

Crudwell Parish Council

Minutes - **Extraordinary Meeting of Crudwell Parish Council**
Held in the Rectory Hotel on Friday 25th July 2025 at 2.00pm.

Present: Cllrs R Hamilton-Lambley (Chair), P Gilchriest (Vice Chair), I Warner,
S Butcher

Cllr Hamilton-Lambley opened the meeting and confirmed that the purpose of the meeting was to examine quotes for the clearance of silt from Swill Brook and, given an acceptable quote, to award the task to a contractor.

CPC/25/107 Apologies for absence

Apologies received for Cllr Hughes, Doel and Bullock.

CPC/25/108 To note the specified outline of work to clear the Swill Brook for Crudwell Parish

The specification, as previously circulated, was noted.

CPC/25/109 To examine and compare quotes received.

Three contractors were approached to quote for the brook clearance. All three contractors visited the site of the works and two were accompanied by Cllr Gilchriest. Two responded with quotations and indications from the third were that their quote was unlikely to be acceptable to the Council.

Philip B Ward Ltd. quoted a total of £1950 for the completion of the task. (excl.VAT)
David Horton Contractors Ltd. quoted a total of £3700 for the completion of the task. (excl VAT).

It was noted that both quotes specified that the silt removed would be spread over the adjacent ground with due regard for the need to not hinder the flow of water into the brook. To remove the silt from the site would require analysis before removal and significant additional expense.

CPC/25/110 To accept a quote and award the contract.

After discussion, Cllr Gilchriest proposed to accept the quote from Philip B Ward Ltd, Cllr Ward seconded, and the meeting voted to award the contract to Philip B Ward Ltd.
The parish clerk will inform the successful contractor.

CPC/25/111 To consider subsequent actions.

It was agreed that it remained a matter of urgency to clear silt and vegetation from the brook under the main road bridge and eastwards to under the footbridge. This will probably have to be done manually and the problem of removal of the spoil will again have to be tackled. The first requirement was to establish the ownership of the adjacent land (grass verges alongside the A429). Cllr Butcher will check with Wiltshire Highways their information regarding the ownership of the verges.

Meeting was declared closed at 3.15p.m.