

# CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Jacqui Smith, District Councillor Chris Brant and County Cllr George Reynolds.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 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 met Mr Tim Batchelor who had entered details of the 69 trees/groups of trees that the PC is responsible for onto a mapping and reporting system. Currently, 62 trees require no action within the next year. The next annual survey will be carried out in 2026.

**Upper Churchyard Mowing** – Two cuts have been carried out so far. More volunteers are required for the mowing rota. Another appeal for volunteers will be put in The Crier. The mowers have been serviced by Mr Geoff Wheeler. Two new mowers have been ordered. The cost is £500 including VAT each

**Canals and Rivers Trust** – The next Towpath Taskforce is scheduled to take place on 30th April

**Brown Bin Labels**– These have been supplied by CDC and fitted to the bins.

**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 swing fixings are occasionally coming loose. This is being monitored and infinity playgrounds are going to investigate. The roundabout bearing will also be monitored.

**Damaged verge near Kyetts Corner** – This has been damaged by builder's lorries. The owner of the house where building work is taking place will be contacted to ask them to repair the verge.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**

**Community Speedwatch** – The current schedule is being renewed for another 3 months. There has been a significant increase in the number of vehicles breaking the speed limit along Williamscot Road. This has been reported to Thames Valley Police but no reply has been received yet.

**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:**

**Help for the website** – A vote of thanks was given to Mr Clive Dunn who has updated the village side of the website.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**

**New Planning Applications:**  
**25/00708/F** – The Seed House, School Lane – remove condition 8 from 12/00611/F – PC to decide  
**25/00729/F** – The Old Manor – New storm porch and gates – PC to decide response.

**New Planning Decisions:**  
**25/00408/M56** – The Seed House, School Lane – Prior approval for change of use – Withdrawn by applicant.
10. **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – No update
11. **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT** – No update due to the elections.

**12. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

The dip in the surface of the car park where water collects will be investigated by Mr John Taylor. Work is currently being carried out on the telegraph poles retaining the car park.

**13. PARISH MATTERS**

**Cropredy Pre School** – A letter was sent to the Charity Commission confirming agreement with the transfer of funds to Cropredy School. Further information has been requested by the Charity Commission which is being prepared.

**Churchyard Wall** – The Faculty application forms have been submitted to the Diocese of Oxford.

**14. FINANCE.**

**External Audit Report of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024** – The external auditor approved the accounts but made some comments which were noted.

**Year end accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025** – These were circulated prior to the meeting and agreed at the meeting. It was Agreed that Debbie Pitt will be asked to conduct the internal audit prior to submitting them for the external audit.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE** – No outstanding correspondence.

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

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

18. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 12th May 2025.

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 7.59pm

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Chairman  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2025