



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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Present:** Cllr Chris Davenport, Cllr Jeremy Williams Cllr Roy Morledge, Cllr Paul Goodwin and Cllr Brenda Day.

**Apologies:** Cllr David Wells and Cllr Graham Allen.

**In Attendance:** Parish Clerk Eleanor Parker, Cllr Neil Clarke (NCC) and Cllr Ted Birch (RBC).

**1. To receive and approve apologies.**

a) Apologies received.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

a) None

**3. Parishioners Question Time**

Chairman addressed the 21 Parishioners present to highlight this was an ordinary parish council meeting as there had been confusion with Parishioners that it was a flooding specific meeting. Cllr Davenport advised the role of the parish council with regards to flooding and how the Councillors have repeatedly chased through the flooding issues within the Parish with minimal traction due to barriers met with other authorities. Cllr Davenport and Cllr T Birch (RBC) also explained the role of Rushcliffe Borough Council being there to assist with the aftermath of any incidents. All conversation included until point 10 flooding.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Minutes from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Davenport, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Davenport.

**5. Matters arising from previous meeting**

Covered in points below

**6. Finance**

a) Payments pending for signature / Direct Debit;

Clerk Invoice for December 2023	£284.20
Clerk expenses for December 2023	£60.69
Cllr Wells expenses for flood warden storage	£339.69
R A Salt – October Maintenance	£979.20

Income to Date (since last statement):

b) None

Financial Statement: (dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

Current Account	£23,792.60
Business Reserve	£11,192.49

- c) Payments approved for payment. Unanimously agreed, proposed by Cllr Morledge, seconded by Cllr Williams.
7. **Financial Report**
- Precept request agreed at £14,000. 12% increase from 2023-2024.
  - Higher expenditure of the flood sign storage was unanimously agreed for Cllr Wells.
8. **Report from a representative of the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee**
- No updates
9. **Correspondence for Action/Received**
- Email from Tythby resident regarding the bench on Tythby Road will be reviewed. Cllr Davenport will ask parishioner to review.
  - Email from parishioner about state of the grass in Cemetery – Clerk to follow up with Grounds maintenance contractor.
10. **Flooding Prevention Updates/Actions**
- Update from Cllr N Clarke (NCC) on flooding.
  - Storage for flood wardens at the Cemetery was agreed to not purchase a lock up due to the works due to take place to address the flooding at Rookery Corner.
  - Cllr Wells confirmed via email he will take lead on the Flood Warden Scheme.
  - Cllr T Birch (RBC) will lead on the petitions for Severn Trent and National Highways.
  - Parishioners question time regarding flooding:**

**Parishioner 1:** In the event that some money were to become available soon, do we have a clear definition of the problems that need addressing? Cllr Davenport explained we do have clear insight into the problems that occur more so than the resolutions. Cllr Davenport also referred to the letter received by all residents from Ruth Edwards MP highlighting that the funding is being requested. The funding is for putting in attenuation facilities to reduce peak flow towards the village during/after high rainfall conditions.

**Parishioner 2:** – The culverting on Back Lane, it was when new properties were built, and the culvert had a large ditch that was 3 times the size of ditches now. The water now has nowhere to go. Can RBC check the correct planning was in place for those properties when they were built and the sizes of the gardens? Parishioner also highlighted that the village is inaccessible for emergency services when flooding occurs.

**Parishioner 3:** Advised that they moved here 40 years ago, and a section of his garden was always a closed culvert. When they had a survey done it highlighted that the culvert narrows as it approaches Main Street, this could add to the accumulation of water on Back Lane.

**Parishioner 4:** A Question around all land around Cropwell Butler. Has the Parish Council had any conversations with the landowners on what can be done? Cllr N Clarke (NCC) has stated conversations with 2 landowners have taken place. There was a meeting with the Flood Minister, Robbie Moore MP for the bid which involved surrounding land of the village and will require cooperation from the owners of the land. The intention is to attenuate the water to slow it down, so it flows into the village at a slower pace. Cllr N Clarke (NCC) has chased the DEFRA department, and he has not had a firm answer yet, however advised that our bid was a strong bid, and the final answer should be very soon. Flood Minister, Robbie Moore MP is aware and knows the urgency required within the village.

**Parishioner 5:** Do the County Council have an exact plan of what needs doing? Cllr N Clarke (NCC) advised that there are 2 officers at NCC who specialize in natural flood management who are aware and happy to have a consultation with parishioners for local knowledge.

**Parishioner 6:** Regarding Rookery Corner, there are several issues, drains, cracked drains, water that sits and does not drain. NCC have been out twice and cleared the ditches along Tythby Road. The ditches no longer work. Parishioner has reported it as their land and stables have been ruined and injured animals due to flooding. Cllr N Clarke (NCC) advised that the issue at Rookery Corner is being resolved in 2024. A design has been agreed to cut a new culvert for Rookery Corner to drain down past Rookery farm towards the Sheldon Field. In tandem with that will be a reconstruction of the bank at Meadowview to ensure that does not collapse further.

**Parishioner 7:** When NCC came along with all the diggers to clear the ditches on Tythby Road, the culverts are blocked, and the ditch is draining into the road adding to the flooding at Rookery Corner. Cllr N Clarke (NCC) advised he would follow up the ditches that were cleared causing culverts to be blocked.

**Parishioner 8:** When there is money to tackle the issues, it will still take 12 months for the work to take place. When flooding happens, it pushes raw sewage into the center of Main Street. The Parishioner has reported it several times. The Parish Council have reported it before. Cllr Davenport advised that when a meeting took place with Ruth Edwards (MP) and Severn Trent they were all aware of the issue of sewage onto Main Street. Cllr Davenport advised the pumping station needs a bigger capacity to handle the increase in demand. The PC has suggested putting in a higher capacity pump but Severn Trent have not taken action on this.

**Parishioner 9:** Is there another way we can deal with this in a more direct way to get the matter sorted, maybe a petition? Cllr N Clarke (NCC) advised he will pursue a contact at Severn Trent to follow this up quickly. Cllr T Birch advised he has emailed Cllr N Clarke (NCC) and put together the idea of getting a petition together. Especially when

a health issue has been raised which they are not responding too. His personal view is a local campaign to make some noise and pressure as there is lack of respect and engagement with bodies to resolve. A46 is a large contributing factor. It is a complex issue, and everybody is mixed and unclear. Cllr N Clarke (NCC) is also keen to work on this campaign together. The Parishioner also asked the current attenuation ponds do not work for the A46. Is anyone checking this?

**Parishioner 10:** Pollution is coming into their house in 6 rooms and the garage (whole ground floor of their house) had foul water in.

**Parishioner 11:** On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan the Main Street sewer was still bubbling after flood water had drained. The ditch along the playground and Sheldon field was running slower. Cllr Davenport advised there are 2 different systems. The sewer goes to the pumping station. Sheldon Field is all surface water drainage.

Cllr N Clarke (NCC) advised that he will look into the gullies issues to see if they can be cleared and see what else is restricting the flow. The Parishioner will email Neil Clarke to follow up.

**Parishioner 12:** Question to NCC - Has the bid been put forward on the understanding of how much money is needed to create a correct attenuation for what is needed for the village. NCC advised that it is based on what has been indicated as available along with County Council funding to add to the amount.

In conclusion everyone in the Parish has a view and has a role. This is a standing issue with the Parish Council, and we are contributing in any way we can such as the flood warden scheme. Cllr Davenport advised we need more Flood Wardens – people who are particularly not affected. Cllr Morledge advised we require Radcliffe Road and Hardigate Road particularly.

Cllr Davenport advised there are no new items and we have made all the points to the relevant parties.

11. **Traffic, Highways & Footpaths Issues – Update on any issues/faults reported since last meeting**
  - a) Cllr N Clarke (NCC) is chasing through Main Street/Radcliffe Road junction redesign.
12. **Cropwell Butler website**
  - a) No updates
13. **Playground Report**
  - a) Disclaimer notice will be put up at the Playground
14. **Planning Applications (plus any to hand):**

**Reference Number:** 23/02240/FUL  
**Applicant:** Mr David Crawley  
**Development:** Proposed raising of roof height of part of property to accommodate raised floor level in response to flooding.  
**Location:** Orchard House Main Street Cropwell Butler Nottinghamshire, NG123AB  
 Unanimously agreed, no objections.
15. **Cemetery**
  - a) Lychgate path is slippery from algae growth. It was agreed that Cllr Williams will have a look and advise on a solution.
16. **Allotments**
  - a) No updates
17. **Sheldon Field**
  - a) Email received from Councillor Wells regarding transfer of Sheldon Field given via Cllr Williams. A copy of the accounts for Sheldon Field has been received and showed that they have a deficit.
  - b) FIT update via email from Cllr Wells given via Cllr Williams. PC would become a charitable custodian. FIT will help SF to change their constitution at no fee. It was agreed that Cllr Wells has a discussion with Ives&Co about costs and bring to the next meeting to review again.
  - b) Email from Sheldon Field regarding succession planning will be discussed in February's meeting when Cllr Wells is present.
18. **Date of next meeting full council meeting:**  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm  
**Meeting closed 9.50pm**