

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 9th July 2024 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Des Knight, Jacqui Smith, Sheila Jones, Bob Garland, District Cllr Phil Chapman and David Best (Clerk). No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** District Councillor Chris Brant, County Cllr George Reynolds.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 8th July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - i. The dog waste bins for Scholl Lane have been delivered and will be fitted by the clerk.
 - ii. The dead tree on Chapel Green has been.
 - iii. The clerk will chase CDC to replace the damaged brown waste bins.
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

Hell Hole Wall – The ivy has been removed. The wall had to be partially dismantled and rebuilt to do this. The wall is a bit straighter where this has been done. Tonny Brummell from CDC will continue to inspect it.

Tree Survey – Cllr Des Knight has reviewed this with Mr Tim Batchelor. The Immediate work/ lower spend items are estimated at £5,000. The High spend/ future items have not yet been estimated. A working group with volunteers will be convened for Ivy removal. It was clarified that the Poplars at the cricket ground that require attention are the responsibility of the farmer who owns the land. The trees inside the ditch at the Williamscott Road entrance are the responsibility of the PC as they are inside the ditch. IT is recommended to have annual tree inspections.

Canal Steps – These have been replaced but the handrail needs some attention.

Roadside Cleaning Equipment – OCC are offering cleaning equipment at no charge. It was agreed to take advantage of this offer.

Canal Dog Bins – It is believed that one has been removed but this would be checked. It was confirmed that these are emptied by CDC who charge the PC for dog bin emptying.

Playground equipment – Only one supplier has carried out an inspection and given a quote which is £16,000 including the roundabout repairs. The proceeds from Farirport Cropredy ticket sales will be used to carry out the required renovation work.

Broken Waste Bin – The wooden slatted waste bin near the teenage/book shelter requires replacing. The clerk will try to source a similar design.

Broken seat – The nearby seat is also broken. It was agreed to source one made of recycled plastic to match others in the village.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**

Speedwatch – A new 3 month rota is in place but more volunteers are required. The speedwatch signs need to be erected.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs – The PC is currently waiting for OCC to replace these. They are from the same supplier as the current signs.
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**

This will be updated with the details of the new school caretaker.
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**

New website – This has gone live and can be seen at <https://cropredyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>
Additional material is being loaded. The old website is now closed.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**

Obsidian application for development north of Cropredy – There is still no news on the S106 agreement.

New Planning Applications:

None

New Planning Decisions:

24/01240/LB – 24 Station Road – rReplace Chimney and guttering – CDC Permitted 18/08/2024

24/01748/F – Springfields, Station Road – Replacement conservatory – CDC Permitted 26/08/2024.

10. **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – No update

11. **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT** – CDC is pushing ahead with the Local Plan. The Government is proposing changes to planning laws but there is no detail yet.

12. **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Fencing along the border by the river – Cherwell Fencing will carry out repairs in September but will try to schedule it sooner.

Cluster Care – Due to lack of funding this charity has had to stop operating and this will reduce the Sports and Social Club income.

13. **PARISH MATTERS**

Churchyard Wall – The Diocese of Oxford has reviewed the report and asked the PC to apply for a full faculty before commencing repairs for the recommendations to be considered by the Diocesan Advisory Committee who may well take advice from their archaeological advisor and structural engineers.

Fairport – Some residents complained of parking issues. The bollards are provided by Fairport and the Police will only take action if vehicles are parked dangerously. The PC will discuss the issue with OCC Highways.

Parish Council Event – This will be advertised in The Crier and another organisation meeting will be held at the end of September.

14. **FINANCE**

Year to date accounts – These were not completed before the meeting and will be issued subsequently.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no outstanding correspondence.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE:**

Abandoned Vehicle – There is a vehicle which has been abandoned in the village. It has been reported to the DVLA.

17. **ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

18. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 14th October

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.01pm

Chairman
14th October 2024