

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

7.00pm At the Old School and Virtual Meeting via Zoom. A Recording Is Available on the Website

(The meeting started at 7.02pm and finished at 8.30pm)

Present (at the Old School): Cllrs. W. Allison, M. Beazley, C. Bryan, J. Gelsthorpe, J. Greenwood, J. Lacey, A. Wilson (Chairman), Cllr. Wroughton & joined by Co-opted member Cllr. I. McEachran

In Attendance (at the Old School): Mrs J. Towndrow (Clerk), Cllr. Clarke N.C.C. Cllr. G. Moore & residents – 2 residents attended virtually via Zoom

Apologies Approved

92. None Received

Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda

93. Cllrs. Gelsthorpe & Wroughton Agenda Item 4 21/01293/FUL
The Agenda was confirmed.
94. Standing Orders were suspended at 7.03pm 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

Cllr. Wilson read the crime figures from 24th April to date:

25/4/21 – Theft from motor – catalytic converter stolen off car – Hoe View Road

12/5/21 – Theft of motor – broken down vehicle stolen from roadside – Fosse Road A46

11/5/21 – Burglary – Attempt theft of forklift from shed – Harby Lane

21/5/21 – Burglary -High value theft of non-ferrous metal – B. Allsop & Sons

22/5/21 – Theft – Copper Piping stolen from garden – The Fosse

30/5/21 – Theft of motor vehicle – Vehicle stolen overnight from side of A46 whilst awaiting recovery

95. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.04pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

96. It Was:
RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the ACM and Ordinary meeting held on 1st June 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress

97. **M.340 – 2/2/21 – Community Research Project – Children's Path Games**
Sharon Pyke has now put forward the questionnaire for the Cropwell News and websites – we wish to put the questionnaire in the July edition of the Cropwell News with the Parish Council's approval. There are two other documents to run alongside the questionnaire - the Information Participant Consent Form and Participant Information Sheet, the supporting documents will be on the websites and the online version of the questionnaire. Residents will be able to request a paper copy from the Parish Clerk or fill in electronically. Cllr. Bryan proposed we continue with the questionnaire, Cllr. Wroughton seconded, all agreed.
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: "All Councillors resolves to progress with the questionnaire".
98. **M.76 – 1/6/21 – To Consider Thank-you Letter to Ruth Edwards MP regarding 33 Service Support COMPLETE:** The Clerk sent the letter as put forward at the meeting.

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99. **M.82 – 1/5/21 – Interactive Speed Sign Cropwell Butler Road**

The Clerk received correspondence from N.C.C. advising the price of the Interactive Speed Sign was £9,200.00. Some Councillors were not in agreement to pay the higher fee than the £8,680 agreed at the 1/6/21 Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk wrote to Cllr. Clarke to see if there was anything he could do with regards to the price increase – Cllr. Clarke spoke to Laura Trussler of VIA who agreed to fund the increase in price and the Parish Council would fund the £8,680 previously agreed. The Clerk then advised Highways the Parish Council wished to proceed.

Cllr. Clarke has visited site with Highways and agreed a site location for the sign directly adjacent to the junction of Shelton Gardens, subject to available electricity supply.

100. **M.83 – 1/6/21 – New Development Church Street – Lorries Illegally Turning/Road Surface**

Cllr. Clarke visited site with Laura Trussler following reports from the Parish Council that heavy goods vehicles for the site were struggling to access the site off Church Street and instead were going round the corner and reversing onto Hoe View Road. N.C.C. Development Control Team contacted Bloor Homes to advise that not only is the manoeuvre dangerous, but it is also contrary to the Highway Code and was contravening what had been agreed with planning through a condition in the Construction Management Plan. They were advised the situation is causing considerable distress to residents and asked the problem to be addressed as soon as possible. Bloor homes were instructed to review the access arrangements to ensure that they are suitable for the size of vehicles seeking to enter the site and that their suppliers and delivery vehicles use the correct delivery route to the site and must not use residential roads for turning - As a result of this action, the developer has widened the access point to the site - Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised there was a concrete delivery lorry that used Hoe View as a turning point this morning.

Cllr. Clarke also raised concerns that there is no wheel wash at the site and wanted to know if this was a requirement of the planning for the site. Cllr. Clarke is going to raise this issue with Development Control.

Bloor Homes have been notified of the road surface issues and issued a notice to reinstate the road surface when the development is finished.

101. **M.84 – 1/6/21 – Wildflower Seed/Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer**

COMPLETE: Cllr. Allison contacted Angus McEachran to help with planting the wildflower seeds along the pathway up towards Kinoulton Road and the Small Trees Nursery. The seed has been planted which should see flowering results next spring. An article has been written by Cllr. Allison for the July Cropwell News.

Angus McEachran is taking part in weekly litter picking in and around the village as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

102. Cllr. Wilson asked the Parish Council if we could move Agenda Item 7) To Consider Co-Option for Parish Councillor Vacancy up the agenda and hear that item next? All Councillors agreed. It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: "To move Agenda Item 7 up the agenda to be heard next".

To Consider Co-option for Parish Council Vacancy

103. Cllr. Wilson asked if candidates would speak to the meeting – the meeting were advised one of the candidates for the position had withdrawn their application earlier that day.

Cllr. Wilson invited Iain McEachran to address the meeting and tell the meeting a little about himself. Iain spoke to the meeting about his application. Cllr. Greenwood asked if he was aware what was happening with Council Matters? Iain advised he has seen some of the minutes but not the most recent ones. Cllr. Lacey asked what his skill set was, and Iain explained his working history. Cllr. Wilson asked him why he wanted to be a Parish Councillor. Iain explained he had thought about it when previous vacancies had arisen, and he decided this time was the right time to apply.

Cllr. Wilson asked for a vote to Co-opt Iain onto the Parish Council, Cllr. Wroughton proposed Iain McEachran be Co-opted, Cllr. Bryan seconded.

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: "Iain McEachran be Co-Opted as a Parish Councillor and he was invited to take a seat at the table. Cllr. McEachran signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed for receipt of the Members Code of Conduct".

Planning Matters & Applications

104. **RBC Grant Permission: 21/01144/FUL**- Construction of detached garage in timber clad blockwork with fibreglass flat roof – Long Hey, 5 The Maltings, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DA
NOTED
105. **RBC Grant Permission: 21/01192/FUL**- Single storey extension to garage frontage and replacement of Velux rooflight with dormer – 11 Smiths Close, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DU
NOTED
106. **RBC Grant Permission: 21/01451/FUL**- Erection of single storey wooden cabin to rear for hairdressing business use – Giles View, 5A Stockwell Lane, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BX
NOTED
107. **RBC New Application: 21/01293/FUL**- Proposed series of two storey extension and remodelling of the house together with the construction of a double garage/store with loft storage over – 5 Thurlby Close, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DX (amended redline application site plan). Cllr's Gelsthorpe & Wroughton did not vote as have declared an interest.
It Was:
RESOLVED: "NO OBJECTION".
108. **RBC New Application: 21/01621/FUL** – Removal of existing failing boundary walls and hedges – replace with new brick walls onto existing footings – 5A Fern Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BU
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: "NO OBJECTION".
109. **RBC New Application: 21/01689/FUL**: Two storey extensions to rear and side and demolition of garage to provide parking – 15 Mill Lane, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BT
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: "NO OBJECTION".
110. **RBC New Application: 21/01807/VAR**- Removal of condition 2 of planning permission Ref: 20/00899/PAJ to allow commercial use for food retail – Site of Old Co-op, Church Street, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DB
Cllr. Moore contacted the licencing department with regards to the alcohol licence which has been applied for for these premises. As a result, the application has agreed to reduce the hours of the licence application to match those of the existing Co-op so will close at 10.00pm. There remain some issues with the parking in this location and Cllr. Moore will speak to Gregory Sharman the planning officer for this application.
- Cllr. Gelsthorpe said she felt we could host another shop in the village, but the Parish Council must insist that adequate provision is provided for the parking of delivery lorries. Cllr. Gelsthorpe felt the area would suffer the issues brought about through lazy parking from our residents. The Parish Council felt they could not object so long as the following conditions were met: Strict adherence to opening hours as per licensing (license already given) and Facilities for unloading of vehicles – create enough space down the side of the building for deliveries.
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: "NO OBJECTION with comments regarding the above two issues".
111. Cllr. Lacey raised an issue with regards to an access point being created at 4 Hardys Close, and a further provisional planning application had been put in 21/01855/PAA. This application has not been seen by either the Clerk or Cllr. Moore.
Action: The Clerk is to write to Andrew Pegram with regards to this new application to advise that the neither the Parish Council nor Cllr. Moore have seen site of it. Cllr Moore advised that this had been reported to the enforcement officers who are due to visit site this week. Cllr. Clarke advised that the works to the driveway were engineering works and would therefore need planning permission. The Parish Council will await the outcome of the enforcement officer's visit.

Finance

112. **a) Financial Statement up to 30th June 2021**
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: "To approve the financial statement."

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113. **b) Payments made up to Juen 30th 2021 and awaiting July 2021**

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: "To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 159."

114. **b) Receipts and Payments Reports April-June 2021**

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: "To approve the Receipts and Payments Reports April-June 2021."

Correspondence for Action

115. There were no items to discuss.

COVID-19

116. **a) The Old School**

There are currently no changes awaiting the announcement on the 12th July regarding moving to stage 4..

Update on the Memorial Hall Building

117. Cllr. Beazley advised that there will be an article in the July Cropwell News inviting residents to write to the committee with their views on the surveys and how they wish to take the Memorial Hall forward. Structural reports will be posted on the Village Plan website.

Cllr. Allison asked if Cllr. Beazley was still the only trustee? Cllr. Beazley advised that after further investigation it transpires that every committee member is a trustee, Cllr. Beazley is just the main point of contact so the only trustee listed in the legal documentation. Cllr. Bryan asked how many were on the committee? Cllr. Beazley advised there were 7 committee members.

Cllr. Wilson had a copy of the original charities commission paperwork – it was handed to the Clerk for filing in the Parish Council Memorial Hall records file.

Village Ranger Inspections

118. The Chairman read the report for the Ranger/Lengthsman.

The Ranger has now received the Mulcher and is happy with the equipment.

The Ride on Mower has been inspected by Henton & Chattel following it making a laboured sound when in drive mode. Following the inspection they advised we are fine to continue to use it as there is no problem with the machine.

The Platform of the Zip Wire has been painted and Cllr. Wilson and the Ranger re-tensioned the wire in early June.

The Ranger raised concerns to the Clerk regarding the condition of the verges when Western Power have finished works. When the holes are back filled they are left very uneven and not rolled over, which means the ride on mower cannot cut the grass properly. The Clerk has reported this to Heather Pynegar to ask for this to be done going forward.

Transport

119. **a) To Consider Letter of Support to N.C.C. Regarding the Proposed 92 Bus Service**

Cllr. Greenwood submitted a letter for approval by the Parish Council to N.C.C. in support of the proposed 92 Bus Service by Vectare. Cllr. Greenwood suggested we also copy the letter to adjacent villages to raise awareness that there may be a service coming from the S.106 agreement. Bloor Homes have said the first occupation is likely to take place in March 2022 and the S106 of £90K will become available at that time. Vectare could run this service for 3 years with support from the S106 funding. Cllr. Greenwood wished to request the service be introduced earlier say September of this year with funding from the Covid recovery funding, city rejuvenation funding, or perhaps "borrowing" of funds from the forthcoming S106 agreement.

Cllr. Moore advise Bloor would not advance any funds as they had a lot of monies to release before this point. Cllr. Clarke felt we would not be successful with this attempt to release funds early. Cllr. Greenwood said he felt we should ask N.C.C to forward funds early.

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Cllr. Greenwood said he would still like to ask for early advancement of funds but both Cllr. Moore and Cllr. Clarke said it was impossible to have early release of funds. Cllr. Moore felt it would be better to start the service in 2022 and use the funding for 3 years from that point.

The Parish Council agreed to send the intent letter of support to Vectare but not to ask for early release of funds. Cllr. Greenwood will send a revised letter through to the Clerk to send to Vectare.

It Was:

RESOLVED: "To send the letter of intent of support by the Parish Council to Vectare for approval and ask them to let us know when they have submitted their application to operate the service and we will then circulate our letter of support to N.C.C."

Highways & Footpaths Defects/Issues

120. a) Traffic Calming System Nottingham Road - Update

Cllr. Clarke advised the scheme is due to go to committee in September where a decision will be made on the scheme.

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

Cllr. Clarke advised there has been no change on this scheme.

122. Cllr. Clarke had received an email from the Clerk regarding overgrown verges blocking the view as you exit from the Canalside Industrial Estate. The verges have now been cut back so visibility should be improved.

123. Cllr. Gelsthorpe raised the issue of the hedgerows growing onto the footpaths between Cropwell Bishop and Cropwell Butler. You have to come off the footpath onto the road to pass a lot of it. The Clerk and Cllr. Clarke requested this be cut back by Russell Price on numerous occasions prior to the nesting season. Cllr. Clarke said he would speak to Laura Trussler of VIA as it was now a matter of safety and there won't be any nesting birds in the outer branches. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said there were families walking from Tythby to school in the morning and they are having to use the roadway.

Action: Cllr. Clarke will speak to Laura Trussler.

124. Cllr. Greenwood said the permissive footpath on Russell Prices land had not progressed, and now the verges are overgrown so there is now no route to walk down. Cllr. Greenwood wondered if Cllr. Clarke could meet with Russell Price to pursue the permissive footpath with him further. Cllr. Clarke said Russell Price would become liable for any accidents or injury that take place on that land and Russell Price has made it clear he will not offer a permissive footpath on this land. The hedgerows will be cut back after the 1st August when nesting season is over.

125. Cllr. Wilson read an e-mail from James Middleton to the Parish Council regarding the sub-station on the central village green behind Newberry Close (A copy of this email is attached to the minutes). Parish Councillors stated there are sub-stations in other gardens in the village.

Cllr. Moore advised that the Electro Magnetic Fields are a very grey area. Cllr. Moore has escalated this to Ruth Edwards MP, they are happy to escalate this with the senior management of Western Power. This sub station is 7.5mtrs from Mr. Middleton's home and 5mtrs from another property and the recommended distance is 8mtrs. Cllr. Moore also checked with RBC Planning and Western Power can just put sub stations in without permissions. Cllr. Lacey said if they do move the sub-station further away from the properties it will then impede further into the green play space and walkways.

Cllr. Moore said the Parish Council should decide if they wish to support Mr. Middleton and contact Ruth Edwards MP to say they also support the residents with this issue.

It Was:

RESOLVED: "The Clerk will write to Ruth Edwards MP to support Mr. Middleton and Cllr. Moore".

The Environment

126. Cllr. Allison said there was nothing further to report other than the seeds being planted. Cllr. Wroughton asked if there was any more seed available for an area at school. Cllr. Moore advised there would be some more next year from R.B.C. Cllr. Allison said there was some left from the planting carried out and Cllr. Wroughton could have this for the school.

Councillors Reports

127. Cllr. Greenwood thanked Cllr. Moore for the information on the CIL funding. Cllr. Greenwood felt we could use some of this for off road parking, tennis courts or support for the Memorial Hall. Cllr. Moore advised the CIL will be split into two parts the strategic CIL £315,000 which goes into a big pot paid in 4 instalments and will go to a scrutiny group which will decide how the CIL is spent. If the Parish Council have any ideas of what they wish some of this monies to be spent on then pass your ideas to the Clerk to put forward.

The Parish Council will get 15% of the CIL equating to £47,221.00 by April 2023 in four instalments of £11,805.00. The Parish Council in the annual report must report how they have or will spend it.

If the Parish Council wish to have a share of the central pot, they must put a bid in, and the Memorial Hall would be a good project to apply for.

Correspondence for Information

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

Date of Next Meeting

129. 7th September at 7.00pm at The Old School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman's Signature:	Date:
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E-mail Reference for M.125

From: James Middleton
Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 11:24:12 AM
To: hpynegar@westernpower.co.uk <hpynegar@westernpower.co.uk>
Cc: Cllr G Moore <cllr.GMoore@rushcliffe.gov.uk>
Subject: Cropwell Bishop Substation Complaint

Dear Heather,

I got your contact details from my local Councillor Gordon Moore, who I have cc'd in to this email.

I am writing to you in relation to the new electric substation that is being constructed on the village green in Cropwell Bishop next to our house on New Berry Close.

We would like to lodge an official complaint about this construction and express our extreme concern. We also request that you reconsider the continued progress with the construction and relocate the substation to a more appropriate place that has less of a negative impact on local residents.

Our main concern is that the substation is extremely close to both our property (14 New Berry Close) and our neighbour's property (9 New Berry Close). The substation is only approximately 7 metres and 5 meters from these dwellings respectively. Our concerns in this regard are related to the electricmagnetic field (EMF) and associated radiation and health risks and also the devaluation of these properties resale values.

We, along with many other residents of the village, are also concerned about the huge negative impact that this substation has on the village green in which it is located. This is an area where children play, residents walk dogs and local people generally enjoy open green space. The decision to locate a substation in this area seems extremely ill considered and potentially damaging to the safety and wellbeing of the people in the local area, especially when considering there are alternative locations in the proximity where this impact could be greatly reduced.

We appreciate that the infrastructure serving the village needs to be updated however we would expect some consideration for residents when doing this.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and provide a response as soon as possible addressing these concerns and outlining your plans for this substation.

Regards,

Mr and Dr Middleton