is the hedge responsibility shared with the adjacent landowners. We had trouble when we did the wild flower planting and the land owners were not happy. The Clerk advised that Parish Council are responsible for the boundary. The clerk read points from the lease regarding the responsibility of the boundaries and it is the Parish Council responsibility. Cllr Bryan said he was in favour of proper hedge laying going around the boundary if that is allowable by the farmer but any more metal fencing he is totally against. Cllr. Greenwood said it is a great shame as there is obviously a great desire to access the playpark easily and they are prepared to push their way through. Cllr. Lacey disagreed with this comment stating they are pushing through and damaging hedges which is not an appropriate way to access our playing fields, Cllr. Wilson pointed out that this is criminal behaviour and it is not acceptable. They have even pushed through at the side of a gate which is a ridiculous situation and smashing down fences is not acceptable. Cllr. Greenwood said if it is criminal damage we need more cameras. Cameras do not work unless we have lighting all the way round to make the footage clear enough. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said it's a country park and all that is not necessary. Cllr. Lacey said if we put an extra access point at the top end we would have 3 access points which is more than enough. Re-instating the hedges is the most economical natural and environmentally friendly option.

Cllr. Greenwood asked if we are using our own in house resources or an outside contractor. Cllr. Lacey said it would need to be an outside contractor on a schedule of works. Cllr. Gelsthorpe asked if this could be hedge laying with existing – Cllr. Lacey said we would have to be advised about that. Cllr. Bryan said there was a single chap who laid hedges from the gated road at Langer coming towards Cropwell and he did it over a few weeks. Cllr. Bryan felt that some of the larger taller hedging at the Memorial Hall could be utilised to lay new hedgerow. Cllr. Wilson said the County Councillor said we could not remove any trees. Cllr. Bryan advised it is using offcuts to relay hedging.

Cllr. Lacey, Cllr. Beazley and Cllr. Wilson formulated the working group and the way forward is to contact a hedge layer to ascertain how to proceed. Cllr. Clarke advised he knew a hedge layer who was very good and reasonably priced, Cllr. Clarke said he would forward his details on to the Working Group.

Cllr. Greenwood said the working group had done an excellent job in completing the first stages of the project and highlighting what was needed.

Cllr. Lacey mentioned that there is a big soil build up in the top corner so this could be moved to the areas where we have dips where transport struggles to get onto the field. This will be a one man job for a day which could be incorporated with the works above.

Action:

“The Working Group are to move to the next stage and investigate a way forward.”.

Village Ranger Inspections

416. The old Viking Push Mower has now finally given up the ghost. The Clerk has instructed Ray to order the new Mulcher agreed at a price of £650 out of reserves for the 2021/22 Budget.

Ray has reported on his quarterly inspection sheets the following:-

Fencing missing – being addressed by agenda item 8 above

Toddler Swings – need applications of WD40 – will be carried out

Multi Play Unit Junior – Required Blue Paint on the Wooden Slats of the Climbing frame – paint purchased last week and the painting will be carried out after the Easter Holidays

Junior Swings – need applications of WD40 – will be carried out

Slide – Required sanding and a coat of red paint of various rust areas – has the paint will be carried out after the Easter Holidays

Outdoor Gym has been re-opened on Monday 29th March as per government guidelines – all checked out and in good working order.

Ray has reported the Zipwire needs 7 replacement boards on the stand. Ray doesn't know where to source this wood from and cannot undo the huge Philips screw heads holding the boards in place. Cllr. Wilson asked if it was something Cllr. Lacey could look at (the Clerk showed the Parish Council a picture of the boards that are damaged). It would be ideal to replace the boards prior to our RoSPA inspection in May. Cllr. Lacey said it will be a basic decking board.

Action:

Cllr. Lacey and Cllr. Wilson will go up and have a look to see what can be done taking it forward.

Transport

417. **a) A Better Bus Service for Cropwell Bishop and Hollygate Estate**

Cllr. Greenwood advised that on Cllr. Clarke's advice in January this year, Cllr. Greenwood communicated with Chris Ward at County regarding the problems/inefficiency of the two busses on the 33 bus service and suggesting how they might reschedule the timings to give us a much more direct service and commuter service and a link to Radcliffe On Trent. Cllr. Greenwood got a reply from Chris Ward on the 26th March, which was helpful to show that the County are busy looking at all the aspects of transport and difficulties within the Covid climate. This response did not focus at all on the problems with our inefficient bus service therefore, Cllr. Greenwood has put together a draft note (included in your supporting documents) to Cllr. Clarke and Ruth Edwards MP, trying to get Ruth Edwards to push things along a bit to get some focus on our problems as she has an initiative to improve rural bus services. Cllr. Greenwood asked for any comments on his proposed notes. Cllr. Wilson thought it was very good and he would support the letter going off. Cllr. Greenwood linked the letter to the S.106 agreement for the new development (thank you Cllr. Moore for pointing us in the direction of this information) where we have £21,500 for 3 month bus passes presumably for the new residents of the properties to be built, £90K for frequency and capacity enhancements which Cllr. Greenwood has suggested this be focused on an evening service and £7k for augmentation of bus stops at the Maltings. There is an additional £253,380 which is to go to the School to increase the capacity there. On the bus side Cllr. Greenwood made the point this monies would be sensibly used towards the improvement of the service. Cllr. Wilson proposed we send the letter off, Cllr. Bryan seconded it all agreed.

It Was

RESOLVED: "To send the letter proposed by Cllr. Greenwood".

Highways & Footpaths Defects/Issues

418. **a) Traffic Calming System - Update**

Cllr. Clarke advised there is no difference to last month, they are still dealing with the objections.

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

Cllr. Clarke advised we are still trying to find a slot in the programme where they can include it.

420. **c) To Consider 20mph Speed Limit Hoe View Road & Central Village Locations**

Cllr. Bryan said that when the new development is in place on Church Street a good deal of traffic will use Hoe View Road. There is already a terrific amount of speeding along this road already. Cllr. Bryan said there was already lots of housing areas in and around West Bridgford that were already 20mph and would like to investigate this for Hoe View Road and other areas in Cropwell Bishop going forward. Cllr. Bryan said he did

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not know what the legalities were but he would like to see 20mph throughout Cropwell Bishop. Cllr. Storer said you can put advisories around the village areas where there is a school (the Clerk advised we already have these around the school area) and Cllr. Wroughton asked if they were enforceable. Cllr. Clarke advised the advisory ones are not enforceable. Cllr. Clarke advised we should manage our expectations with the enforceable 20mph signs as there has to be a specific reason for a speed limit because if you just have a lower limit with no reason people will just ignore it. In terms of Hoe View Road the engineers who assess it will ask what is the hazard. Cllr. Lacey asked if we could put a pedestrian crossing in but again there is no criteria for it. Cllr. Clarke said the whole topic of reduced speed signs is being looked at but it is not in place yet. Maybe after the elections we could consider doing a petition for being put forward on a constituency basis.

421. Cllr. Wilson asked for a vote to extend standing orders to 9.15pm All Agreed.

It Was:

RESOLVED: "To extend standing orders to 9.15pm".

Cllr. Clarke continued by saying he would check up on exactly what the position is on reduced speeding limits To be circulated as a starting point. In a month or so time we can start looking at the best way to proceed. Cllr. Bryan asked if we could leave it on the agenda for next month.

Cllr. Greenwood said if we had a 20mph sign on Nottingham Road as you come into the village just before Hoe View, and on Cropwell Butler Road before you reach Hoe View Road and one on Fern Road before Stockwell Lane, this would lead people in from the 30mph to the 20mph gradually and have a 20mph in the core of the village. Cllr. Greenwood can see a workable restriction of this sort as it needs to be a gradual decreasing of the limit.

Cllr. Clarke advised it went onto the June Agenda as the position in May will be no different to now. All agreed.

422. Cllr. Greenwood said we did not get the hedges cut on Cropwell Butler Road by Russell Price. The Clerk and her husband cut the worst off one Sunday. Cllr. Clarke advised he had spoken to Russell about it two to three months ago, as had the Clerk, Cllr. Clarke advised there were bits hanging over the footpath. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said there were bad bits at eye level which is quite dangerous. The slot has been missed as we cannot cut it now due to nesting birds.

423. Cllr. Bryan reported that some of the fencing at the Mill Lane side of the Co-op boundary is damaged and looking unsightly.

Action:

The Clerk is to contact the Co-op to ask them to make good the fencing.

The Environment

424. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said the litter pickers have been out doing a great job and they would like to contact them and join them but could find no contact details. Cllr. Allison said they were active on Facebook for contact but Cllr. Gelsthorpe is not on Facebook. Cllr. Allison advised her dad was active alongside Sue Ward and Natalie Pearson. Cllr. Allison will pass on Godfreys details to Judith and the Clerk will pass on Sue Ward's details.

Cllr. Greenwood said they were doing an excellent job of keeping the village entrances looking clean and tidy. Cllr. Greenwood said linked to that could rural policing include some observation of littering and catching offenders when litter is being thrown out of windows. Could they focus some facilities in this area? Cllr. Moore advised it is not the police but RBC. RBC have employed a company called Wise to focus on the litter and fly tipping. Cllr. Moore said if you see someone throwing litter out of a car and you take their number and are prepared to make a statement they will deal with it on your behalf. There has been another fly tip off the Old A46 today. Cllr. Greenwood asked would the police not get involved at all? Cllr. Moore advised that the police do not have the time or the resources to deal with this.

Councillors Reports

425. Cllr. Wilson advised he had been approached by John Hallam regarding an owl box up at the allotment site. This is being progressed forward with the landowners at the site.

Correspondence for Information

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

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Date of Next Meeting

- 427.** Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate
4th May 2021 at 6.45pm via Zoom Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by
4th May 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm

Chairman's Signature:	Date:
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