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CRUDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Crudwell CE Primary School  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs M Whelan; J Stanford; C Berry; L Dent (Clerk)  
In attendance: 9 members of the public  
BT Broadband Representative – Mr. Matt Lloyd

**1. Public Participation**

Mr Jonathan Capper was in attendance to discuss current planning application for pig rearing unit in Chedglow.

**2. Apologies of absence accepted by the Council**

No apologies were given for absence but it is to be noted that Cllr Fraser had sent his apologies to the Clerk for not attending the meeting.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**4. Minutes to previous Parish Council meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015 for approval.**

All councillors present signed to accept the Minutes as record of previous Parish Council meeting.

**5. Correspondence Received**

Letter received from residents at 8 The Dawneys, Crudwell to thank Parish Council and Crudwell Parish News team for producing the publication.

Report received from Matt Lloyd from BT regarding the provision of Broadband services to the area. BT and Wilts Council to provide the Great Western Broadband programme, a £35M partnership between Wilts Council, BT and the Government, for next generation access fibre network. Wiltshire mainly focuses on fibre to cabinet.

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## 6. Finance

The Wiltshire Association of Local Council 2015/2016 annual subscription invoice received £386.46 approved for payment by Cllrs Whelan and Berry.

Parish Council insurance renewal due 1.6.15. Current insurance with Zurich through WALC, renewal quote received £663.11. Hiscox insurance through Came & Company quote received for £523.39 for comparable cover. Further quotes due to be received and will be circulated prior to decision.

## 7. Planning

**Action: Clerk**

Applications for Consideration  
15/02803/FUL

	Land adjacent to Goldhill Quarry, Chedglow. Pig rearing unit.	Closing Date: 07.05.2015
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It is thought there have been no vocal or written objections to the Planning Department at this stage, Crudwell residents present voiced concerns in the areas of noise (lorries/animals), transportation impact and condition of road into quarry, visual impact of installation, pig waste smells and siting of temporary building (static caravan).

In the interest of the local community, the Parish Council is to receive feedback from a visit to be organised to a similar pig rearing facility by a small party of Crudwell residents and Cllr Berry to assess impact of such a unit on local area before making official comment to the Planning Department.

15/031360/OUT	Ridgeway Farm, Tetbury Lane Outline planning for the erection of 10 dwellings	Closing Date: 21.05.2015
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In the interest of the local community, the decision to **Object** to the application was taken by Cllrs Whelan and Stanford (Cllr Berry abstained from voting.) This was due to concern over impact and over development, that proposed development did not adhere to core policy and is a non-compliance within the permitted framework.

**Action: Clerk to inform Planning Dept**

## 8. Reports on Continuing Activity

Crudwell Village Hall – None

### Crudwell CE Primary School

Cllr Berry recited the School Report from Head Teacher Kathrine Hume which was not included in the APM due to an oversight and the Parish Council sends its apologies for this. It was agreed to send letters to Friends of Crudwell School applauding their successful fundraising efforts and to the school for their many achievements in the last year. **Action: Clerk**

### Wiltshire Council

Cllr Berry reported on Wiltshire Councils, including road investment of over £50M in the next 2 years to repair and maintain roads. If there are any particular road issues requiring attention please inform Cllr Berry or Wiltshire Council direct. Working in partnership with BT, investments have been made in improving Broadband. Education and adult social care continue to be priorities for Wiltshire Council.

## 9. Items for decision

Clerk has received request for permission to mount charity sign outside Potting Shed (Millennium Garden).

**Action: Clerk**

Residents at 13 The Butts have requested that the Parish Council meet the cost of the annual green garden waste bin fee £40, for which they will continue to tender the fenced-off strip of land by the stream next to their property, in order to keep the water course clear. Cllrs Whelan, Berry and Stanford in agreement.

**Action: Clerk (request an invoice from residents and forward payment).**

Resident Margaret Corbett enquired at Crudwell APM if an area of long grass adjacent to Crudwell Garage (south side) be cut as it was necessary use this as a pathway to and from her home to the village. It was confirmed the Parish Council is not responsible for this area. Cllrs Cllrs Whelan, Berry and Stanford in agreement that Clerk should (1) approach Crudwell Garage to see if they will maintain this area without charge and if not (2) Parish Council to approach English Landscapes who provide our paid grass cutting service.

**Action: Clerk**

Bank mandate form to add and remove account signatories to be completed with change of address, Margaret Perrin to advise Clerk of previous councillors who are registered as signatories. New signatories will be required to complete an identity check at Lloyds Bank.

**Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2058.

**Date of next meeting:-  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Crudwell CE School 7 p.m.**

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**Crudwell Parish Council Report - Public Participation - Jonathan Capper**

See: 7. Planning Parish Council Minutes 05.05.2015 Applications for Consideration

15/02803/FUL	Land adjacent to Goldhill Quarry, Chedglow.  Pig rearing unit.	Closing Date:  07.05.2015
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**Introduction**

Application for installation of a pig rearing unit on a small part of land behind Goldhill Quarry rearing 2000 pigs indoors. Waitrose contract, pertaining to high welfare standards. Born to outdoor sow, food and water provided for animals all day providing a natural indoor life. Not noisy animals but being indoors keeps noise to a minimum. All surveys completed, no ecological impact or visual impact. After arrival they are kept until they reach target weight and then all animals shipped from facility. Cycle of 4.2 months, about 2.8 turns a year.

**Crudwell Resident voiced the following concerns:-**

- Noise (lorries/animals)
- Transportation impact and condition of road into quarry
- Visual impact
- Pig waste smells
- Temporary dwelling (static caravan)

**Noise:** Nearest house is 825 m away from instillation, crossing hedge and tree boundaries and wind should disperse any smells and noise. Each building has hydraulic 'weather vane' altering sides, which react to wind/rain etc. to provide buffer.

**Transportation impact and condition of road into quarry:** 1.2 lorries per week (see application) which compared to existing poultry unit is very low. Road into quarry has very low traffic. Day 1 – 2 articulated lorries to transport pigs, one lorry for pig feed. Road into Quarry is maintained by Wiltshire Council and thought to be in need of repair and should be reported to Council (Cllr Berry to inform Wiltshire Highways).

**Visual impact:** Development south of quarry, open land with hedges. Shed will be screened by trees to lessen impact and break the wind, and help disperse any smells.

**Pig waste/smell:** Shed has concrete floor with a 5 degree pitch. Animals are on clean straw, liquid waste falls into side channels and is removed outside. Inside is a scrape area and Waitrose insist on clean and dirty end. Fresh straw on clean end, large muck heap at of building back (outside). Pig muck stays in one pile and is not agitated, and is spread once a year (in one day in 24 hours.) The method of reporting smells would be via the Environmental Agency who would come to the facility and assess. If this is was deemed to be an on-going problem rather than a rarity due to weather conditions, might require additional add-ons to the facility such as a cover over the muck pile. Waste is not allowed to build-up as the floors are sloped and the pigs are on straw.

**Temporary dwelling (static caravan)** Necessary for the welfare of animals, living on site allows better management. Business plan/profitability for this project is a 5 years term. Mr Capper has asked the council to permit the temporary dwelling for a term of 5 years. There are no council planning guidelines for the temporary dwelling in these circumstances evolving into approval for a permanent residence.

**Conclusion:**

Mr Capper and Cllr Berry to arrange a party of 3 or 4 Crudwell residents to attend a similar facility in Bridgewater to speak to farmer and local residents. Consultation finishes 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015, but comments can be registered after this date.

**Objections:** Mr Capper has been in contact with the Planning Officer and is not aware of any objections.

The Parish Council will comment on this planning application after the visit has taken place.

**Crudwell Parish Council Report – BT Broadband – Mr. Matt Lloyd**

See: 5. Correspondence Received - Parish Council Minutes 05.05.2015

BT has been working Wilts Council to provide the Great Western Broadband programme, a £35M partnership between Wilts Council, BT and the Government, for next generation access fibre network into intervention areas. (Intervention areas were recognised in 2010 as a deficit divided between rural and urban areas.) Superfast is equal or above 24 mg speed. As a universal service commitment, by 2015 everyone should have capability to receive this. BT has invested £8-10M and is going into an extension programme with funding. BT is 2 years into this rollout, passing 78,000 premises with 66,000 superfast and is on track to complete by deploying fibre broadband, fibre to cabinet and fibre to premise. Wiltshire mainly focuses on fibre to cabinet.

Already an existing cabinet, the Crudwell exchange is small. Broadband is on copper line and top speed depends on where you are in relation to the exchange. Copper impacts on speed and speed degrades further out you go. Copper from cabinet is to be exchanged for optical tube. The new fibre cabinet sits next to old cabinet, does not need planning permission but requires power. Has distance impact, max speed depending on product, as you go further out. 1 km to 1.5 km, you start to see below 24 mg.

To serve the home digital fibre network involves breaking into the copper network and building a new cabinet. They will probably install a new cabinet outside Exchange to pick up Crudwell, West Crudwell, and Chelworth. Looking into cabinets at Hankerton and Oaksey.

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There is nothing that could prevent the project from going ahead, but there is a need to achieve value for money and adhere to timing issues. Current speed to potential uplift, within budget and timings are all a consideration but there are no areas of priority due to current connection speeds.

Original funding was based on postcode areas, but new round of funding to offer greatest benefit and value for money. There are no areas for priority. The focus is on rural areas, making the greatest difference, and re communities with very low speeds should get uplift.

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