



CROWMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 8th December, 2022
starting at 7.00pm**

Present:

Mr John Griffin (Chair)	Mrs Liz Ryall
Prof Andrew Johnson	Mr Stephen Sherbourne
Mr Julian Park	Mr David Topliss
Mr David Rowley	

Attending: Dr Yvonne Peet (Finance Officer) and Mrs Sue Rance (Clerk). Three members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies: Received from Mr Jay Anderson, Mr Stuart Soames, Mrs Fleur Stevenson, Ms Julia Streete and District Councillors Sue Cooper and Andrea Powell.

Declarations of interest: None.

The meeting was quorate.

NO.		ACTION
5387	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD NOVEMBER 2022 The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
5388	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES <u>Item 5374:</u> First Class Tree Surgeons have carried out the pruning of the hedge at Home Farm. <u>Item 5378:</u> The salary review for Mr Chris Strange is in hand and will be reported on at the February meeting. <u>Item 5380:</u> Cllr Park estimates the likely cost of the Countryside Code boards at £3,000. <u>Item 5386:</u> The Clerk has requested on Fix my Street that the light bulb in the North Stoke street lamp be changed to a white one. <u>Item 5386:</u> Crowmarsh Stores has already closed permanently in its current location.	AJ

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FINANCE

a) Payments to be approved since last meeting.

The Finance Officer had circulated a list of payments to be authorized. In addition to salaries, PAYE and expenses, this included £166.39 for dog bin emptying, £113.66 for refuse collection, £114.17 for allotment insurance, £233.82 for trees and stakes, £102.00 for graphics for the pavilion refurbishment, £2,362.48 for service and emergency drain clearance at the pavilion and £540.00 for hedge cutting at Home Farm. Total payments were £6,401.84. It was proposed by Cllr Sherbourne and seconded by Cllr Ryall that the payments be approved and this was agreed.

b) Accounts status at 30th November 2022

The balance at the bank was £248,974.76. £75,000 will be transferred from the CIL money to the Pavilion funds. £93,443 in CIL money is expected in the next year.

c) Agree draft budget and precept for 23/24

The draft budget had been circulated and was discussed. The budget was projecting a deficit of £29,341. It was proposed by Cllr Park and seconded by Cllr Topliss that the budget be approved and this was agreed. £105K is projected for strategic priorities; pedestrian crossings and improvements to the surface of Watery Lane. The budget will be reviewed in February/March.

Precept divided by tax base = council tax per band D dwelling.

The tax base for Crowmarsh has changed partly due to a change in the number of houses. It is set by SODC and is 832.00 for 23/24 (previously 759.2).

The council tax per band D dwelling to keep it equivalent to last year is £56.05 (thereby keeping council tax per household the same).

The proposed precept for 23/24 is £46,633.60 (last year £42,553.16). It was proposed by Cllr Sherbourne and seconded by Cllr Griffin that this figure be approved and this was agreed.

	<p>d) <u>Requests for grants and donations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email had been received from Earth Trust requesting a donation for riverside trees. <i>(It was subsequently agreed to postpone a decision on this until the spring to give the existing trees a chance to recover.)</i> • A grant request had been received from Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice. • A grant request had been received from Sue Ryder Palliative Care Hub, <p>These requests will be considered at the February meeting.</p>	
5390	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Decision by SODC</p> <p>P22/S2176/HH North Stoke Farm, The Street, North Stoke OX10 6BL. Detached garage (as amended by drawing received on 1 August 2022 and plan received 8 August 2022). Planning Permission.</p> <p>Consultations</p> <p>P22/S4100/S73 Crowmarsh Pavilion, Bellamy Way, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8FN. Retrospective application S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) on application P20/S2748/FUL (Internal alterations, new window/door opening, extension of external walkway and paved areas) - to reconstruct the ramp to the rear of the pavilion to current Building Regulations standards. Recommend approval.</p> <p>P22/S3794/HH Maple Croft, Mongewell OX10 8BP. Two bedrooms added to new first floor. Recommend approval.</p> <p>P22/S4370/HH 6 Little Hitchen, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8FW Single storey side extension with Ultraframe 380 replica roof tiling system and two double glazed roof panels. Recommend approval.</p> <p>Major application</p> <p>Arron Twamley, planning agent for Avant Homes, has written rejecting the proposal for the parish council to manage the open spaces on the Newnham Manor site. We have told the planning officers and our district councillors that we are disappointed and wish to discuss it with them.</p>	

5391	<p>REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>A report from OCC Cllr Felix Bloomfield had been received and circulated to councillors.</p>	
5392	<p>REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</p> <p>A report from District Councillors Sue Cooper and Andrea Powell had been circulated.</p>	
5393	<p>UPDATE ON PAVILION PROJECT</p> <p>Many thanks to Cllr Streete, who has planted trees to replace those that have died at the nature area.</p> <p>There are some ongoing snagging issues on the pavilion project. The agreed contingency fund of up to 10% may be required. It was agreed to spend up to £10,000 contingency on fixtures and fittings, tables and chairs and a monitor. Authority was delegated to the Environment and Recreation Ground Committee to purchase these.</p> <p>The project will be completed within the current financial year.</p>	
5394	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The following correspondence was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste and recycling information • NALC updates • Healthwatch Update • OALC updates • Rural Services Network Updates • Emergency Planning Cold Weather Alert • SODC updates • Update from Sustainable Wallingford • Notice of Sustainable Wallingford AGM on 30th November • Update from Chilterns AONB • Chilterns Magazine • News from Oxford Treescape Project • Notice of recycling talks by Waste Team • Update from Queen's Green Canopy • Police and Crime Newsletter for November • Safeguarding News • Christmas Greetings from Thames & Chilterns in Bloom • Notice of online talk in January from Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum • Notice of appointment of new CEO for South Central Ambulance Service. 	

5395	<p>DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2023</p> <p>The following dates were agreed for meetings in 2023. All meetings will be held on Thursdays and will start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>2nd February Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</p> <p>2nd March Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</p> <p>6th April Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</p> <p>11th May North Stoke Village Hall (Local elections on 4th)</p> <p>25th May Annual Parish Meeting 7.00pm at Crowmarsh Pavilion</p> <p>8th June Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</p> <p>6th July North Stoke Village Hall</p> <p>3rd August Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</p> <p>7th September Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</p> <p>5th October North Stoke Village Hall</p> <p>2nd November Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</p> <p>7th December Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall</p>	
5396	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Thames Path between Wallingford and Benson has been closed due to flood risk. It was agreed to write to the Environment Agency asking if it can be re-opened as this is an important walking route. It was agreed to consult with Wallingford Town Council and Benson Parish Council and ask if they intend to make their own representations. • Two of the streetlamps on the Crowmarsh side of Wallingford Bridge are not working. The Clerk will ask Wallingford Town Clerk if action can be taken to rectify this as it is a health and safety issue. • Work is in hand to lay a new gas main in Thames Mead. • Cllr Sherbourne reported that Wallingford Bridge Estate Charity has money available for grants. • There has been one expression of interest in opening a community shop in Crowmarsh. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 21.25.</p>	