



# Cropwell Butler Parish Council



**Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11 November 2024 at 7.00 PM**

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

## MINUTES

Welcome and open the meeting.

- The meeting was opened at 7.00pm.
- Present: Cllrs David Wells (Chair), Jeremy Williams (Vice Chairman), Chris Davenport, Paul Goodwin, Tony Teatum; Dermot Daly (Clerk); ~~County Cllr Neil Clarke, Borough Cllr Ted Birch~~; No members of the public.

**24/25/124** Receive and approve any apologies for absence.

- The apologies for Cllr Roy Morledge were reported.

**24/25/125** Receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting.

- Cllr David Wells declared an interest in items relating to the Sheldon Field (24/25/109) and Expenses approval in Accounts for Payment (24/25/138).
- Cllr Jeremy Williams declared an interest in the item relating to expenses approval in Accounts for Payment (24/25/138).

**24/25/126** Agree the co-option of a Councillor to the remaining Casual Vacancy and complete relevant forms.

- There was no interest in the position to date.

**24/25/127** Suspend Standing Orders (for this item only) and allow for Parishioner Questions and Observations and to receive reports from the County and Borough Councillors.

- The planning application for the reduction of a Beech Tree was reported to the effect that no Tree Preservation Order is to be applied.

## **MEETINGS**

**24/25/128** Approve the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2024.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Minutes as circulated with a change of wording for speed monitoring strips in 24/25/121.

## **GENERAL**

**24/25/129** Review and agree application for grant from Sheldon Field Committee.

- It was RESOLVED to defer this item until next month – to allow production of their accounts and an offline review of their need for a grant.

**24/25/130** Approve purchase of paving slabs for the Cemetery.

- There were no costs involved – repurposed slabs used.

**24/25/131** Provide updates and plan maintenance of village assets.

- Repairs to the climbing frame have been completed.
- Benches on the green triangle are expected to be refurbished in the Spring.
- The Lychgate refurbishment is expected to commence in November.
- An activity day took part in the Cemetery with volunteers removing branches over the paths, and removing old cuttings and leaves - thanks were extended to all those involved.
- Pat and Mike Donington are to be sent a vote of thanks from the Parish Council and the community for the work that they have done in the Cemetery.

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- 24/25/132** The Clerk to present anonymous quotes for tree-works in the Cemetery and the preferred supplier to be chosen and identified.  
 - It was RESOLVED to defer the decision and to seek further quotes in order to provide adequate options from which to choose.
- 24/25/133** Discuss and agree how to respond to the national Remote Meetings and Proxy Voting consultation.  
 - It was RESOLVED that the Chair will respond in such a way to reflect support for remote meetings attendance only under extreme situations.
- 24/25/134** Agree retrospective emergency re-siting of water tap in Cemetery.  
 - It was RESOLVED to approve the work and the associated spend.
- 24/25/135** Agree actions relating to repair of wall to the front of the Village Hall.  
 - There was some discussion in respect of the ownership of the wall. It was RESOLVED to investigate evidence of ownership. Without prejudice The Parish Council will look into a possible insurance claim from previous significant flooding event.
- 24/25/136** Agree any specific feedback to the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan.  
 - There was no specific feedback. There was an expectation that all city housing needs should be fulfilled within the city boundary. It is expected that pressures may be applied through the Duty to Cooperate. It was thought that development outside of the city limit would place significant extra pressure on transport and roads. It was RESOLVED that the Chair to create words and bring to the next meeting for approval.

#### **FINANCE**

- 24/25/137** Review and agree the Financial Report for the period.  
 - It was RESOLVED to accept the report as circulated.  
 - The Lychgate budget head is to be added to the report.
- 24/25/138** Review and approve the Accounts for Payment.  
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the accounts for payment as circulated.
- 24/25/139** Review first draft of the financial budget for 2025-26.  
 - It is expected that this will be discussed throughout the month and the second draft be presented at the December meeting.

#### **REPORTS (information only)**

- 24/25/140** Discuss the progress on the natural flood management plan.  
 - No update due to key staff having health issues.  
 - The Trent Trust walkaround may well be postponed until December which is hoped will not affect the approval required by March 2025.
- 24/25/141** Report from a representative of the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.  
 - There were some issues raised that the Village Hall Committee believe are under the control of the Parish Council - this is to be investigated.
- 24/25/142** Update report on flooding (County Cllr N Clarke).  
 - Rookery Corner: drilling on the new route across the field has exposed buried hazardous material which may increase the cost - new pricing is awaited. Contractors still expecting to be on site over the next two weeks to remove the material.
- 24/25/143** Update report on the Main Street / Radcliffe Road junction (County Cllr N Clarke).  
 - The speed monitoring strips (on the junction of Radcliffe Road and Main Street) and possible change of layout for the junction - is to be discussed more deeply over coming days.  
 - The further speed monitoring strips are hoped to be located outside of the Village Hall.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- 24/25/144** Consider agenda items for the next meeting on 9th December 2024 commencing 7.00pm.  
 - Agree words in response to the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan.  
 - Budget for 2025-26 precept.  
 - Casual vacancy.  
 - Present anonymous quotes for tree-works in the Cemetery and the preferred supplier to be chosen and identified.  
 - It was noted that the Christmas tree will be erected on 30th November.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

**24/25/145** Agree to enter a confidential session which will require the exclusion of the press and public.

- There were no members of the public in attendance at this point.

**24/25/146** Discuss and agree actions relating to the Clerk's appointment and contract.

- This item is to be discussed further over coming weeks and presented back to a future meeting.

Meeting close.

- Meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

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