**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on 10 November 2022**

# **PRESENT:-** Cllr. D. Whalley

# Cllr. S. Ablett

Cllr K. Burton

Cllr. R. Smyth

Jane Mann Parish Clerk

NNC Cllr. Brown and 3 members of the public

**22.98.1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs Barnwell, Bussey and Spickett were accepted. As the Chairman was absent Cllr Whalley chaired the meeting.

Apologies were also received from NNC Cllrs Hakewill and Smyth.

**22.99.2. PUBLIC SESSION**

The clerk reported that she had been advised that Cransley Reservoir had finally been sold to the Sailing Club and also that the Reservoir House was up for sale.

A member of the public advised that she had written to Highways raising concerns about the build out of the paths, which she felt would narrow the road considerably. This would restrict movement of large farm vehicles. In addition, this would alter the aesthetics within its close proximity to the conservation area. Councillors felt that the Highways report only covered the development of the site rather than Church Lane itself. **AP-**Clerk to follow this up.

A discussion arose as to where S106 monies would be allocated if the development was approved. There was some uncertainty if the Neighbourhood Plan was still emerging would there be an entitlement to the payment. This would need to be confirmed. It was felt that if S106 monies were forthcoming that these would be best used for traffic calming measures at the junction of Church Lane and Loddington Road. Joanna Mowatt mentioned that the Neighbourhood Plan had a section relating to use of S106 monies.

**22.100.3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**22.101.4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 13 October 2022 were approved as accurate and signed by Cllr Burton, who had chaired the meeting.

**22.102.5. PLANNING**

* The clerk referred to the planning spreadsheet and advised that there was a new application for the Rothwell Truck Stop. No comments were made on this.
* Concerns were raised about a UPVC windows installation in Church Lane, which is in the conservation area. **AP-**Clerk to follow this up.
* The clerk advised that she had contacted NNC Planning Section for advice regarding the proposed livery business. The Parish Council approved a referral to NNC Planning Enforcement Team. **AP-**Clerk to follow this up.

**22.103.6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Joanna Mowat provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan advising that the steering group had re-engaged their consultant in her new company. Regulation 14 work would commence in the new year. She explained that funding would cease on 31 March 2023 and any remaining funds would have to be returned. This would mean in order to complete the plan GCPC would need to include a contingency in the budget for the new year.

**22.104.7. NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Brown provided an update on NNC matters. She reported that staffing shortages were affecting services. She advised that she had called in the Church Lane development and was waiting to hear whether this would go to the Planning Committee. She provided an update on the Loam works advising that the case had now been referred to the Environmental Crime Office and this would mean that no further waste could be deposited on site. **AP-**Clerk to follow this up.

**22.105.8. NNC BOUNDARY REVIEW- This item to be moved to next meeting**

**22.106.9. GOVERNANCE**

Councillors present completed their code of conduct documents and the NNC model code of conduct was adopted.

**22.107.10. FINANCE**

* The clerk referred to the accounts spreadsheet, reporting that the current financial situation as at 31 October reconciled with bank balances:

Treasurers Account   £9,663.35

Neighbourhood Plan £5,862.65

Projects             £1,881.75

**Total                          £17,407.75**

* There were no outstanding invoices but the clerk’s salary would require payment for November and December.
* The draft budget was discussed in detail and it was felt that the contingencies for Local Government Re-organisation, a possible shortfall on Neighbourhood plan funds and maintenance work were not adequate. **AP-**Clerk to amend draft.
* It was agreed to move any future contingency funds to the Projects account.

**22.108.11. OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE REVIEW-** **This item to be moved to next meeting**

**22.109.12. REPORT ON NALC CONFERENCE- This item to be moved to next meeting**

**22. 110.13. POLICE/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Burton read out Cllr Spickett’s report in his capacity as Police Liaison Representative.

The clerk reported that PC Louise James had made contact with her and she was willing to attend any future meetings.

Speeding concerns which had been raised by a resident were discussed. It was decided to contact the safer roads team and ask them to patrol the village. In addition, it was reiterated that any s106 monies received would be used for traffic calming measures. **AP-**Clerk to follow this up.

**22.111.14. PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

* Loam works-this had been covered by Cllr Brown during her update.
* The clerk advised that she had checked with Broughton Parish Council regarding the introduction of the 40mph speed limit and no start date has yet been provided.
* The clerk referred to the report that she had circulated from the Historic Railways Estate. It was decided as the ivy was not affecting the structure of the bridge that no further action would be required at this point in time. **AP-**Clerk to follow this up.

**22.112.15. HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING**

The clerk had circulated an update on from Cllr Hakewill regarding 21 Loddington Road. Further problems with street lighting had been followed up by clerk with NNC.

**List of work for Kier-** **This item to be moved to next meeting**

**22.113.16. CVMHC REPORTS**

The minutes from the last CVMHC meeting had been circulated. Joanna Mowatt was awaiting contact from Gigaclear Community Team regarding free installation of broadband in the village hall. She would update the clerk accordingly.

**22.114.17 WAR MEMORIAL LAND REGISTRATION-** **This item to be moved to next meeting**

**22.115.18. WEBSITE**

Some further work is required to meet audit requirements newest items should appear first.

**22.116.19. DEFIBRILLATOR**

It was reported that the windows in the telephone box require attention.

**22.117.20. THE THREE CRANES**

There was nothing to report.

**22.118.21. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Arrangements were made for the laying of the wreath on Remembrance Sunday. The wreath had been ordered and the clerk would need to pay the invoice, cost approved.

**22.119.22. TRAINING**

It was approved that the clerk would set up a training record from 1 July.

There were no training needs at present.

**22.120.23. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

* Budget approval and setting the precept and carried forward items.

**22.121.24. CRANSLEY CHRONICLE**

It was reported that GCPC would be charged for printing with effect from January 2023.

**22.122.25. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 12 January 2023**

There would be no meeting in December. The clerk was asked to make a reservation at the Hare in Loddington for the evening of 8 December.

**22.123.26. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

The clerk’s terms and conditions were approved.

**The meeting closed at 9 pm.**

Signed ………………………………..… Date ……………………