



# Cropwell Butler Parish Council



Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 8 December 2025 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 Chris Davenport, Paul Goodwin, Tony Teatum, David Wells (Chair), Jeremy Williams (Vice Chair); Dermot Daly (Clerk); County Cllr Neil Clarke (from 7.50pm); One member of the public.

- 25/26/136** Receive and approve any apologies for absence.  
- The apology was noted for Cllr Roy Morledge.
- 25/26/137** Agree the co-option of a Councillor to the Casual Vacancy and complete relevant forms.  
- There was no interest shown at the meeting.
- 25/26/138** Receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting.  
- Interests received from Cllr David Wells regarding Sheldon Field Committee position.
- 25/26/139** Suspend Standing Orders (for this item only) and allow for Parishioner Questions and Observations and to receive reports from the County and Borough Councillors.  
- A member of the public requested a maintenance project for the cemetery, especially the front – tidying up to reduce fallen leaves. A suggestion was made that the Sheldon Field volunteers might like to assist with clearing of leaves at the end of the season. The project could remove some of the overhanging branches over the parking area – this would need to be investigated. Use of the Sheldon Field volunteers is to be investigated by Cllr David Wells for a general tidy-up at the front.  
- County Councillor non-specific report: Approximately 15,000 signatures presented to Robert Jenrick to give to Secretary of State for the proposed unitary boundaries. The Government will be in consultation in the New Year on the Local Government Review process - a decision is expected to be made between May and July 2026.  
- District Cllr Ted Birch was not present.

## **PLANNING**

- 25/26/140** Review and agree responses to any last minute planning applications and report any decisions.
- 25/01439/FUL - High Thorpe, The Fosse, Cropwell Butler, NG12 3AP - Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and erection of detached dwelling. [Approved] - Decision noted.
  - 25/01631/FUL - The Limes, The Fosse, Cropwell Butler, NG12 3AQ - Change of use of residential annexe to long term rental property. [Refused] - Decision noted.

## **MEETINGS**

- 25/26/141** Approve the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 10th November 2025.  
- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes as circulated.

## **FINANCE**

- 25/26/142** Review and agree the Financial Report for the period.  
- It was agreed to accept the report as circulated and reconciled to the bank.
- 25/26/143** Review and approve the Accounts for Payment.  
- It was RESOLVED to accept the Accounts for Payment as circulated.  
- A full claim for the Christmas tree and securing straps is to be submitted by Cllr David Wells

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## GENERAL

- 25/26/144 Confirm approach for the Village Hall retaining wall rebuild .
- Wall may need to be dismantled by the time the tree works are carried out on 18th February 2026.
  - The Clerk to check whether a payment for some of the local manpower would be acceptable.

## REPORTS (information only)

- 25/26/145 Update report on flooding, including the natural flood management plan.
- Natural Flood Management: Nothing further to report other than Phase 2 (2026 work) is still in the phase of landowner discussions. The Trent River Authority are delaying the appointment of the replacement contractor until April/May 2026 for the tidy-up work. It was requested for an update on the monitoring stations rain gauge data following recent heavy rains.
  - Rookery Corner: Continued to flood in recent heavy rains. Contractor start date of 5th January 2026 has been agreed, taking about 12 weeks to complete. This will be immediately followed by the reinstatement of the corner embankment. The field landowners have continued to be cooperative.
  - Severn Trent Water (STW): A response, to a recent complaint of sewage outpour, was that it was hydraulic overload and support desk suggested the issue is raised with the local Council. It appears that the person was in a call centre and a subsequent follow up escalation to the Chief Executive of STW resulted in no response. The County Councillor reported that it appears that STW are modelling options for the foul drains. The previous survey raised three issues – there appears to have been no work done on the manholes.

A number of questions were raised through the County Cllr...

Has the call centre representative been educated? – Yes.

Can STW respond on the recent complaint?

Can STW update on the manhole work?

An interim update would be useful prior to any re-visit to a Parish Council meeting early in 2026.

A hydraulic survey had been promised as the next step but is there an update on this?

There was a suggestion of a letter to be sent to STW covering the fact that there has been many years of flooding, which has been accentuated with the building of the A46 in 2012. Despite many approaches STW has been very slow in response to increase capacity during flood events, when raw sewage is flowing through the village causing significant health risk. The Clerk will draft a letter for Cllr David Wells to review.

- 25/26/146 Update report on road and traffic issues.
- Main Street / Radcliffe Road junction: still awaiting a date for the work to commence.
  - Speed Camera / SID permission enquiry – no update.
  - A large patched area on the entrance to the village, opposite Radcliffe Road, is starting to degrade.
  - Bus connections issues: a solution is still being investigated.
  - Central Bus are stopping route 90 – it is being taken over by Nottingham City Transport – but there is a potential reduction of the current service for times that are not being used.

- 25/26/147 Clerk's report.
- A new memorial is being placed on plot 466 following interment back in February 2017.

- 25/26/148 Update on Village Hall Committee.
- The bookings role is still to be resolved.

- 25/26/149 Update on village assets.
- No update.

## NEXT MEETING

- 25/26/150 Consider agenda items for the next meeting on 12th January 2026 commencing 7.00pm.
- The County Councillors Divisional Fund needs to be spent by March 2026 – it needs to be used for an event or equipment purchase – around £200/£300.
  - Cllr vacancy carry forward.
  - Regular item for Sheldon Field report. This month saw new large "CCTV in Operation" signage in the Sheldon Field area; the noticeboard is being kept up to date and has attracted some new volunteers; Fireworks night was popular with cashless transactions being used - the move from 5th to 8th was supported through evidential attendance.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

**25/26/151** Agree to enter a confidential session which will require the exclusion of the press and public.  
- There were no members of the public present so the meeting did not need to go into closed session to address confidential matters.

**25/26/152** Discuss complaint received regarding the Cemetery and agree related actions.  
- The Clerk provided a background document to explain highlight the complaint and the background to records kept relating to the plot under focus.  
- The complaint was discussed and it was decided to carry out further investigation.  
- Clerk to provide a response to the complainant to explain that the complaint is being investigated.

Close meeting.

- The meeting was closed at 8.51pm.

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