



Cropwell Butler Parish Council



Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2024 at 7.30 PM

Location: Cropwell Butler & Tythby Village Hall, Main Street, Cropwell Butler, NG12 3AB

MINUTES

- 24/25/058** Welcome and open the meeting.
- The meeting was opened at 7.32pm.
- Present: David Wells (Chair), Chris Davenport, Paul Goodwin, Roy Morledge, Jeremy Williams; Dermot Daly (Clerk); County Cllr Neil Clarke; Borough Cllr Ted Birch; 2 members of the public.
- 24/25/059** To receive and approve any apologies for absence.
- It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies of Cllr Tony Teatum.
- 24/25/060** To receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting.
- There were no disclosures of interests.
- 24/25/061** To suspend Standing Orders (for this item only) and allow for Parishioner Questions and Observations and to receive reports from the County and Borough Councillors.
- It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders for this agenda item.
- It was reported from Notts County Council attendees in regard to the investigation into the Natural Flood Management exercise (relating to item 24/25/072):
The Natural Flood Management scheme is being funded by DEFRA. Focussed on the equivalent of 1:30 flood events. Looking at two key flows, one from the North from the old A46 toward Upper Saxondale direction and the other from the West, down Back Lane.
The delivery phase is from March 2025 depending on the type of interventions (some could be earlier some later after harvest). There will be a number of interventions identified that will need to be discussed with the relevant landowners. So it could be 15 months before the village sees any improvements. Looking for as little impact as possible on flora. GIS has been used to map water flows and landowners are being approached as part of the current investigation phase.
DEFRA will honour the funding even with the change in Government.
It was agreed to provide a further update in September prior to delivery phase.
Some of the GIS mapping can be shared with the Parish Council.
- Proportional representation motion is being placed before the Borough – views from the Parish Council were sought by the Borough Councillor. The proposal is in two parts, one for Borough and one for Country.

MEETINGS

- 24/25/062** To approve the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2024.
- It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Minutes as circulated.

PLANNING

- 24/25/063** To review last minute planning applications.
- There were no last-minute applications for discussion.

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FINANCE

- 24/25/064** To review and agree the Financial Report for the period.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Financial Report as circulated.
- 24/25/065** To review and approve the Accounts for Payment.
- It was RESOLVED by a majority to approve the Accounts for Payment as circulated.
- 24/25/066** To review the Reserves allocation and apply virement to the budgets to ensure appropriate funds allocation.
- It was RESOLVED to approve unanimously the virements from General Reserve to the following budget heads: £490 to the Newsletter, £300 to Utilities, £5000 to Tree Maintenance, £2000 to Sheldon Field Legal. This leaves the General Reserve at a level to the lower end of the recommended level for General Reserves (c. £7000). A further reserve to be identified out of the General Reserve for Flood Reserve (£10,000).

GENERAL

- 24/25/067** To confirm and sign the Deed of Dedication for Sheldon Field and to confirm and sign the associated Land Registry form.
- The Land Registry is recognising the move of ownership from London to local ownership in the village.
- The Parish Council thanked those involved in the work to prepare the legal process, including Cllr David Wells.
- The Council RESOLVED that the Deed of Dedication document for the Sheldon Field is authorised by two Councillors, identified as Cllrs Jeremy Williams and Chris Davenport, and was subsequently signed by said Councillors on behalf of Cropwell Butler Parish Council.
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- 24/25/068** To discuss and agree actions relating to request for refund on Cemetery plot.
- It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will investigate costs of administration on the cancelling of the legal deed, which according to the Cemetery Policy is in perpetuity, without refund. There will be a check made for subsequent administration fees to the Authorities if cancellation is possible. The Clerk will report to the next meeting.
- 24/25/069** To discuss and agree relevant Playground repairs and agree the process for checking the intermediate status and safety of the play equipment.
- It was reported that there was chipped wood on some items – which could be sanded and re-treated.
- An element of the climbing frame has delaminated – it is non slip, specialised replacement is necessary.
- Some posts show signs of having been strimmed – can re-treat and look at shrouding the base of the posts (need to check with PlaySafety whether this is a sensible approach).
- Need to check on health and safety aspect of all proposed changes through PlaySafety.
- Birds perching above cargo net – need to ask PlaySafety for whether cable ties could also be used in this case (as have been used on other play items).
- It was RESOLVED to seek approval for changes from third party and seek costings for the work to be placed in front of the Council at the next meeting.
- The Clerk is to look back in records for who provided equipment originally.
- Seek volunteers to act as interim play equipment checkers on a monthly basis.
- 24/25/070** To discuss and agree the Cemetery tree works and review the quality grounds maintenance works.
- The Council is still waiting on a report from Tom Petit, Rushcliffe Borough Council. The Clerk is to chase and inform of Cllr Graham Allen resignation.
- The Clerk to circulate the report when it is received to Councillors for views, prior to getting quotes.
- More contacts for tree works contractors will be sent through from Cllr Chris Davenport via WhatsApp.

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- 24/25/071** To discuss and agree relevant works and associated costs for local Bench renovation.
- Various options and materials have been investigated.
 - It was RESOLVED by a majority to replace the wood and fittings on the Tythby Road Bench with Cedar and be left untreated, at a cost of around £200 from the Maintenance fund by Cllr Jeremy Williams.
 - Should the community want to treat the wood then that will be left to them.
 - It was RESOLVED to level the Coronation bench on the Village Green by placing further slabs under the legs of the bench. A working party is to be convened from the Sheldon Field group by Cllr David Wells. The woodwork appears to be in good order.
 - The Church Lychgate is to be assessed by a contractor.
- 24/25/072** To discuss the progress on the natural flood management plan.
- See references in the public session above.

REPORTS (information only)

- 24/25/073** Clerks Report.
- The Village Hall has been provided with a key to the Council noticeboard in front of the Village Hall.
- 24/25/074** Report from a representative of the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.
- Nothing to report - not attended yet.
- 24/25/075** Update report on flooding (County Cllr N Clarke).
- Rookery corner still on track for October – costs are still rising.
- 24/25/076** Update report on the Main Street / Radcliffe Road junction (County Cllr N Clarke).
- Still waiting for work on the Radcliffe Road junction - it is lower priority to against other risk areas in the County.
- 24/25/077** Update report on the Sheldon Field transfer (Cllr David Wells).
- Completed.

NEXT MEETING

- 24/25/078** To consider agenda items for the next meeting on 9th September 2024 commencing 7.30pm.
- Church lychgate.
 - Evidence of deer near the A46 underpass – need to talk to Via regarding signage (Clerk).
 - Tree on unadopted land, dropping a limb every year. W3W location: hobbies.packing.upward – need to inform to Tom Petit (Clerk).
 - Footpath 6 near Back Lane has a dangerous stile near ditch (at W3W location: showcase.opts.smart) – footpath officer needs to be informed by Clerk.
 - Flood signage near Lychgate – need to purchase storage box as an emergency so that signage does not get stolen at a cost of around £150 (Cllr David Wells).
- Meeting close.
- There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.52pm.

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