

Minutes of Meeting  
**Cropwell Bishop Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

**7.00pm At the Old School**

(The meeting started at 7.03pm and finished at 8.30pm)

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

**In Attendance (at the Old School):** 10 residents

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**Apologies Approved**

211. Cllr. Wroughton – Sick, Cllr. N. Clarke (N.C.C.) – prior meeting, Cllr. G Moore (R.B.C) Poorly

**Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda**

212. Non-Received  
The Agenda was confirmed.
213. 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**

*Vicky Ellis Raised issues with planning application 21/02761/FUL for 5 – 7 Nottingham Road. There are serious concerns from the residents regarding access onto the road and the planning application is incorrect. All the cottages have 2 parking spaces allocated to them; however, Vicky's parking space is included in the new application. Vicky will write to the planning department to advise of this.*

*Allan Watts of Rawlings Court raised issues with public transport – it is not working. Many cancelled services, elderly from Rawlings Court suffer. The question was asked “why does this service go all around Cotgrave? It takes so long?”. Cllr. Greenwood discussed how crazy this route is and advised the Parish Council has raised this many times with N.C.C. and the 33 service providers. Mr. Watts also stated that the Vectare Bus is not fit for purpose to Bingham – people can't get down the aisles with shopping as it is too narrow.*

*Pam Wregg asked if the Parish Council had received any confirmation from Rushcliffe Police or RBC, that following a recent review of their priorities the Police were cancelling their support for their Community Road Safety initiative (known as Speedwatch). During Covid the Police had suspended operations using the equipment they provided. Pam will make enquiries with the Police.*

**Crime Figures**

*None Received*

214. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.15pm.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

215. It Was:  
**RESOLVED:** “That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were confirmed as a true record” and signed by the Chairman.

**Progress**

216. **M.180 – 5/10/21 – Sub Station**  
**COMPLETE:** The Sub Station has been relocated to the small green behind St. Giles Way. An email was received from P. Storer requesting assurances re EMF's. The Clerk wrote to Western Power asking for information on EMF's – D. Hewitt of Western Power forwarded the information which the Clerk sent on to P. Storer.
217. **M.190 – 5/10/21 – Memorial Hall Playing Field Lease Invoice**  
**COMPLETE:** The invoice for £2,181.59 has been paid

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### 218. M.191 – 5/10/21 – Annual Parish Council Insurance Renewal

**COMPLETE:** The invoice for £2,825.41 has been paid and a 3-year LTA agreement entered into.

### 219. M.204 5/10/21 – Site For Off Road Village Car Park

John Heaselden has responded to the Clerks second letter as follows: -

Thank you for your letter regarding the Off-Road Parking and my apologies for the late reply.

I have been in touch with all of our tenants who are living directly in between the entrance and exit driveways of the proposed car park off Fern Rd.

They all gave the same very strong feedback that it would be quite dangerous to have vehicles entering and exiting throughout the whole day and then late into the evening, combined with all the noise and disruption as well.

This would be most felt by Ms. Katy Clark, who lives at 1 Nottingham Rd, where the entrance driveway would come right next to her property and also the same for Mrs. Janet Fisher at 6 Fern Rd, on the exit side.

I have also spoken to Mr. Richard Barlow who has rented this field from us for many years, and he also strongly objects to the siting of the proposed car park.

I fully appreciate that there is a parking problem that needs to be addressed, but unfortunately, I do not think that this area would be suitable.

### 220. M.208 – 5/10/21 – Christmas Tree/Overhanging Branches Pinfold

**COMPLETE:** Cllr. Wilson and John Cowburn have completed the underground works for the piping and the Clerk has contacted S. Ashby to ensure he has purchased the parts required to wire in the lighting for the tree. The clerk has purchased the lights for the tree and John Cowburn will order the tree in due course.

The overhanging branches have been cut back by the Ranger and the area is neat and tidy.

## Planning Matters & Applications

221. **RBC Grant Permission: 21/02165/FUL** – Erect non-permanent Container – Observatory, Colston Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3HF  
**NOTED**

222. **RBC Revised Application: 21/02390/FUL** – Remove existing conservatory and detached garage. Erection of rendered single storey rear extension – 6 St. Giles Way, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DW  
It Was Unanimously:  
**RESOLVED:** “NO OBJECTION”.

223. **RBC New Application: 21/02761/FUL** – Erection of new two storey dwelling – Land to South of 5 to 7 Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop  
It Was Unanimously:  
**RESOLVED:** “To OBJECT”. Objection due to the same reasons as the previous application refusals. Traffic is now worse in this area. It was queried why a digger has already arrived on site to dig out in anticipation.

224. **RBC New Application: 21/02719/ADV** – Display of 2 No. “Visit Bloor Homes at Cropwell Bishop” pole mounted signs – Land West of A46, West of Cropwell Bishop, Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop.  
It Was Unanimously:  
**RESOLVED:** “NO OBJECTION”.

225. **RBC New Application: 21/02857/TPO** – Trees: T1 (Canadian Maple) – Trimming of lower branches – Dun Riggan, 12 Church Street, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BY.  
It Was Unanimously:  
**RESOLVED:** “NO OBJECTION”.

## Finance

226. **a) Financial Statement up to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** “To approve the financial statement.”

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### 227. **b) Payments made up to October 28th 2021 and awaiting November 2021**

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** "To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 161."

### 228. **c) To Consider Replacement Slide for Hags Multiplay Unit Toddler Area**

New slide cost is £6,465 plus V.A.T.

Action: Clerk to find out what materials the slide is made of to see if we can recoup the scrap value of the old slide into the Parish Council funds.

Cllr. M. Beazley proposed we purchase the new slide from reserves, Cllr. I. McEachran seconded

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** "To purchase the new slide at a cost of £6.465.00 plus V.A.T. out of the Parish Council Reserves."

### 229. **d) To Consider Date for Annual Budget Review Meeting**

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** "To hold the budget review meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm"

## **Correspondence for Action**

### 230. **a) To Consider attendance to the Annual Town & Parish Conference Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am**

This meeting has now been changed to a Zoom. Cllr. Bryan will still attend, Cllrs. Lacey & Wilson will not.

### 231. **a) To Consider attendance to the NALC AGM Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm**

This meeting has now been changed to a Zoom. Cllr. Bryan will still attend, Cllr. Wilson will not.

## **Community Research Project**

### 232. Update 4 was read out by Cllr. Gelsthorpe.

It was felt that before the games could go ahead the pathways needed the surface tidied up.

**Action:** Clerk to contact the relevant department to see if repairs can be made to the pathway.

It needs further discussion when it is clarified if the pathway can be made safer. The length of the pathway was longer than anticipated, however, in principle the path games are welcomed but perhaps a shorter length. Defer the decision on funding until the next meeting.

## **Fireworks Event – Volunteer Schedule**

### 233. Cllrs. Gelsthorpe & Allison have prepared 100 bags of sweets and extra sweets are available for back up. Cllrs. Gelsthorpe & Allison will be there on the night to distribute and put extra bags together.

Rota of jobs are all okay.

## **Update on the Memorial Hall Building**

### 234. Dave Whisson – Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee spoke to the meeting. He advised there had been a lot of talk on social media regarding the mandate made at a meeting after the open meeting in September. This vote had been reported to the Parish Council and reported in the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> September. However the Committee felt a bigger survey needed to be carried out.

Going forward a survey will be issued to every home alongside the Cropwell Bishop Newsletter at the end of November (this will be in a separate envelope). This will be collected by the Committee in person. From this survey it is hoped a larger response will be received. There will be two options on the survey for residents to choose from.

Any further decisions regarding the Memorial Hall will be on hold until the results of the survey are known. Cropwell Bishop Parish Council agreed to support the Memorial Hall survey.

## **Village Ranger Inspections**

### 235. The last grass cutting has taken place for the year and the Ranger has cleaned down the ride on mower and arranged for its collection for a winter service.

The Ranger had put up the Lamppost poppies. We will have to purchase more for next year as we have had quite a few broken and we will have to consider some for the new development site.

The Clerk is currently in discussions with the Ranger/Lengthsman with regards to Litter Picking/Weed Spraying/Grass Cutting on the new development. The Ranger/Lengthsman hours will need to increase for the 2022/23 budget to reflect this.

## **The Old School**

236. **a) Entertainments, Activities & User Update Report**  
Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised there was nothing new to report

## **Transport**

237. Cllr. Greenwood appreciated comments from Mr. Watts earlier in the meeting. The comments will be forwarded to Jan and we will keep pushing for a better service.

## **Highways & Footpaths Defects/Issues**

238. **a) Traffic Calming System Nottingham Road - Update**  
Cllr. Clarke works are scheduled in and should be taking place soon.
239. **b) Footpath at the Rear of Hoe View Road – Request for Remainder of Pathway to be Stoned**  
Cllr. Clarke advised that Samworths will be gutting hedges next week or week after, so he is chasing up with Jim Hatchett of the Countryside dept.
240. **c) To Consider Nottingham Road – Pedestrian Safety – Widening of Footpath**  
Cllr. Clarke sent to the meeting Laura Trussler of VIA's response regarding the traffic calming and the footway proposals. As suspected, the County Council considered the high cost would be very prohibitive given that no incidents have been reported.

"In respect of a priority system, as shown in my email, these are classed as a traffic calming feature. I am sorry to advise that the request to create a priority system on Nottingham Road between the junctions with Mill Lane and Barratt Close is not something that we would be keen to pursue on the basis that there have been no reported accidents at this site. Priority systems are only introduced in the presence of a conflict pattern between vehicles in opposing traffic directions. In the absence of such an issue, they can create the potential for conflict on the basis that some drivers see the need to 'put their foot down' when approaching a priority system to avoid having to give way to oncoming traffic. They can therefore create an RTC issue that has not previously existed.

With regards to the footway widening request, I am afraid that the cost of such a scheme would be very prohibitive and whilst I appreciate the Parish Council's estimation of costs, they do not reflect the true financial requirements of such a scheme. Aside of the construction costs, the Authority would be required to legally dedicate the newly acquired land as highway, which involves considerable legal costs. Whilst I do appreciate the concerns raised, there are many locations in the County that do not have the benefit of a footway and it is these locations that we target our finite funding towards.

I am sorry that I can't be of more assistance in this instance but do hope the above explains the reasoning behind this."

241. **d) To Consider Installation of Pedestrian Crossing – Nottingham Road at the Canal Point and Move Speed Sign**  
Cllr. Clarke advised he has put this proposal to Laura Trussler of VIA East Midlands and awaits a response in due course. Cllr. Clarke mentioned that there is a light controlled pedestrian crossing the other side of the A46, crossing the canal.

Cllr. Clarke also suggested a reduction in the speed limit from the top of the hill adjacent to the dairy warehouse and/or extending the 30-mph limit beyond the canal crossing.

This is a work in progress and Cllr. Clarke will forward the roundabout suggestion to Laura Trussler

242. **e) To Consider Site for Off Road Village Car Park**  
There were no comments as at this time a suitable location cannot be found.

243. Cllr. Wilson advised the Speed Sign on Cropwell Butler Road is now up and running.

## **The Environment**

245. Cllr. Allison advised village Environment Map is still in progress.

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Mel Stanley contacted the clerk to ask if any snowdrop bulbs could be purchased for the footpath that runs behind the Old School. These were purchased by the Clerk and have been planted by Mel Stanley.

## **To Draw Competition Winners – September 2021 Edition Cropwell News**

246. It's in The Quiz – Winner Mr. Ralph Shuttlewood

## **Councillors Reports**

247. Following the sad death of Dr MacDonald, and contribution by the Parish Council, Cllr. Wilson read a letter of thanks from Sue MacDonald which was gratefully received

## **Correspondence for Information**

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

## **Date of Next Meeting**

249. 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 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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