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**Cropwell Butler Parish Council
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Chris Davenport, Cllr Roy Morledge, Cllr Graham Allen, Cllr Brenda Day, Cllr Jeremy Williams, Cllr Andrew Cockayne

Apologies: Cllr John Lenthall, Cllr N Clarke (NCC) – apologies received in meeting on 26th September, Cllr G Moore (RBC) apologies received in meeting on 26th September

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Eleanor Parker, Ruth Edwards MP

- 1. To Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence**
Apologies received
- 2. To Receive Declaration of Interest & Confirmation of Agenda**
 - a) Cllr Cockayne for Sheldon Field
 - b) Agenda unanimously agreed
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting from 26th September 2022**
Minutes from 26th September 2022 proposed Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Allen, unanimously agreed.
- 4. Matters arising from previous meeting**
- 5. Parish Councillor resignation**
 - a) Cllr J Lenthall submitted a letter of resignation to the Clerk on 28/09/2022
 - b) Clerk notified RBC of Cllr Lenthalls resignation on 28/09/2022. Vacancy notification was put up on 29/09/2022 once received from RBC and will be in place until 19th October 2022
- 6. Asset Community Value sub-committee**
No-one present
- 7. Finance**
 - a) Payments made since last meeting and payments pending;

Clerk Invoice September 2022 – E Parker	£230.00
Clerk expenses September 2022 – E Parker	£9.59
BHIB Insurance for 2022/2023. Inv LCO01680-683625	£210.52
Arbex fir tree removal. Invoice SI-292	£648.00
NALC Clerk Training. Invoice 2558	£40.00
Streetwise bin emptying July & Aug 2022. Inv 20350	£39.00

Sheldon Field, Fireworks contribution	£1100.00
Water Plus (Direct debit 06.09.22)	£162.98
RA Salt – September invoice 6761	£570.00
b) Income to Date (since last statement)	
Cemetery – Cockayne	£150.00
c) Financial Statement: (after above transactions)	
Current Account	£30,144.65
Business Reserve	£11,041.60

Payments approved for payment. Unanimously agreed, proposed by Cllr Davenport, seconded by Cllr Allen.

Cheques dated 10/10/2022.

- a) Additional hours for the Clerk have been agreed by Councillors on email in-between meetings up until December 2022 to cover any additional work
- b) Letter for Natwest to be signed by 2 Councillors to certify address change on the accounts

Actions;

- i) Clerk to keep a log of the water bills and supply per year and change address on the account for WaterPlus

8. Financial Report

External audits for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 submitted to PKF Littlejohn on 13/09/2022. Clerk has not yet had any queries from PKF Littlejohn

9. Report from a representative of the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee

- a) Minutes recorded separately
- b) Clerk has sent a letter to Mr Miles at Beech Cottage

Standing orders held at 7.30pm

10. Parishioners Question Time

Ordinary parish council meeting held to allow for update from Ruth Edwards MP and questions for Parishioners

3 Parishioners present

Ruth Edwards MP advised her main topics to cover are flooding, planning, community investments funds and energy support.

Flooding:

There is currently no progress with Highways and Nottinghamshire County Council on who's land is causing the issue of flooding within the village. Ruth Edwards MP previous visit with Cllr Davenport lead to National Highways to do a survey of the culvert from the pipe to Hardigate Road and review the flow through the other culverts.

Highways England have received a quote for the survey and Nottinghamshire County Council will have to arrange traffic control to manage the traffic. Ruth Edwards advised she will send a chaser to see when the survey will be taking place and look at other potential issues that may be causing an increased flow of water to that area.

Parishioner from Back Lane advised he was not addressed regarding the property resilience work carried out by NCC.

Nottinghamshire County Councils intention, is to install a diagonal culvert across Back Lane to direct the water elsewhere.

Parishioner highlighted that Pond 6 was to be a recreational pond but there is nothing in it, so

something gone wrong with water going through and suggested if the water could be piped into pond 6/Grantham canal basin.

Ruth Edwards MP advised she will keep the pressure on with regards to flooding on our behalf.

Planning

Ruth Edwards MP does not get involved with specific planning applications they are passed through Rushcliffe Borough Council. Ruth Edwards MP role is to create the legal framework for planning.

Ruth Edwards MP is aware that the number of new houses in area is unsustainable and not enough new infrastructure to support new houses and that developers are not being paid enough to put this infrastructure in place. A lot is being addressed in the levelling-up and regeneration bill in parliament now. Ruth Edwards MP current worry is that people will feel their losing their voices during planning applications and wants to ensure this does not happen.

Clr Davenport advised on behalf of the village, we used to be a complete Green Belt village. Cropwell Butler were designated for insetting from the Green Belt, we had a large input to the drawing of the green belt.

Clr Allen advised developers for infrastructure or housing need to be looking at the bigger picture in terms of flooding

Community funds

Ruth Edwards MP advised there are multiple schemes available for local communities as follows;

- a) Community ownership fund – Ruth Edwards MP will send through details to Clerk to discuss further with Asset of Community Value Group. It is a match funded scheme. Separate governing body will have to do this scheme.
- b) Shared prosperity fund – distributed by RBC
- c) Bid to non-government funds, they support with letters and other resources in parliament.

Energy bills

Available to households – every household gets £400 off energy bills between October and next 4 months which is automatically applied by your energy supplier

Energy limit price guarantee so average bill will be around £2500 as there is a cap on the unit prices, this is dependent on a households usage

Energy bill release scheme – nondomestic scheme. Automatically taken off bills.

Charities, schools, village halls –

If any issues with getting the money off energy bills contact Ruth Edwards MP

Standing orders reinstated at 8.10pm

11. Correspondence for Action/Received

- a) Previous Councillor, queried the salt bins that were going to be arranged for the double bend leading from Radcliffe Road to Fosse Road. Parishoner advised he would still be willing to be the snow officer for these bends, if required. Clerk advised that this is in hand with Clr N Clarke (NCC)
- b) Clerk still awaiting PSPO signage from RBC for dog fouling signs.

Actions;

- 1) Clerk to put up signs once received from RBC

12. Cropwell Butler website

- a) Clerk has asked the Village Hall committee for a full update for their section of the website which Clerk will advise to Dot59.
- b) Clr Williams advised that Dot59 quotes are competitive for the works required. Clr Williams has specific questions regarding the website for Dot59.

Actions;

- 1) Clerk to put Clr Williams in contact with Dot59 for direct discussions.

13. Playground Report

- a) HAGS will be carried out the repairs as agreed at the 26th September meeting for the playground on 10/10/2022
- b) Clr Day advised there is severe damage to the wooden stilts from the strimmer

Actions;

- I) Clerk to ask R A Salt not to use the strimmer around the bases of the play equipment.
- II) Clerk to ask HAGS can they had sheet metal protectors or plastic sheets

14. Planning Applications (plus any to hand):

None to review

15. Flooding Prevention Updates/Actions

Update under parishioner question time with MP Ruth Edwards

16. Cemetery

- a) A plot has been purchased
- b) Lychgate maintenance – currently being managed by Cllr Davenport and Cllr Morledge. Ruth Edwards MP advised there may be something they can do to assist on this
- c) Dying fir tree was removed by Arbex on 28/09/2022 after price was agreed at £540 + VAT. Unanimously agreed on email by Councillors, proposed by Cllr Day, Seconded by Cllr Davenport.

Actions;

- I) Cllr Morledge & Cllr Davenport to meet W/C 17th October with Mark to review the Lychgate for advice

17. Allotments

- a) No updates

18. Sheldon Field

- a) Transfer to Parish Council is currently on hold whilst the documents are reviewed
- b) Unanimously agreed to contribute £1100.00 to the Sheldon Field towards the Fireworks for Guy Fawkes night.
- c) Chairman to signed document for the RBC Tree Scheme on behalf of Sheldon Field

19. Traffic, Highways & Footpaths Issues – Update on any issues/faults reported since last meeting

- a) Incident on Rookery Road/Tithby Road on 01/10/2022. Clerk reported the incident to the Police. Highways/NCC will fix the streetlight. Cast Iron village sign is with the Clerk.
- b) MP Ruth Edwards advised we can request police speed traps for certain areas in the village and will advise contacts to the Clerk

Actions;

- I) Clerk to contact NCC regarding the period village sign to ask if they will reinstate this

20. Jubilee

- a) Plaque has been added to the Sheldon Field gate

21. Maintenance contract

- a) Councillors to discuss maintenance contract and Lengthsman Scheme for 2023 during finance meeting in December

22. Any other business

- a) Cllr Allen to attend Stage 2 of the airspace modernisation programme at East Midlands in November 2022.
- b) Clerk has added poster for the Christmas Fair on 7th December, held by Ellen Hill on the noticeboards and website.
- c) John Cowburn has agreed to purchase and erect the Village Christmas tree. Clerk has confirmed the contribution amount of £150 as agreed in the budget.
- d) Large poppies for remembrance Sunday are not able to be purchased this year via Royal British Legion Website
- e) Quote from Noticeboards Online for new noticeboard on the Village Green was discussed.

Actions;

- I) Clerk to arrange a third quote for the village Noticeboard
- II) Clerk to put up wreath on Lychgate and large poppies on lamp posts through the village

23. Date of next meeting
Monday 14th November 2022
Meeting closed 9.15pm



Signed by Chairperson:

Name:

Chris Davenport

Date:

14/11/22