

Minutes of Meeting
Cropwell Bishop Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting – 5th October 2021

7.00pm At the Old School

(The meeting started at 7.04pm and finished at 8.32pm)

Present (at the Old School): Cllrs. W. Allison, C. Bryan, M. Beazley, J. Gelsthorpe, J. Greenwood, J. Lacey, I. McEachran, & A. Wilson (Chairman)

In Attendance (at the Old School): Mrs J. Towndrow (Clerk), & 2 residents

Apologies Approved

174. Cllr. Wroughton – Family Sickness, Cllr. N. Clarke (N.C.C.) – Isolating, Cllr. G Moore (R.B.C) Poorly

Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda

175. Non-Received
The Agenda was confirmed.
176. 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

There were no Parishioners Questions

Crime Figures

Cllr. Wilson read the crime figures for August 14th to date:

02/09/21 – Theft from motor – catalytic converter stolen Hoe View Road

10/09/21 – Criminal damage – front window of house damaged Fern Road

10/09/21 – Theft – Tools stolen from building site Church Street

20/09/21 – Theft – Digger stolen from building Site Church Street

177. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.06pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

178. It Was:
RESOLVED: “That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2021 were confirmed as a true record” and signed by the Chairman.

Progress

179. **M.123 – 6/7/21 – Overgrown Hedgerows & M.160 7/9/21 – Footpath at the Rear of Hoe View Road**
The Clerk has again chased up Samworth Farms regarding the cutting of the hedgerows on Cropwell Butler Road and those on the Footpath at the rear of Hoe View Road. Kirsty Hill from Samworths confirmed these would be cut once the maize harvest was done. However, Cropwell Butler Road has been cut back on the 5th October so the only one remaining outstanding is the Footpath at the rear of Hoe View Road.
180. **M.136 – 7/9/21 – Sub Station**
Notification has been received from Dave Hewitt of Western Power to advise the works are due to commence on moving the substation from Newberry Close to the location behind St. Giles way at the end of week commencing 27th September or at the beginning of the following week.
181. **M.146 – 7/9/21 – Ranger Car Allowance**
COMPLETE
182. **M.147 – 7/9/21 – Community Grant – Elliot Sibley Swim School**
COMPLETE

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183. **M.165 – 7/9/21 – The Environment – Flower Bulbs COVID Memorial**
COMPLETE – The bulbs have been planted in the Pinfold thank you to Pam Wregg and Maggie Shirran for volunteering to plant these on behalf of the Parish Council. They have been planted in clumps around the site and Pam has done a sketch of the location for future reference.

Planning Matters & Applications

184. **RBC Grant Permission: 20/01689/FUL** – Two storey extensions to rear and side and demolition of garage to provide parking – 15 Mill Lane, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BT
NOTED
185. **RBC New Application: 21/02474/FUL** – Single Storey Side Extension, new timber cladding to house, windows, demolition of existing garage and outbuildings – 5 Colston Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BJ
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “NO OBJECTION”.
186. **RBC New Application: 21/02638/FUL** – Single storey rear and side extensions – 24 St. Giles Way, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DW
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “NO OBJECTION”.

Finance

187. **a) Financial Statement up to 30th September 2021**
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “To approve the financial statement.”
188. **b) Payments made up to September 30th 2021 and awaiting October 2021**
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 161.”
189. **c) Receipts and Payments Reports July-September 2021**
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “To approve the Receipts & Payments Reports July – September 2021.”
190. **d) To Consider Lease Invoice for Memorial Hall Playing Fields 2021-2022**
The invoice for 2021-2022 in line with the current rate of inflation is £2,181.59. Cllr. Greenwood proposed we pay the invoice Cllr. Allison seconded.
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “To approve the payment of £2,181.59”
191. **e) To Consider Annual Parish Council Insurance Renewal**
Cllr. Bryan proposed we accept the 3 year LTA with Hiscox Insurance, Cllr. Wilson seconded.
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “To enter into a 3 year LTA with Hiscox and pay this year’s premium of £2,825.41.”

Correspondence for Action

192. **a) To Consider attendance to the Annual Town & Parish Conference Thursday 4th November 9.15am at Rushcliffe Arena**
It Was:
RESOLVED: “Cllrs. Bryan, & Wilson to attend alongside the Clerk. Cllr. McEachran will confirm if he can attend.”

Community Research Project

193. Sharon Pyke submitted a progress report to the Parish Council (a copy of the report is attached to the minutes) outlining works carried out since the last meeting. Works for an indicative quote for the project will be progressed in October. A further progress report will be put to the Parish Council meeting in November. Cllr. Greenwood asked if R.B.C. were aware we were considering this project - the Clerk advised that they had been consulted.

Bonfire Fireworks Event – Catering/Refreshments

194. Cllr. Wilson advised we needed volunteers to set up the viewing barrier, open the gate for fireworks team, lighting the beacon and signalling to fireworks team the start time as we have no PA. It was suggested we use a megaphone to announce the countdown. Cllr. Lacey and Cllr. Wilson will meet the fireworks team/set up the barrier, turn on floodlights and do the lighting of the Beacon.

As the catering people have cancelled for more lucrative bookings we need to consider catering/refreshments for the event. Cllr. Lacey suggested we change the poster to say bring your own drinks. Cllr. Gelsthorpe proposed sweet bags with marshmallows/Haribo and Bonfire toffee are put together for the children to be given out free at the event – Cllr. Wilson seconded and all agreed.

It Was

RESOLVED: “Cllr. Gelsthorpe will shop for the sweets and meet with the Clerk & Cllr. Allison prior to the event to bag up the sweets. The Clerk to issue new posters advising of the changes. Clerk to source a megaphone – suggested we contact Cllr. Wroughton to see if the school have one we could borrow.”

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

195. It was suggested that it would be more appropriate in the current COVID climate that we run a senior citizens party in the spring. Cllr. Gelsthorpe proposed a spring event with chocolates purchased for the residents of Rawlings Court when the choir goes to do a Christmas carol service – Cllr. Allison seconded.

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: “To postpone the event until the spring and provide chocolates at the Christmas Carol service.”

Update on the Memorial Hall Building

196. Cllr. Beazley advised that there had been a further committee meeting where it was agreed a single page questionnaire in an envelope would be delivered alongside the next Cropwell News. These will be collected by the committee members. Nigel Lockley is now the Secretary and Dave Wisson has taken the Chairman position. Cllr. Beazley will stay on as acting Chairman to support Dave Wisson for the short term.

Cllr. Beazley advised that clothes bank had appeared at the Memorial Hall. They had contacted R.B.C. who advised these were placed by a rogue company at local recycling banks. They come to empty it in the night when there is no one around. The Memorial Hall committee have written to the contact details on the unit twice and have now threatened removal of the unit and charges will be made for storage. They did get a response to say the unit will be collected imminently.

Village Ranger Inspections

197. The Ranger is now commencing his winter hours. The Ranger asked the Clerk to put a notice out that if anyone wished to use fallen leaves for mulch over the winter there will be some tonne bags left by the gate of the Old School where people can come and collect it if they need it. The Clerk has put a notice out on the village social media pages regarding it and advised the allotment group.

The Old School

198. **a) Entertainments, Activities & User Update Report**

Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised that 31 tickets were sold for Mumbo Jumbo so we should break even on the event. The fees to Live & Local were £330 plus 70% of ticket yield over and above the £330. Cllr. Greenwood asked if it was a good show, Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised it was a good show and lively enough. Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised that she and Steve Gelsthorpe would do a write up of the event for the next Cropwell News.

The second planned event is a Cinema on the 19th of November showing “In The Heights”. As of yet they are unsure how this will go but felt a test event was needed to see how it goes.

Transport

199. Cllr. Greenwood advised there was currently nothing to report.

Highways & Footpaths Defects/Issues

200. a) Traffic Calming System Nottingham Road - Update

Cllr. Clarke advised the scheme had been approved at Committee. It should not be long before works are scheduled for completion.

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

Tony Jarrow did a walk along this footpath and advised due to the hedgerows it is very narrow a horse rider and dog walker could not pass safely. This is a Bridleway so horses can go down it.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Samworth Farms again and request the hedges cutback is given urgent attention.

202. c) To Consider Nottingham Road – Pedestrian Safety – Widening of Footpath

ACTION: Clerk to re send the email to Cllr. Clarke requesting the proposal be put forward to VIA East Midlands for consideration.

203. d) To Consider Installation of Pedestrian Crossing – Nottingham Road at the Canal Point and Move Speed Sign

Cllr. Clarke commented that he assumed the crossing is mainly to facilitate walkers along the canal other than local crossing? He advised he would put it to Laura Trussler of VIA. There is a precedent down the other side of the Stragglethorpe junction where there is a light controlled pedestrian crossing, although he was not sure how the traffic volume would compare with the village site. An interesting suggestion, but highlighted they are immensely expensive. Cllr. Greenwood suggested 'Grantham Canal, beware pedestrians crossing' signs at the Canal side similar to those at the Hollygate Lane canal crossing in Cotgrave. He also suggested '3-2-1' count down signs before the 30mph sign might be considered.

ACTION: Await a response from Cllr. Clarke and leave on the Agenda for November.

204. e) To Consider Site for Off Road Village Car Park

Richard Barlow contacted the Clerk to advise he leases the land from John Heaselden so the decision would have to come from him. However, he felt this was not a suitable location for off street parking due to the dangers of exiting onto the highway in this location. No response has been received from John Heaselden.

ACTION: "Clerk to send a second letter to John Heaselden."

205. Cllr. Bryan spoke regarding the new shop which will be coming to the old Co-op site on Church Street, he said it will be interesting to see the effect on traffic around the new Co-op site. It may alleviate some of the issues.

206. Cllr. Wilson advised the position for the new Speed Sign on Butler Road had been approved and the works will take place as soon as the unit has arrived.

The Environment

207. Cllr. Allison advised the Wildflower Bombs had now been plated at the back of Salvin Close. Mel Stanley had contacted the clerk to ask if any snowdrop bulbs could be purchased for the footpath that runs behind the Old School to encourage early pollinators. The Clerk has purchased the bulbs and Mel Stanley is planting them.

Cllr. Allison advised that together with Pam Wregg they were working on the village Environment Map. Willow had started to put a map together to go on the website with the wildlife policy. The map was looking very good and the Parish Council thanked her and Pam for their work.

ACTION: "Clerk to contact the weed spraying team at N.C.C/R.B.C. to request they do not weed spray the area behind Salvin Close.

Cllr. Wilson advised he had received a piece regarding the protection of hedgerows which he would forward on to the Clerk and other Councillors.

Councillors Reports

208. Cllr. Wilson reported he had met with John Cowburn re the sighting and the progression of the Christmas Tree. The tree will be sighted nearer to the front of the pinfold and piping fed under the slabs and pipes for the wiring. They approached the local resident who has no issues with the tree lights being on.

Whilst at the Pinfold it was pointed out that the sign on the pinfold was being covered with overhanging branches.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Ray to check over the pinfold and advise if we need to contact any residents.

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Correspondence for Information

209. There is no folder for circulation this type of information is being e-mailed.

Date of Next Meeting

210. 2nd November at 7.00pm at The Old School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32pm

Chairman's Signature:	Date:
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