

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 10th March 2025 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson, Des Knight, Jacqui Smith, Bob Garland and Sheila Jones, District Cllr Phil Chapman, District Councillor Chris Brant and David Best (Clerk). Four members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Cllr George Reynolds.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 13th January were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

Tree Survey – Cllr Des Knight is meeting Mr Tim Batchelor tomorrow, but it is believed that the digital mapping is complete. The Low spend/immediate priority work has been completed.

Upper Churchyard Mowing – The mowers have been serviced by Mr Geoff Wheeler and there are now only two serviceable mowers but another mower will be purchased. The rota will be issued in the next week starting in the last week of March.

Canals and Rivers Trust – The next Towpath Taskforce will talk place on Wednesday 26th March. The PC is waiting for a response back from the Canals and Rivers Trust on the adoption of the Lock Garden.

Brown Bin Labels– These have been ordered from CDC.

Label for bins in the cemetery – It was agreed to investigate the cost of a label for the bins in the cemetery as people from outside Cherwell have different bin usage rules and are putting items in the wrong bins.

Playground maintenance – The repainting of the play equipment has been completed at a cost of £8,000. The equipment will require repainting in 4-5 years. The notice on the gate has holes in it and a quote is being obtained for replacing it.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**

Community Speedwatch – This is continuing. There has been a significant increase in the number of vehicles breaking the speed limit along Williamscot Road and advice is being sought from Thames Valley Police.

Potholes - There are some deep potholes along Oxhey Hill which will be reported on Fix my Street. All parishioners are encouraged to report potholes that they observe in the road network between villages leading into Cropredy at <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**

Van Thefts – Van thefts have been reported in the area and residents are asked to be vigilant.
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA:**

No update.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**

Planning application for residential development off Claydon Roar 23/00977/OUT - The District Councillors reported that significant progress has been made with the S106 agreement.

Assets of Community Value – Discussions are taking place with CDC.

New Planning Applications:

25/00408/M56 – The Seed House, School Lane – Prior approval for change of use – PC to decide response.

25/00495F – 10 Kyetts Corner – revised application for rear extensions – PC to decide response

New Planning Decisions:

24/03061/F - Manor Barn – Solar panels – CDC permitted

22/03163/F – Cropredy Lawn – 4 glamping pods – CDC refused
10. **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – No update

11. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cherwell Local Plan – Consultation on this has finished and it is likely that it will take 15-16 months before being adopted.

Cherwell 5 year housing supply – Following an appeal decision, Cherwell is now obligated to accommodate some of the City of Oxford's unmet housing need. The effect of this additional housing need is that Cherwell's housing supply has reduced from 5.7 years to 2.3 years, and it is expected that developers will take advantage of this and submit additional applications whilst CDC is below the 5 year target.

Local Government Consolidation – It is likely that Oxfordshire County Council and the district authorities, e.g., Cherwell will be replaced by unitary authorities. It is not clear yet what area will combine with Cherwell as a unitary. It is possible also that an additional higher strategic level area with a mayor may be implemented.

12. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Sports and Social Club is trying to attract more activities and groups to increase revenue. There is a dip in the surface of the carpark where water collects. Mr John Taylor has been asked if this can be rectified.

13. PARISH MATTERS

Cropredy Pre School – Claire Dalbeck and Trudy McCann, (trustee and former business manager) from the charity which runs the Preschool, attended the meeting. It is agreed that Eynsham Partnership Academy that runs Cropredy Primary School will take over the Preschool and provide a replacement building that is needed as it was a temporary building when installed. The Charity Commission requires the Parish Council to confirm that it agrees to adopt the 2011 constitution in place of the 1994 constitution and agree to the transfer the funds that the charity currently holds to the Academy. This was agreed.

Churchyard Wall – The Diocese of Oxford has emailed faculty application forms to the PC to enable it to obtain permission to repair the churchyard wall. These will be completed and returned by the clerk by the end of the week

14. FINANCE.

Year to date accounts – These were circulated prior to the meeting and agreed at the meeting.

15. CORRESPONDENCE – No outstanding correspondence.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

Electric Charging Points – A parishioner asked if the PC could install any electric charging points. This is currently under investigation with a supplier and the clerk will chase a response on this.

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

18. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 14th April 2025.

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 8.28pm

Chairman
14th April 2025