# CRUDWELL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 7 p.m.

Present: Cllr P Gilchriest (Chair), Cllr T Fraser (Vice Chair), Cllr R Lambley, Cllr G Lawes,
Cllr N Doel, Cllr A Stewart, Ward Councillor C Berry (Wilts Council) Clerk: Lisa Dent

One member of the public

The Public and Press are cordially invited to be present. The order of business may be varied. All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - 10 MINUTES IF REQUESTED** 

- 1. Meeting was opened at 7.02 pm by Chairman Peter Gilchriest, who informed it was being recorded to assist in producing Minutes and all present welcomed.

  Apologies received from Clir S Grainger.
- 2. Declarations of Interest to items on the agenda Cllr Lawes, Cllr Stewart see Planning 7.1
- 3. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council meeting from Tues 5th January 2021 meeting

1. It was proposed that the above Minutes were approved, and Chair	Proposed by: RL Seconded: GL
will sign and return to Clerk. Clerk to upload on website.	All present in favour.

4. Matters Arising January 2021

Defib pads Village Hall	Replacement to order	AS confirmed they have been ordered			
Speeding/speedwatch		See Parish Matters Speeding			
Trees	Removal – R Wilson	PG to contact			
Trees	Treeworks to No 8	TF awaiting contact from ID Verde			
Roundabout	Replacement bearing	TF awaiting contact			
Rommel Lane	Plan to progress	PG/TF/GL and ND			
Fresh Air Fitness	Post 'Closed' Notice	AS completed			
Emergency Plan	To post online	PG to send to Clerk			
Chelworth Road	Gigaclear/resurface	GL to email M Perrott/Wilts Council			
Surface		Query road resurface			
WALPA Meeting	RL to attend	See Neighbourhood Plan			
Flooding Eastcourt	Update JS – The 2 culverts blocked have been flushed through, resident completed some private flood alleviation works. A lot of standing water remains by BT box. Cllr Berry visited with Wilts Council representatives and advised it used to drain into stream by Great Barn (M Perrot-Wilts Council advised he would look at this). JS will check this area to see if it has cleared. JS advised the resident/s affected by recent flooding are more confident that the recent works will have a positive outcome against future flooding.				
Eastcourt defibrillator project					

## **Blocked Gullies/Drains**

Blocked drains and gully clearance was discussed at length including the recent freezing weather which has caused sheet ice from overflowing drains:- it was agreed Crudwell Parish Council will request assistance from Wiltshire Council (some individual drains had been reported via the Wilts Council app). CB advised that in conversation with Malcolm Bevan and Matt Perrott (Wiltshire Council Representatives) he received confirmation that as a Parish Council, we can request a gully clearance visit and instruct where this should

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take place. Clerk contact M Perrot and quote the areas concerned and indicate these on the emergency plan which shows the location of gullies in the Parish. It will include:- The Dawneys all the way to West Crudwell to take in Tetbury Lane – drain by Rommel Lane and by Littlemead. Chelworth between Blanche and turning to Grove (halfway along). All councillors welcome to input into locations that require attention.

## 5. Finance

(1) Current bank balances 27th Jan 2021: Treasurers Account: £10,051.95 Business Bank Account: £16,947.29

(2) Accounts for payment

		Net	VAT	Total
TC Landscapes Ltd	Investigation visit to Roundabout	412.50	82.50	495.00
PATA Payroll	Payroll Services	23.25		23.25
Clerk Invoice	Jan 2021	366.99		366.99
HMRC	To above	41.80		41.80
Broadbean	Uploads Dec 2020	65.00		65.00
Broadbean	NHP upload and training	130.00		130.00
Zoom	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021	14.39		14.39
Mrs Browning	Allotments provision payment 3 years	15.00		15.00
Vision	Examiners Report, advice, correspondence	350.00	70.00	420.00
		£1418.93	£152.50	£1571.43
It was proposed that the above payments were approved, and all present were in favour		Proposed by: TF Seconded: AS All present in favour.		

(3) Allotments invoicing and payment to Mrs Browning

Allotments invoicing has been completed and payment to Mrs Browning has been backdated as 3 years is due. It was confirmed that all allotments are rented and two people are on a wait list for a plot.

- (4) Renewal of debit card we are awaiting the new Parish Council debit card.
- (5) QFS due for period Oct Dec 20 was accepted by the council.
- (6) End of Feb 21 VAT reclaim

It was noted that this will be submitted by the Clerk at the end of February 2021 and would total £632.13.

### 7. Planning/Development

1. Application Ref: 20/10336/FUL

(Dec of Interest – Cllr G Lawes)

Application for Full Planning Proposal: Two storey & first floor extensions to main house & conversion of former haystore to dependent persons accommodation

At: Oliver House Stud, Chedglow, Crudwell SN16 9EZ

Comments by: 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021

The two minor amendments were reviewed and it was agreed that the previous comment still stands:-Crudwell Parish Council has taken onboard the comment from neighbours and would like to see a long-term Section 106 agreement in place for this property and then would support this dependent person housing application.

2. Application Ref: 20/10839/FUL Application for Full Planning
Proposal:- Single storey extension with extending kitchen and dining room, changing
conservatory to garden/sunroom. At: 5 The Firs, Kemble, Wilts, GL7 6AZ Comments by: 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2021
The following comment was agreed:- NO COMMENT

3. Application Ref: 21/00083/FUL Application for Full Planning Proposal:- Change of use of two farm buildings from agriculture to a mixed use of agriculture, butcher and

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for commercial use (E(g), B2 and B8) uses. At: Chedglow Field Farm, Crudwell Lane, Upper Chedglow, Malmesbury, Wilts, SN16 9HA Comments to be received by: 28 Jan 2021
The following comment was agreed:- NO OBJECTION

4. Application Ref: 20/11635/FUL Application for Full Planning
Proposal:- Retention of temporary farm workers dwelling and office (originally permitted under reference 15/02803/FUL) At: Chedglow Field Farm, Crudwell Lane, Upper Chedglow, SN16 9HA Comments to be received by: 02 March 2021 The following comment was agreed:- NO OBJECTION

# 8. Wiltshire Council report (Cllr C Berry) – Standing Item

Wilts Council budget will include a 5% increase (slight underspend this year due to prompt re-claims from Government grants). National Health continues to work co-operatively with District Councils. Upcoming legislation will be tabled to ensure future cohesion in working together.

N Wilts speeding meeting will take place this week and Parish Councils are invited to attend. Include average speed cameras, enforcement, community speedwatch, speeding through villages. It was agreed this is an important subject matter to residents and ClIr Lambley will attend on behalf of Crudwell Parish Council. ClIr Berry advised he had attended a recent planning meeting re Local Plans, agenda items included the consultation process (did not detail individual village situation). Where properties are added-to and linked with a Section 106 it was noted they do generate CIL monies but they will not be included in the housing provision figures.

- 9. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Report (Cllr R Lambley) Standing Item
- 1. Disposal of sewerage and the alleviation of flooding risks from potential future housing in Crudwell

Flooding and sewage effluent in times of heavy rain has been a concern of residents, initially in Neighbourhood Plan Focus Group work in early 2018 and subsequently in Reg 14 and Reg 16 consultations.

There have been numerous meetings with the Wiltshire Council Flood Team and Wessex Water throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. The purpose of the meetings and subsequent emails was to determine what mitigation measures should be included in NP Policies in order that any new housing development should not make that situation worse.

The 25/1/18 and 22/6/18 emails from Martin Tidman and David Martin (Wessex Water) are Appendix 1 and 2 of the Sustainability Appraisal and Evidence Base document that goes alongside the Neighbourhood Plan itself.

These emails explain that the problem of sewage pollution in Crudwell is caused by surface water getting into the foul sewerage network in periods of heavy rain.

Before 2016, surface water from the school went into the foul sewer network. In 2016, Wessex Water stopped this from happening, so the amount of water in the foul sewers was reduced dramatically. This offsets the output from many more homes than the 25 proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan, according to Wessex Water.

Wessex Water also say they have fixed leaks in the foul sewer network to stop surface water getting into them.

In terms of the impact of the 25 homes, Wessex Water's advice to the Steering Group is that the existing foul sewer can cope with 25 extra houses in normal conditions, particularly because of the reduction in flows through the foul sewer resulting from the school not discharging surface water to it.

In periods of heavy rain, they said surface water should be detained on the Tuners Lane site, and then released at a rate lower than current greenfield run off rates. This is what NP policy DD1 g) and policy IT1 require as is standard practice for new housing sites. This means that surface water coming off the Tuners Lane site will be at

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a lower rate than now. In principle, none of this should be getting into the foul sewer network because Wessex Water say the leaks in the foul sewers are fixed.

However we are aware that it is still the case that there are still occasions in heavy rain when sewage effluent from the drains has occurred. This suggests surface water is still getting into the sewers which the Parish Council should raise with Wessex Water. However, because the Neighbourhood Plan requires surface water flows to be less after development than they now, the Tuners Lane development will not make this worse.

There is ongoing activity by the Parish Council via flood lead John McWilliam and if it were felt appropriate the Steering Group would be most willing to liaise with him in order to assist with energising Wessex Water to revisit their earlier plans for infrastructure improvements to the sewerage and flooding issues. This joint approach could reassure some residents who believe that new developments could exacerbate the flooding and sewage problems.

Cllr Berry advised recent heavy rainfall to Tuners Lane/by Old Post Office, had caused waste-water to 'bubble up' through the drain due to the system not separating run-off and sewerage. This identifies run-off water is entering the foul sewer (the two should be separate) and this had previously been identified by Wessex Water as a problem which needs to be rectified.

Discussions followed concerning the pipe from pumping station/Hankerton, water harvesting and the use of septic tanks and on site developer-solutions.

It was agreed that the NHP Group/Community Liaison Group will request assistance from resident John McWilliam who has been assisting the Parish Council with liaison with flood agencies, to put pressure on Wessex Water and have the current problems acknowledged. Also any potential property developer will need to be aware of these problems and they will be expected to acknowledge this in their design and approach to drainage.

### Neighbourhood Plan Report

Following the Independent Examiner's decision that the draft Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan 'meets the basic conditions' and subject to modifications, 'it should proceed to Referendum' we are pleased to report that amendments have been made and that the final Referendum version of the plan has been sent to Wiltshire Council for publication.

However because of the COVID-19 pandemic Referendums cannot be held until at least May 2021. We will inform the Parish Council as soon as we have confirmation of the Referendum date from Wiltshire Council.

In the meantime the Plan, having reached this stage has a great deal of strength in that it can protect us from speculative developers who may launch planning applications as Wiltshire Council land supply is below the required five years.

Following discussions with Vision Planning a reduction in the quotation for support to the Community Liaison Group has been agreed at £650.00 per day net of VAT and all work undertaken will be monitored.

The Community Liaison Group is expected to commence its work programme shortly, the first stage is as follows:

- 4.1 Background reports and constraints mapping
- Applicant to prepare background reports and initial constraints map and circulate to CLG (via SM)
- CLG to review background reports and initial constraints
- CLG to feedback via a virtual workshop

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A particular focus of the work at this stage will be to focus on land drainage and sewerage requirements to include consultation with Wessex Water.

A communications and awareness plan is being drafted now which will identify the messages and channels of communications to be used to ensure that Parishioners and other Stakeholders understand the reasons for supporting the plan at Referendum. The communications will also identify the significant risks if the Plan is not 'made', in particular the likelihood of speculative planning applications to build large numbers of houses and their likely approval while the Wiltshire land supply remains below the required five years.

Cllr Stanford left the meeting: 8.00 pm

- 3. WALPA meeting 28th January 2021. RL advised there is a push towards moving large property developments forward in our area. Cllr Berry advised a large amount of unmitigated phosphate run-off has been identified in South Wilts (Avon area) and this is being rectified to move planning forward in this area.
- The WALPA intention is to lobby the four local MP's and CPRE and Locality Planning organisation. The draft letter had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was proposed by PG, seconded by GL and all present in favour that we agree and endorse the draft communication.
- 4. Local Plan consultation was briefly discussed with comment on the Chippenham area from Cllr Berry.
- 10. COVID-19 19 Community Initiative (Cllr R Lambley) Standing Item

The Parish Clerk and I attended a hand over meeting with Broadbean and we are now managing the content of the my-crudwell website and both mailing lists. COVID-19 updates from the Parish and Wiltshire Councils are notified via my-crudwell, our mailing list, our Facebook page and the Street Leader's WhatsApp group.

Due to the most recent lockdown publication and distribution of printed WOIC has ceased and we have now expedited publication of eWOIC on the my-crudwell website with notification on our mailing list, the latest edition was published and notified on the same day of receipt; the 27th January.

The Community Street Leader volunteer's of Crudwell, Chedglow and Chelworth continue to be extra vigilant in continuing to support our elderly and vulnerable as lockdown continues. Parishioners have been reminded via the my-crudwell website and WOIC of how to contact them for help via organiser <a href="mailto:leon.horton@Heineken.co.uk">leon.horton@Heineken.co.uk</a>.

We continue to monitor local COVID-19 data and while the number of cases here and in Wiltshire is thankfully falling in line with the rest of the country death rates unfortunately continue to be extremely concerning. We are pleased to note that COVID-19 Vaccinations have commenced at Malmesbury Primary Care Centre and Bath Racecourse. Parishioners have been advised not to contact the Centres but referred to the website for guidance.

## 11. Parish Matters

- 1. Parking Tuners Lane Request Parish Council approval to tarmac part of grassed area for additional residents parking. The residents correspondence was reviewed and the following issues were discussed:-
- Streetscene/this area is a prominent location adjacent to the Parish Notice Board.
- Foot path arrangements and provision for potential housing
- Maintaining Parish green spaces
- Parking impacting on visibility and congestion

The Parish Council agreed it was unable to support a request to tarmac any of the green space surrounding the noticeboard at Tuners Lane.

2. Trees (1) Fallen tree - removal. TF will assist in expediting this by contacting Mr Wilson. (2) Progress

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- treeworks from report, TF is still awaiting contact from ID Verde.
- 3. Flooding Eastcourt flooding update (JS), see Matters Arising.
- 4. Playground (1) roundabout maintenance/new bearing update. TF continues to chase for an update on delivery of this item (2) Independent playground report received today, carry over to next meeting.
- 5. Track at Rommel Lane plan has been created by Cllr Lawes and all present thanked him for this. A narrative will be provided, PG will assist with Lord Lucas element with ND/TF and GL will approach Justine. TF will contact a solicitor and obtain a quote for their services.
- 6. Highways/speeding Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm RL will attend.
- 7. Resident correspondence basketball hoops to Crudwell Rec Ground. Email passed to Village Hall committee.
- 8. Parish Steward (JS)
  Wall at Tetbury Lane. Hedge and wall area has been cut back; can this be repeated as not a complete success. Clerk will advise JS.

# 12. Other projects

- 1. Review/redesign of parish council and MyCrudwell websites to include accessibility requirements.
- 2. Eastcourt BT Telephone Box/defibrillator see Matters Arising.

## 13. Closing comments/Chair to close meeting.

Chedglow – PG advised there maybe some upcoming road resurfacing in Chedglow, Cllr Berry advised resurfacing works are continuing and this is a possibility.

Pavement in front of new wall by Village Hall (for wheelchair access) would a dropped kerb be appropriate (resident enquiry). To be noted and roll over to next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.45 pm.

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