

2022/07

Minutes from a meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 7th March 2022 7pm At the Village Hall

1. PRESENT:

Chairman B Annis Cllr R Segar (Vice Chairman) Cllr J King Cllr S Smythe Cllr C Hall
County Cllr E Eyre Cllr E Clive District Cllr T Rowley Five Parishioners

2. APOLOGIES – were received from Cllr M Rowell

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllrs King and Segar – Village Hall

4. MINUTES from Meeting 7th February 2022 were approved, proposed Cllr King, seconded Cllr Segar – all in favour.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

- Car Parking – parishioner in attendance referred to untaxed cars parked at Lower Croft. Registration numbers would be given to the clerk and reported back to Rooftop Housing.

5. PLANNING:

- Kimberley's Field and Sites – B4084 – still awaiting site visit to establish layout of sites.
- 21/01978 – Land North of Blacksmiths Lane – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- 21/02681 – Quoice Cottage, Kennel bank – *awaiting decision by WDC.*
- 22/00398 – Smokey Farm, Smokey Lane – *awaiting decision by WDC*

6. VILLAGE HALL – The clerk made the council aware of S106 monies available for the 'enhancement of public open space'. The VH committee have put some ideas forward but other options will also be investigated before any final decision is made.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS: Nothing to report

- Traffic Calming, Line Marking – an order for line marking in an attempt to slow traffic has been placed with WCC and awaiting installation – see Cllr Eyre's report for more detail.

8. COUNTY CLLRS REPORT: Cllr Eyre's full report is annexed to these minutes, but in brief

- Passing Bays, Field Barn Lane – road has been surveyed for works but not scheduled yet.
- Footway B4084 to Hampton - £5,000 from Cllr Eyre's highway budget has been released (to cover 500m). An on-going project and scheduled to start March / April 2022.
- Neigh Lane – "Pedestrians in Road" and "SLOW" are on order
- Main Street (near Blacksmiths Lane) Pinch Point – removal of the centre line and installation of 'edge of carriageway' line to be installed, in addition to "SLOW" markings.

9. DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT: Cllr Rowley reported:

- Pollution in River Avon – It is considered that the cause may be linked to Wood Norton Retirement Village and is being investigated.
- Fly Tipping – increases in fly tipping have been reported

10. PROGRESS REPORTS / UPDATES(a) Lengthsman – work requests:

- Top of Brook Lane – small stretch of footway to be sided out
- To clear overgrowth obscuring visibility of the VAS sign on Main Street
- VAS sign on B4084 (travelling in from Evesham) is not working – to check if battery failure.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the future of the current LM and the options should we decide not to renew his contract. The clerk reported that there is a shortage of LM due to the lack of training courses (a requirement is for any LM to have completed a course organised by WCC). One suggestion was to employ a company to undertake the duties and enquiries would be made re costs and availability. The clerk to look at options.

(b) Community Infrastructure Levy Fund – Possible uses include additional traffic calming Measures which will be considered after Community Speed Watch scheme is up and running and line marking completed.

(c) Community Speed Watch – Now progressed to the next stage with volunteers being contacted with regard training - the clerk to chase this up with regard a start date

11. FINANCE: Payments for approval / made since the last meeting:

1080	Website Hosting	144.00
1081	Cheque Cancelled	
1082	Lengthsman December	144.00
1083	Cheque Cancelled	
1084	Office Expenses	30.00
SO	Clerks Salary	337.80
SO	Clerks Expenses	16.22

Accounts had been circulated to Cllrs for approval – *Approval of accounts and payments, proposed Cllr Segar, seconded Cllr Hall – all in favour*

Account Balances:

Current Account (*after unrepresented cheques*): **£ 25,323.28**
 Deposit Account: **£ 5022.73**

13. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: Cllr Segar reported that a Picnic in the Park has been organised with entertainment on the bank holiday Sunday, with an event also being organised by the residents of Field Barn Caravan Park on the Saturday. The clerk had sourced a commemorative coin which could be given to the children of the village school with a suitable engraving from the Parish Council. This idea was well received by Cllrs and full costs would be obtained, proposed Cllr Smythe, seconded Cllr Hall – all Cllrs in favour.

14. WIND TURBINE – the parish council recently sent out a communication to the whole village to gather feedback / interest on a possible wind turbine project as a way of generating an income for the community. Whilst there were many parishioners what did take the time to reply the overwhelming general response was negative, therefore it was agreed that no further research would be carried out.

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15. S106 CONTRIBUTIONS - The parish council currently has £8,808 of S106 monies available for the enhancement of public open space with the VH have made some suggestions as to how they could use the funds at the Sheppey. Discussion took place as to how this fund could be used elsewhere within the parish, suggestions included a security barrier at the Sheppey, land for allotments and enhancement of Baldwins Bank. The acquisition of land for allotments has previously been discussed but ruled out due to the lack of land for sale. Enquiries would be made to see if there are any available suitable locations in the first instance and discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

16. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / FUTURE DISCUSSION:

- Village Gates – the clerk was reminded to order the damaged white village gates from Church Leys

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 4th April 2022 at the Village Hall at 7.00pm – this will be the Annual Parish Meeting

Crophorne - Cllr ELIZABETH EYRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT March 2022

County Issues

Highway Budget 22/23 Improvement to highways has been one of Worcestershire's residents' top priorities for many years now. Worcestershire County Council has approved plans to invest additional funds into improving and maintaining the county highways as part of its annual budget setting. The increased spending forms part of the council's budget for 2022/23, which was approved on Thursday (February 17) at a Full Council meeting. The budget showcases the administration's commitment to keeping Worcestershire moving and ensuring our roads are safe for everyone to use.

Highways will see an increase in investment, with an additional £6 million per year for the next three years on top of the money already committed, totalling £36 million over the next three years set aside to fix potholes and make other improvements to Worcestershire's roads. This will enable improvements to continue from last year and will produce another 145 miles of new road surfaces. Plus there is an additional £4 million per year, for the next three years, has also been made available to improve and maintain the county's footways.

Apologies for delayed responses from Highway liaison officers due to storm Eunice and Franklin - Life warnings issued in Bewdley, 130 trees to be cleared, main roads cut off due to floodwaters, gully's out extensive flooding on Hylton Road, the need to switch off permanent lights, the need to install the appropriate traffic management/diversion routes, the closure of Bridges, have all taken their toll and their available time.

Highways working with our contractors had to deal with a significant number of incidents on the network across the County and run the Highways Control Centre for extended hours to help residents report problems. The storms and now

the impactful flooding along the River Severn similar to the last major floods in 2020 caused real disruption, in Bewdley, Worcester, Severn Stoke, Upton, and Powick

Govt response to the landscape review concerning National Landscapes (AONB) whose primary purpose is to Preserve and Enhance: A review was commissioned in 2018 and published in 2019, after a 12-week consultation there were 27 recommendations. We should see non-legislative changes in 2022 and legislative changes in the 3rd or 4th sessions.

Clear messages are

- A more coherent network is needed not the two-tier approach we have now National Parks and AONBs. They need to get closer together. One strategy is needed,
- AONBs will be rebranded as national landscapes. The Cotswolds was a pioneer in this area,
- The Government will protect 30% of the land - nature recovery network,
- There will be an Agricultural transition,
- There will be more delivery in connection with the secondary purpose: enjoying and having regard to the people who live in the AONB/ There will be greater links to public health.

We will have to watch for any plan making changes, especially any permitted development rights. And any NPPF changes which could impact the area.

Local Issues

21/00999/CU – Evergreen Bank, Main Road – refused, no appeal yet.

Community Speed watch- Safer Neighbourhood team to liaise with Parish Clerk.

Holland House – on standby to help if the visit does not resolve?

Field Barn Lane Passing Bays A request had been made for them to be put on the WCC 'list' for action: tidying up and making larger if possible, adding a passing bay if possible. Informed in July that advisories had been raised, they had been surveyed for work but not scheduled.

Evesham Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Evesham to Pershore cycleway. My formal response went in the end of Nov. I asked for clarity on the deliverability of the scheme, given the pinch point issue, as soon as possible. Karen Lewing Active Travel Project Officer, Wychavon has been advised that the **WCC team who work on the cycle routes will shortly be making a new approach to the landowner.** Should the long-standing identified route not be deliverable, officers consider a business case to see if a leisure route, could be established in other ways, not on the Hampton-Pershore route previously discussed.

Footway, B4084 to Hampton - siding out Hampton to Cropthorne Request **49** - ongoing since July 26th. Plan sent to parish Chairman – I have released £5,000.00 of my highway fund towards siding out. Area WCC intends to side out approx 500 metres. We are hoping this work will be carried out from March to April 2022

Neigh Lane – Pedestrians in Road - Enquiry 475 now 1072 - time scale for this would be Late Spring/ Early Summer

Additional pedestrians in road warning signs to cover the section between Jubilee bridge and the 30 terminal point.

1. Slow on road near existing sign going towards Fladbury
2. Second slow on road going towards Fladbury around the bend
3. Up the hill to Cropthorne second parent and child sign

The extra SLOW markings and the parent-child sign are on order.

An extra Pedestrians in the road sign Neigh Lane near Jubilee bridge
Up and down the hill - no footway notices

Pinch point Mainstreet near Blacksmith Enquiry 476 now 1017 - lane narrowness and safety issues were noted by KH at the meeting on 7 October. the timescale for this would be Late Spring/ Early Summer

2 main risks with introducing a priority system at this location: Increased vehicle speeds on the approach with priority. Confusion/conflict over right of way between vehicles emerging from blacksmiths Lane and vehicles at/or approaching a newly established give way on Main Street.

Work to be done

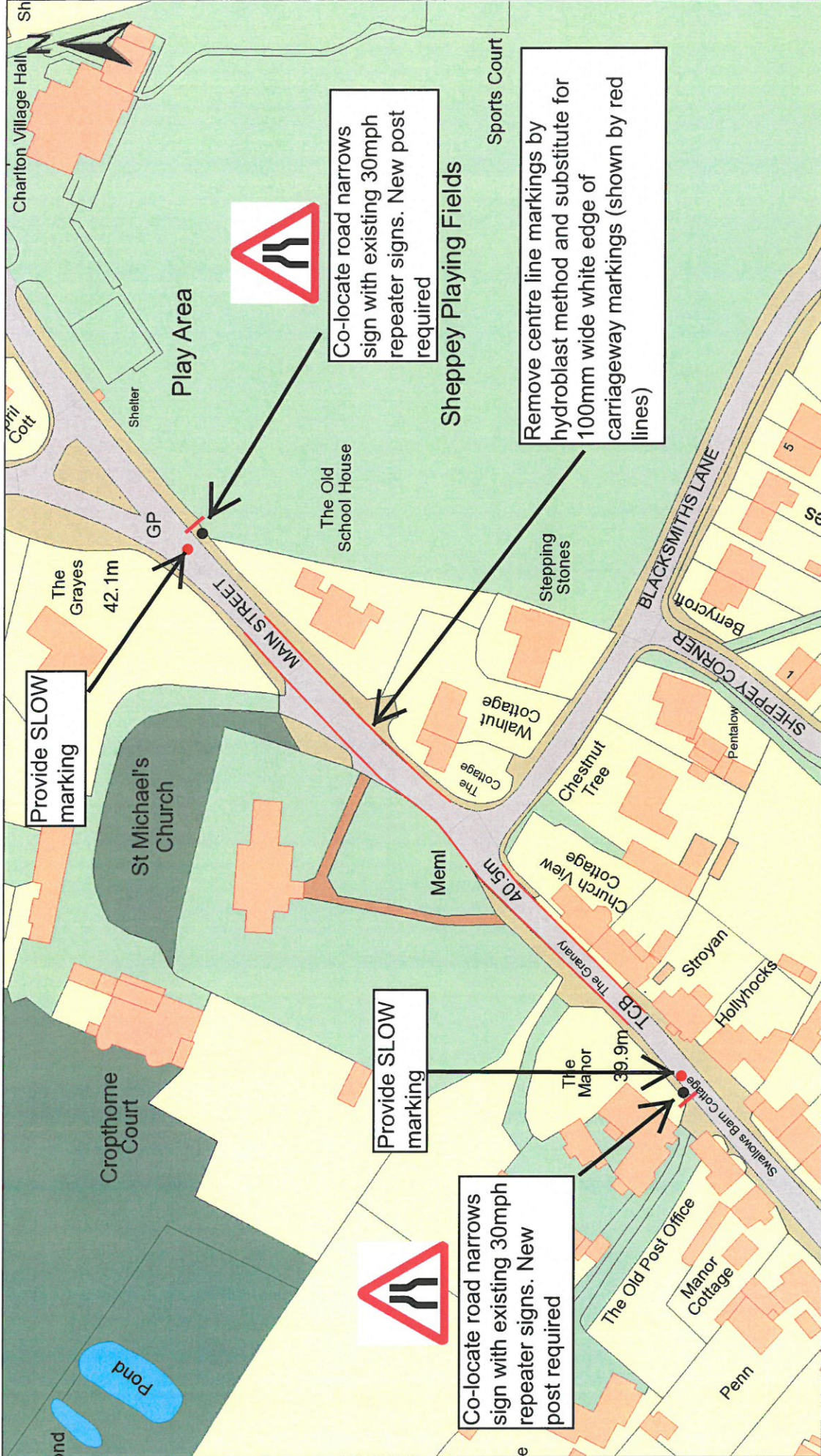
1. The removal of the centre line road markings localised to the narrowing
2. Edge of carriageway markings to accentuate the reduced width.
3. The road narrows signs and 'SLOW' markings on both approaches.

Brook Lane-Enquiry 477 Parish Lengthsman to cut back any remaining and clear rest of the footway.

Broadband –Cllr Seager. WCC can support if needed,

Local Transport – Bus strategy has gone to Cabinet it is a public document, waiting to see if we receive funding from central government

Minerals Local Plan - Inspectors' Report procedure: the last stage in the examination procedure Consultation on the Main Modifications. The Inspectors could consider any representations made in response to that consultation. They could choose to hold further hearing sessions if significant issues are raised, before issuing their report. Once their final report is received, it will be put to Cabinet and Full Council for a decision as to whether to adopt the plan.



Co-locate road narrows sign with existing 30mph repeater signs. New post required

Remove centre line markings by hydroblast method and substitute for 100mm wide white edge of carriageway markings (shown by red lines)

Provide SLOW marking

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**Main Street, Cropthorne
Traffic Engineering Works**

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B4084 siding out proposal

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