

CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Cropredy Parish Council meeting held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 9th February 2026 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Des Knight, Clive Dunn, Rachel Hughes, Carine Varaez and David Best (Clerk). Three members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Tania Johnson, Jacqui Smith, Carl Twynham, District Cllr Phil Chapman & County Cllr Chris Brant
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 12th January were approved as a correct record and signed by the vice Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - Oak Tree In the Allotments** – The clerk will contact Mr Tim Batchelor to see what he recommends for this.
 - Dog Poo Bin for Upper Prestcote** – This has been ordered but they were out of stock with a lead time of 6 weeks. Delivery is anticipated imminently.
 - Cabinet for the defibrillator at the school** – The school asked if the PC will fund an external cabinet. The clerk will follow up on this.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

Canals and Rivers Trust – The next meeting of the Cropredy Towpath Taskforce is Wednesday 25th February.

Damaged manhole and sign at the Plantation – These have now been repaired.

Cracks in the Tennis Courts – Mr Tim Batchelor's quote for carrying out a clay test was accepted.

Loose Kerbstone at the Village Hall – This has been reported on Fix my Street

Surface water in Red Lion Street opposite the bungalows – This was reported by a resident and has been reported on Fix my street.

Lower Churchyard Strimming – Mr Simon Bull has kindly offered to take this on.

Upper Churchyard Mowing – The equipment will shortly be serviced in readiness for the season.

Licence Labels for Brown Bins – These will be applied for before the end of February.

Mowing and Hedge Cutting quote – Mr Steve Watts has kindly submitted a quote for cutting the other areas in the village. The clerk will circulate a comparison with last years quote so that this can be agreed.

Mowing in Creampot Close – A resident has advised that this was not mown last year. Cllr Des Knight will check the mowing schedule.

5. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING

Street Lighting – All lighting was due to be converted to LED by the end of 2025 but this deadline has passed.

Cllr Clive Dunn will ask OCC for an update. A streetlight at the entrance to Kyetts Corner is on 24x7. Cllr Clive Dunn will report this.

Blocked gulleys on Williamscot Road – These have been cleared by residents. They were reported to OCC on Fix My Street and the current status is under investigation. The ditch needs to be cleared of vegetation to assist drainage.

Pot Holes – These are getting worse. Mr Laurie Wilson is reporting them and authorising the repairs.

6. VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT : No update

7. PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA: No update.

8. SOCIAL & ENTERTAINMENT: No update

9. PLANNING:

25/03234/OUT – Land East of Claydon Rd - 74 Houses – 208 responses have been posted on the CDC planning portal so far. It was agreed that pictures of the flooded land will be taken with a drone to support the response to the application, subject to clarifying the necessary permissions to take images of private land, and that the planning consultant will be asked to complete the report which will focus on the size of the development

compared to the current size of Cropredy. Clubs have responded with their requirements for S106 payments if the application is approved and the houses built.

New Planning Applications and Appeals:

26/00040/MA56 – The Straw Barn – Change from workshop to single dwelling – PC to decide response by 20/02

26/00166/F – Thickthorn Farm – Alterations to extension of outbuilding – PC to decide response by 24/2.

23/00976/F – Land between Railway track and School Lane – 71 Houses & public car park – PC to decide response by 26/02

New Planning Decisions: None since last meeting.

25/02754/F – The Straw Barn – Addition of 1st floor windows – CDC permitted 5/02/2025.

23/02754/F – Cropredy Lawn – Glamping Pods – Appeal against CDC refusal dismissed by inspector.

10. **COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:** None

11. **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB:**

Parish Councillors representation on the Management Committee – The constitution provides for 2 councillors to be represented on the committee but there are currently none. Representation on the committee will be decided at the March PC meeting.

12. **PARISH MATTERS:**

- i. **Churchyard Wall repairs** – The Diocese of Oxford has requested further information on the specification of the wall rebuild which has been provided. The Oxford Diocese has also requested some information from the Parochial Church Council. Quotes for the work will be sought from stone masons in February.
- ii. **Venue for Parish Council Meetings** – It was agreed that the May and June PC meetings will be held at the Sports and Social Club as a trial and the PC will investigate providing remote participation for members of the public.
- iii. **Live cam to show flooding at the bridge so that residents can plan their journeys**– This will be investigated by Cllr Carine Varaez.
- iv. **Garage sale for residents from their homes** – Cllr Carine Varaez has organised these in the past and will investigate this further.
- v. **Metal recycling** – Middleton Cheyney PC co-ordinates a scheme and this will be investigated by Cllrs Carine Varaez and Rachel Hughes.
- vi. **Community Repair Scheme** – This will be investigated by Cllrs Carine Varaez and Rachel Hughes.
- vii. **Traffic Management at the school** – Cllrs Des Knight and Clive Dunn with discuss this with OCC Highways what options are available to improve safety.

13. **FINANCE.**

Accounts to 31st January – These were circulated prior to the meeting and there were no requests for clarification. The VAT accounts for the 3rd quarter to 31st December have been submitted and HMRC owes the PC £298 for VAT on purchases.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None outstanding

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE:** None

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

17. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 16th March 2026.

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.11pm

Chairman
16th March 2026