

Minutes of Meeting  
**Cropwell Bishop Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**7.00pm At the Old School**

(The meeting started at 7.03pm and finished at 8.57pm)

**Present:** Cllrs. W. Allison, C. Bryan, J. Gelsthorpe, J. Greenwood, J. Lacey, J. Wroughton & A. Wilson (Chairperson)

**In Attendance:** 2 Local Residents

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**Apologies Approved**

326. Cllr. Beazley – Hospital Visit, Cllr. McEachern – Isolating, Cllr. N. Clarke (N.C.C.) – Prior Meeting, Cllr. Moore – Holiday.

**Declarations of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda**

327. None Received  
The Agenda was confirmed.
328. Standing Orders were suspended at 7.04pm 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:*

*16/1/22 – Theft – Motor Vehicle stolen from roadside – Colston Road*

*20/1/22 – Theft – BT Openreach Cable stolen from the ground – Colston Road*

**Parishioners' Question Time & Policing Report**

*Tony Jarrow raised concerns regarding our local footpaths in and around Cropwell Bishop. Some footpaths have not been "Re-established" after ploughing and the excessive use of footpaths by horse riders.*

**Action:** *Tony Jarrow to send the Clerk details of the problem paths and the Clerk will follow this up with N.C.C. to see if any action can be taken.*

329. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.12pm.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

330. Cllr. Wroughton proposed the minutes were a true record, Cllr. Lacey seconded all agreed.  
It Was:  
**RESOLVED:** "That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were confirmed as a true record" and signed by the Chairperson.

**Progress**

331. **M.298 – 11/1/22 – Community Grant Request – Eve Young Swin England Artistic Swimming**  
**COMPLETE:** The agreed £480 grant has been paid.
332. **M.299 – 11/1/22 – To Consider Stilton Stumble 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
The Parish Council wrote to Keith Herrington 21/1/22 asking that the Stilton Stumble Committee attempt to source further funding toward the project and come back to the Parish Council Meeting in March. The Parish Council have sourced and updated quote from I.W. Smalley & Sons and the cost is £5,600 + V.A.T. previous quote was £4,800 + V.A.T. The revised quote considers the current climate, rise in materials cost and a small spoil heap removed.

Keith Herrington has responded to the quote cost with the following: "This has now become quite a large expense. In my own opinion, I am unsure if this would be the best use of money from both our sides as this could be used towards better causes.

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I have spoken with Chris Keast, who mentions that there may be the chance to hire/borrow some Nottingham Scout resources that could help with access. He has promised to make enquiries with his contact there, and to update us with any support that could be provided through the Scouts. I certainly think it is worth exploring this option and any others that come to light, prior to any decisions being made."

**Action:** Clerk to email Keith Herrington and ask him to bring any further suggestions or any further monies raised towards a Stone Road to the March meeting.

**333. M.304 – 11/1/22 – Future Infrastructure for Children of Cropwell Bishop**

The Clerk has written back to S. Wright to ask the parents to produce tangible proof that these activities are required and to bring information back to the Parish Council with numbers of potential users. No response back from S. Wright yet,

**334. M.318 – 11/1/22 – Highways & Footpaths Defect Issues – Blocked Drain Nottingham Road/Mill Lane**

The Clerk contacted Seven Trent as requested by the Parish Council. Seven Trent advised that the Parish Council should not report drain issues it should be done by the business/resident in the vicinity of the blockage. Future drain queries unless on the Old School land will not be dealt with by the Clerk.

After initial inspection, a second team came to site with a tanker and cleared the drain. After inspection of the drain with cameras there is a bodged repair under the middle of Nottingham Road. The road surface will need to be dug up and the road closed while the work is carried out. It may take some time to organise the works and Pam Wregg has now taken over contact for this query.

The Clerk thanked Pam Wregg for her assistance with this query.

**335. M.319 – 11/1/22 – The Environment – Environment Policy Map**

**COMPLETE:** The map is now uploaded to the website.

**336. M.322 – 11/1/22 – Councillors Reports – Village Guide**

Cllr. Greenwood has updated the village guide, and this has been sent out to Tony Jarrow and Councillors for their input.

**337. M.323 – 11/1/22 – Councillors Reports – External Light Over Entrance Door**

**COMPLETE:** Motion Sensor Light is now fitted.

**338. M.324 – 11/1/22 – Councillors Reports – Village Hall Grants**

The Parish Council are not eligible for this grant.

## Planning Matters & Applications

**339. RBC Grant Consent: 21/02857/TPO Trees: T1 (Canadian Maple) – Trimming of lower branches – Dun Rigg, 13 Church Street, Cropwell Bishop, Nottingham NG12 3BY**

**NOTED**

**340. RBC New Application: 22/00117/FUL – Construction of single storey bays to front of dwelling – 7 Hoe Nook, Cropwell Bishop NG12 3AZ**

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** "NO OBJECTION."

## Finance

**341. a) Financial Statement up to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** "To approve the financial statement."

**342. b) Payments made up to 27<sup>th</sup> January 22 and awaiting February 2022**

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** "To approve all payments as reproduced on payments document 164."

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### 343. **c) To Consider New 4 Swing Seat Set for Memorial Hall Playing Fields from CIL Payment 1**

The Clerk put forward a quote from Hags SNP for a new Swing Set at the Memorial Hall Playing Fields to be purchased from the first CIL payment.

**Action:** 2 more Quotes to be gathered for the above idea and be put to the Parish Council at the March Meeting.

The Clerk also advised that the secondary CIL payment to Parish Councils with no Neighbour Hood Plan will not be held by the Parish Council but retained at R.B.C. and the Parish Council must put projects into RBC for approval.

## **Correspondence for Action**

### 344. **a) To Consider Attendance to Town & Parish Forum at The Arena on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The Clerk and Cllrs. Greenwood and Wilson will attend.

## **To Review Policy**

### 345. **a) Standing Orders**

No Change to original Standing Orders – COVID Standing Orders No Longer Applicable

Cllr. Wilson proposed the Parish Council continue with the original Standing orders, Cllr. Gelsthorpe seconded all agreed.

### **b) Financial Regulations**

No Change

Cllr, Bryan proposed to continue with the current Financial Regulations, Cllr. Gelsthorpe seconded all agreed.

### **b) Risk Management**

Clerk & Cllr. Wroughton to attend the Licencing Course.

Clerk to review the Complaints Procedure.

## **To Consider a Future Open Air Celebration Event 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

### 346. Cllr. Lacey advised he may have sourced a trailer but will confirm it all back to the Clerk. Freddy and Fireworks provisionally booked.

Friends of School have contacted the Clerk with regards to organising a summer fair. They are thinking about a Jubilee theme and need to agree on a date. However, they were enquiring as to if the Parish Council has plans in place for a Jubilee Event or a return to the Celebration Weekend.

**Action:** Clerk to write to the Friends of School to advise them re the Jubilee Events and date for the Open-Air Celebration event. Cllr. Lacey to advise the Clerk re the trailers so bands etc., can be confirmed.

## **To Consider Queens Platinum Jubilee – Lighting of the Beacon, Fireworks & Choir**

### 347. The official Queens Platinum Jubilee Programme states on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June Lighting of the Beacons should take place as follows: Pipers playing “Diu Regnare” at 9.35pm with Buglers and Cornet players undertaking the Bugle Call “Majesty” at 9.40pm before the Beacons are lit at 9.45pm. To coincide with the lighting the involvement of choirs to sing the “Song for the Commonwealth.”

H. Tabron has e-mailed the Clerk to enquire about the Parish Council plans for the Jubilee.

**Action:** Clerk to write back to H. Tabron and ask her to communicate with the Choir and Old Choir members to see if they would like to be involved with singing alongside the School Choir and possible prior members of the Cropwell Choir. Incorporate prayer either before all the above or after the choir singing.

Cllr. Wroughton will contact School to co-ordinate the School Choir and other Choirs/Past Choirs to be involved. Cllr. Gelsthorpe said she would speak to S. Gelsthorpe re contacting the old Cropwell Choir members. The Sheet music for the song is available to download.

## **To Consider Location of The Central Village Christmas Tree**

### 348. Cllr. Lacey revisited the site to consider changing the location to the centre of the Pinfold not on the grass area as agreed previously. It would be easier to put in this area with the trunking under the concrete slabs. It is a cleaner area to work on. This location will not disturb the telephone cables and no permanent plinth will be

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installed.

Cllr. Wilson proposed the tree be placed in the centre of the Pinfold, Cllr. Bryan seconded, all agreed.

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** "The Central Village Christmas Tree will be sited in the centre of the pinfold."

## Update on the Memorial Hall Building

349. Cllr. Lacey reported that a meeting had taken place with structural engineers regarding the use of part of the building. It seems possible to open the toilets, kitchen and back rooms. The structural engineers will put a report together to the Memorial Hall Committee. The rear gable end will need to be looked at. The Memorial Hall Committee are hoping this will be done in time for summer events.

## Village Ranger Inspections

350. The Ranger/Lengthsman has been working on Green Areas in the village being destroyed by "on green" parking and delivery drivers. The Ranger/Lengthsman has been filling divots with topsoil and grass seed.

The Clerk has asked the Ranger/Lengthsman to keep his eye out on the areas left unfinished by Western Power during the recent works.

**Action:** Clerk to ask the Ranger to keep an eye on the area behind the bungalows at the top of Hoe View Road to ensure everything left in a decent condition when works being carried out to one of the bungalows has been completed.

## The Old School

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

Cllr. Gelsthorpe advised the Live & Local act The Jazz of Dudley Moore scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> February had extremely low tickets sales. Live & Local have agreed to postpone the event to the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with no fees incurred.

The next event is a Live & Local event on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – A play "3 Men In A Boat".

Cllr. Wroughton reported that CKOB attendance numbers were back up at just under fifty attending on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Out of the small profits CKOB make Cllr. Wroughton advised that they are sponsoring a room via the YMCA to help with homelessness.

## Transport

352. Chris Ward emailed on 21 January 2022 to advise that CT4N would not be running our 33 bus service after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The County are looking at a possible replacement service using electric buses funded by the Bloor homes Section 106 funding. The Parish Council have written to Chris Ward to say this is totally unacceptable as the S106 funds are to enhance our services (for example introducing the evening '92' service proposed by Vectare) not to sustain the bus service we already have. The Parish Council has again suggested that reducing the journey time of the revised 33 service would make it far more attractive to our residents. It is possible that S106 funding from the Hollygate development could help to support the replacement daytime 33 service.

Cllr. Greenwood has compiled an e-mail to send to County members, Cllr. G. Moore, Ruth Edwards MP and Vectare. Cllr. Bryan proposed we send the e-mail Cllr. Wilson seconded – All Agreed

It Was Unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** "The Clerk send the e-mail out as proposed above."

**Action:** "The Clerk to ask Cllr. Clarke to report back to the next Parish Council meeting on this subject."

Cllr. Greenwood advised that in March/April time the S106 funding should be released from the Bloor Homes site – We are still hoping to be able to run the 92-evening service proposed by Vectare from this funding.

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

**353. a) Traffic Calming System Nottingham Road - Update**

Cllr. Moore approached the enforcement team with regards to getting more activity in Cropwell to enforce the Double Yellow Lines. This was passed on to N.C.C. and Cllr. Clarke advised by e-mail that he had held a meeting with officers at N.C.C. and they confirmed the enforcement teams would be visiting more frequently.

Laura Trussler forwarded the Clerk and e-mail address where we can send evidence of parking on the yellow lines. If any Councillors see any offences, please forward photographs to the Clerk.

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

No update to report.

**355. c) To Consider Installation of Pedestrian Crossing – Nottingham Road at the Canal Point and Move Speed Sign**

No update to report.

**356. d) Community Speed Watch**

No update to report.

**357.** Cllr. Wilson reported that following further complaints into the Clerk on the 19<sup>th</sup> January re the amount of mud on Church Street from the Bloor Homes site – The Clerk wrote to Cllr. Clarke & Laura Trusler of VIA with photographic evidence of mud on the roads.

Cllr. Clarke immediately contacted Laura Trussler as follows: -

“This photo shows the classic example of how a contractor believes they are doing a decent job, just because “most” of the road is being swept. It re-enforces what I was saying that the road needs washing, not just sweeping, but then risks the gully’s being filled up with mud, so we need to be far more forceful instructing them not to bring mud on the road in the first place. This is an identical situation to the Chapel Lane site and my starting point is that if the development were not happening the street would be pristine. Developers should not be allowed to use a claim that the road is OK or acceptable, when clearly it is not.

Can we get the enforcement issued, because they are simply just not complying and hoping that the problem will drag on until they have new tarmac surfaces on all the new roads?”

Since sending this email Cllr. Clarke has advised the Parish Clerk - N.C.C. issued them with a final notice pending further action, they complied partly but it lapsed again. I told Laura the situation comes and goes with mud appearing and there was not constant enough sweeping. It needed washing, not just sweeping. N.C.C. wrote again saying we intended to prosecute. They immediately came back and said they were installing washing facilities on site.

Cllr. Clarke copied some of my “robust” comments and requests for prosecution to Craig Vincent of Bloor Homes so he could be left in no doubt regarding their reputation. Since all this the Clerk has received no further complaints and the situation seems better.

**358.** Cllr. Wilson reported that Cllr. Moore had advised that R.B.C. have a contractor in place to carry out a small resurfacing job at the top of Hoe View Road. Vehicles (most likely the bin lorries) have to cut corners on a twisting access road which results in grass verges being churned up in wet weather generating complaints. The work will surface the areas with tarmac to maintain the appearance of the area. Work is due to commence on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February and will last a couple of days.

## **The Environment**

**359.** The snowdrop bulbs purchased by the Parish Council and planted by Mel Stanley on the edge of the footpath at the rear of The Old School are now starting to flower. This will create some pollen for our early pollinating wildlife.

**360.** Cllr. Wroughton reported that Bloor Homes will be going to the primary school to help with the Echo Garden. Bloor Homes are donating £500 towards the project and Friends of School are paying for the ground levelling works.

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- 361.** Cllr. Wilson read an anonymous letter left at the Clerk's office regarding the rise in the amount of dog waste not being picked up in and around the village. The Clerk advised there was an article going into the January Cropwell News about it and asking people to be more responsible.

**Action:** "Cllr. Allison to write an article for the March Cropwell News regarding The Great British Spring Clean and re-iterate the issues we are having with dog waste."

### **Councillors Reports**

- 362.** There were no reports.

### **Correspondence for Information**

- 363.** There is no folder for circulation this information is being e-mailed.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- 364.** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm at The Old School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57pm

<b>Chairman's Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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