

Minutes of Meeting
Cropwell Bishop Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting – 7th December 2021

7.00pm At the Old School

(The meeting started at 7.04pm and finished at 8.10pm)

Present: Cllrs. W. Allison, C. Bryan, J. Greenwood, J. Lacey, I. McEachran, J. Wroughton & A. Wilson (Chairman)

In Attendance: Cllr. G. Moore (R.B.C.) & 3 Local Residents

Apologies Approved

250. Cllr. Beazley – Isolating Cllr. N. Clarke (N.C.C.) – Hospital

Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda

251. Non-Received
The Agenda was confirmed.
252. Standing Orders were suspended at 7.05pm to allow the order of business to be amended to enable attendees To speak to the meeting.

Crime Figures

Cllr. Wilson read the crime figures:

11/11/21 – Church Street – Attempt theft - Doors to van damaged no entry gained nothing taken

12/11/21 – Church Street – Theft – Van stole from roadside overnight.

29/11/21 – Hoe Vie Road – Theft – Van broken into gardening equipment stolen

30/11/21 – Hoe View Road – Theft – Reclaimed sink from within front garden whilst builder was carrying out building works inside.

Parishioners' Question Time & Policing Report

Tony Jarrow and the residents of Barratt Close have put a proposal together for a planter for under the Barratt Close Sign at the bottom of the close. This will be planted and looked after by the residents of Barratt Close.

Tony asked the Parish Council if they needed permission to install the planter on the pavement underneath the Street Sign. The Parish Council advised Tony he would need to contact VIA East Midlands at N.C.C. to gain permission.

253. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.14pm.

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254. It Was:
RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd November 2021 were confirmed as a true record" and signed by the Chairman.

Progress

255. **M.233 – 2/11/21 – Fireworks Event**
COMPLETE: The event went well and was well received by the villagers. They loved the sweets for the kid's idea. Maybe this is the way forward for future years. Thank you to all those who helped with this event and a thank you to Tony Jarrow for the fantastic photos.

Planning Matters & Applications

256. **RBC Grant Permission: 21/02390/FUL** – Remove existing conservatory and detached garage. Erection of rendered single storey rear extension – 6 St. Giles Way, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DW
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257. **RBC Grant Permission: 21/02474/FUL** – Single storey side extension, new timber cladding to house replacement doors and windows. Demolition and replacement of front bay windows, demolition of existing garage and outbuildings – 5 Colston Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BJ
NOTED
258. **RBC Grant Permission: 21/02638/FUL** – Single storey rear and side extensions – 24 St. Giles Way, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3DW
NOTED
259. **RBC New Application: 21/02885/REM** – Application for matters reserved under application Ref: 19/01091/OUT for approval of appearance, landscaping and layout and scale for the erection of a new Dorma bungalow – Land between 6 and 10 Fern Road, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3BU
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “NO OBJECTION”.

Finance

260. **a) Financial Statement up to 30th November 2021**
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “To approve the financial statement.”
261. **b) Payments made up to November 30th 2021 and awaiting December 2021**
It Was Unanimously:
RESOLVED: “To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 162.”
262. **c) To Consider Use of CIL Payment One**
Considerations need to be given as to what the CIL payments will be spent on. Cllr. Moore advised none of the CIL monies can be used to subsidise the precept.
Action: Ideas for CIL projects to be brought to future meetings for consideration.
Cllr. Moore advised there will be further CIL released to the Parish Council - this was agreed at RBC and is to support those Town and Parish Councils that do not have a Village Plan. These monies must be spent strictly on infrastructure (something permanent).
Action: Clerk to find out what the extra payment will be and get advice from RBC on the type of items are acceptable for this percentage of the CIL.
263. **d) To Consider Removal of the Toddler Multi-play Slide for Scrap Value**
Cllr. Wilson advised the Clerk had found out it was made of steel and aluminium and therefore would have a scrap value to the Parish Council. However, we would have to remove the slide from site once Hags had dismantled it from the Multi-play Unit and take it to a scrap yard. Cllr. Greenwood asked if we could ask the local Scrap Merchant to collect it. Cllr. Wilson advised that if we did that the Scrap Merchant would keep the funds, therefore we would have to take it to the scrap yard ourselves.
Action: Cllrs. Bryan and McEachran will investigate the current value of scrap to see if it is worth it. Cllr. McEachran could take it in his vehicle if it is viable. Cllrs. Bryan and McEachran will investigate

Correspondence for Action

264. There were no items for discussion.

Community Research Project

265. Cllr. Wilson advised that on the 10th November 2021 it came to light that the pathways were under the control of NCC and not RBC as previously understood. RBC had given permission in principle for the Footpath Games to go ahead however, N.C.C. have refused as they were not prepared to take on the third-party liability for injury or claims that may occur as a result of using the pathway games. The Clerk wrote to the Parish Council Insurance Company to ask if we could insure this under our policy. To do this the Parish Council would have to take on the third-party liability. The Parish Council would then be liable for the upkeep of the pathways to mitigate potential risk.

Cllr. Gelsthorpe suggested we use the area around the Pinfold, but the Council decided this was too near the main road. Cllr. Greenwood suggested we buy a section of the grass surrounding the footpaths in the original location – Cllr. Moore confirmed that RBC would not consider the release of any of the Green Space in this area.

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It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: "The Parish Council would not take on ownership of the pathways."

Action: Clerk to contact Bloor Homes to see if they would consider allowing us to put the Pathway Games on the perimeter footpath on the site.

To Consider a Future Open Air Celebration Event & Queens Platinum Jubilee

3rd – 5th June

266. Cllrs. Lacey advised that the Memorial Hall Committee were looking to speak with their insurance company to see if it would be feasible to separate the rear of the building from the parts of the building that were a danger. If the insurance company give permission for this it would give access to power, toilets, and kitchen. If this is not possible, we would have to hire in generators and toilets. Cllr. Moore advised that the Sheldon Field Group had a Marquee that we could ask to hire for an event. The Parish Council felt we should hold a Jubilee Event and possibly a Village Celebration Event.

Action: Cllr. Lacey to discuss speaking to the Insurance Company with Dave Whisson - Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee. Cllr. Bryan said he would be happy to meet with them if they do a site visit to explain what we would need with the electrics to hold an event.

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: "Councillors to think about the possible two events and bring firm ideas to the next meeting. Ideas to be submitted to the Clerk in writing prior to the 5th January 2022."

Update on the Memorial Hall Building

267. Dave Whisson – Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee submitted a report which Cllr. Wilson read to the meeting.

"Since the AGM there has been a change in the committee which is now chaired by David Whisson. The focus since has been on obtaining a fuller picture of resident's feelings regarding renovation or rebuilding the Memorial Hall.

A decision was made to produce a letter that would go out to the village asking for a vote on which option they preferred. By the time of this PC Meeting, the letter should have been delivered to every household. They will be collected within a couple of weeks so the results should be known shortly afterward. Whatever the result it will mean progress can be made with a mandate from the village and the hard work can begin."

Village Ranger Inspections

268. There was no report for consideration.

The Old School

a) Entertainments, Activities & User Update Report

Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised that Cinema "In The Heights" ran but with low numbers, therefore, a decision had been made by the Entertainment Committee that no Cinema would take place in January 2022.

Cllr. Gelsthorpe was concerned regarding the next Live & Local Event that is due to take place on February 4th as to date no tickets have been sold and the COVID situation once again seems to be getting worse.

Action: Clerk to contact Live & Local to ask what the implications are of a) cancelling the event and b) requesting to move it to a later date.

Cllr. Wroughton reported that CKOB were doing Wreath Making on the 10th December and were holding the annual Christmas Party on the 17th December with the giant Scalextric and a Nail Technician coming in. Cllr. Wroughton thanked Cllr. Moore & Cllr. Clarke for their grants towards the Christmas Party.

Transport

270. Cllr. Greenwood advised Pete Mathieson (NCC Team Manager, Development and Partnerships) gave a presentation to the NALC conference on 17th November about the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for Nottinghamshire. The presentation slides and the BSIP (October 2021) were circulated to Parish Councillors. The BSIP includes Enhanced Partnerships with the bus operators and has many positive statements to try and secure government funding but the document does not give any details of potential improvements for our local area.

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Cllr Greenwood emailed Cllr Neil Clarke 25/11/21 to ask how Cropwell Bishop would benefit from the BSIP and in particular:

When will the 33 service be improved? (The average speed of bus services in Nottinghamshire is 15.68 mph. The speed of our 33 service is a ridiculous 10 mph!)

When will the evening service proposed by Vectare be introduced (Section 106 funding should be available early in 2022 as the first 'meadow estate houses are occupied)?

and when will our bus stop information signs show 'real time' delays and cancellation?

A reply is awaited (Neil currently receiving hospital treatment).

In the meantime, it is noted that more people are gaining confidence to use our bus services, particularly the convenient daytime 833 service to Bingham. It is hoped that the new Omicron variant does not cause another setback for the bus operators and passengers. Mask wearing is of course mandatory.

Unfortunately, CT4N have currently had to cancel half their 33 services due to driver shortage. The Clerk emailed Neil Clarke and the County (26/11/21) who replied that there was little that they could do as it is run by CT4N as a commercial service.

Cllr. Greenwood stated he felt the village needed the electronic notification boards with the service now being unreliable.

Cllr. Greenwood asked if we had any notification that the evening service had been agreed in conjunction with the Bloor Home site being built. – The Clerk advised we had heard nothing from N.C.C or Vectare with regards to the proposed evening service.

Cllr. Bryan advised that at the NALC AGM they were advised that there were now 4 new decarbonised buses in Rushcliffe.

Cllr Greenwood proposed an email to CT4N requesting again that they make the 33 route more attractive by reducing the journey time to 40 minutes and extending the journey to Radcliffe were to be sent. Cllr. Lacey proposed we send the email & proposed route Cllr. Wilson seconded.

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: "Clerk to send the e-mail & proposed route to CT4N" (a copy of the email and proposed route is attached to the minutes)

Highways & Footpaths Defects/Issues

271. a) Traffic Calming System Nottingham Road - Update

The yellow lines are in place but are being ignored on a regular basis. In the evening people visiting the Wheatsheaf Public House just park on them and during the day they are also ignored by cars, vans, and lorries alike. The Clerk has sent photographic evidence to D. Burch, but they cannot use the photographic evidence to prosecute, only evidence from their own enforcement teams can be used.

Action: Cllr. Moore said the Clerk should write to D. Burch again and copy him into the correspondence.

The yellow lines stop short of the Wheatsheaf Public House and railings which are opposite the entrance/exit of the Co-op Car Park. On the original TSO design these lines went to the end of the railings which would keep the entrance/exit area of the Co-op free from obstruction. The Clerk had contacted Cllr. Clarke about this issue and he advised that the TRO had finally been agreed with the lines being in the position where they are now therefore, a further TRO would have to be put in place to extend them beyond where they currently are.

Action: Clerk to write to VIA East Midlands with regards to the omission of the yellow lines.

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

The Hedgerows have now all been cut back.

Action: The Clerk is to contact Cllr. Clarke of N.C.C. and ask him to progress the scheme.

273. c) To Consider Nottingham Road Parking Bays

The proposal put forward by Cllr. Lacey was discussed. It was felt that there would be a lot of safety issues with his proposal. Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised that parking was needed on the opposite side of the Road for the Methodist Church.

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: "Not to progress with this scheme at this time."

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

Cllr. Clarke has put this proposal to Laura Trussler of VIA East Midlands and is still awaiting a response. It was noted that a pedestrian crossing in this area would also work towards slowing the traffic down coming into the village.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllr. Clarke to see if he has heard anything from Laura with regards to this proposal.

275. d) To Consider Interactive Speed Sign – Nottingham Road

The Clerk has received an email from Vanna Grant on behalf of residents on Nottingham Road enquiring why an Interactive Speed Sign had not been considered for Nottingham Road, and the changing of the location of the 30pmh speed sign on Nottingham Road.

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: “Put this hold on request until we hear from N.C.C. with regards to the Installation of a Pedestrian Crossing and the request to move the speed sign that has already been made.”

276. Standing Orders were suspended at 8.50pm to allow Pam Wregg to address the meeting with regards to Speed watch/Community Road Safety.

Pam advised the Parish Council that the CRS scheme equipment will be staying within the Rushcliffe Area. A Rushcliffe Co-ordinator was required and Cllr John Crosby from Langar & Barnstone Parish Council who attended the Rushcliffe Police Priority Meeting a couple of months ago, has let me know he has volunteered as the co-ordinator of the Community Road Safety scheme which is great. John did have concerns about the cost to maintain equipment and police follow up. However, the Police and Crime Commissioner has issued this statement:

“The Police and Crime Commissioner is putting funding into Community Speed watch. The exact process of how it will work in Rushcliffe is being reviewed, but with the CSW to be very much lead and run by the community. In addition, the enforcement speeding activity will continue on a regular basis by our Reacher Team officers in areas identified by the community.

Please bear with us whilst the exact process is identified, which will likely be in early 2022.”

Cllr. Bryan advised that at the Rushcliffe Annual Town & Parish Conference Caroline Hendry Police & Crime Commissioner stated that speed watch should be re-introduced in local areas.

277. Standing Orders reinstated at 8.55pm.

278. Cllr. Wilson asked the Parish Council if they would agree to extend Standing Orders to 9.15am

It Was Unanimously:

RESOLVED: “To extend Standing Orders to 9.15pm.”

The Environment

279. Cllr. Allison advised village Environment Map is almost complete.

Cllr. Wroughton advised the Bloor Homes were giving the school £500 towards the wildlife sanctuary for birds and bees etc. being put in place in the school grounds.

Cllr. Allison asked Cllr. Wroughton if the school still wanted the left-over Wildflower Seed, we had. Cllr. Wroughton said they did.

Cllr. Moore advised there had been over 8,000 trees planted in the Rushcliffe area since 2018.

Cllr. Wilson is to donate some fat balls to put on trees. Cllr. Wilson will pass these on to Cllr. Allison.

Councillors Reports

280. Cllr. Moore advised he had picked up one of our residents with disabilities and shown her the site where her new home will be on the new development. The resident is thrilled, and a working relationship is in place with the site foreman.

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- 281.** Cllr. Lacey asked if we should ask the school to make baubles for the Central Tree maybe like a memory tree. It was agreed the Clerk would purchase some wooden baubles and sharpie pens so the children can decorate them and hang them on the tree.
- 282.** Cllr. Greenwood advised that the Conservation Area was ready for a public consultation meeting and that Pam Wregg had contacted him with regards to having this tied in with any public events we may be running. The Clerk advised there were no events at this time but if they wanted to contact her, she could make arrangements for it to be held in the Old School. Pam Wregg had previously said she would monitor such an event for COVID Safety.
- 282.** Cllr. Wilson read an email of thanks from Julie Thorpe regarding the installation of a Central Christmas Tree. Thanks to Cllrs. Wilson & Lacey for their efforts in getting the central location prepared and the tree in place and decorated. Cllr. Lacey suggested we move the tree for next year to a more forward position and this will be considered ahead of next year. The Clerk wished to thank Cllrs. Wilson & Lacey for all the work involved in getting all the Christmas trees up around the village as our Electrician had an injury. Without their free time on a very wet day we would not have any trees up.

Correspondence for Information

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

Date of Next Meeting

- 284.** 4th January 2022 Budget Meeting & 11th January 2022 Parish Council Meeting at 7.00pm at The Old School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman's Signature:	Date:
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