**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on 12 January 2023**

# **PRESENT:-** Cllr Richard Barnwell

# Cllr Stuart Ablett

Cllr Amanda. Bussey

Cllr Richard Smyth

Cllr Colin Spickett

Cllr David Whalley

Jane Mann Parish Clerk

NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill

Cllr Barnwell wished everyone a happy new year and apologised for missing Parish Council meetings and the Christmas meal due to health problems.

**22.124.1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr Kevin Burton and NNC Cllr Cedwien Brown.

**22.125.2. PUBLIC SESSION**

The clerk referred to a communication from a resident regarding anti-social behaviour in the bus shelter. Cllr Barnwell added that a similar situation with youths had occurred in Church Lane.

**Action point- Clerk to contact Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Concerns had also been raised by residents regarding an abandoned vehicle near the Church Lane/Harrington Road junction. The situation will be monitored as may need some intervention.

**22.126.3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

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

The minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 10 November 2022 were approved as accurate and signed by Cllr Whalley, who had chaired the meeting.

**22.128.5. PLANNING**

* The clerk referred to the planning spreadsheet and advised that there was one new application for tree work at the Sailing Club. Since the last meeting applications 2021/0746 and 2021/1016 had been approved.
* The UPVC windows installation in Church Lane had been reported to NNC and was awaiting follow up action.
* NNC Enforcement Team were looking at the livery business. The Police were also looking at parking issues and had contacted the owners with their concerns.

**22.129.6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Joanna Mowat was unable to attend the meeting but had provided the clerk with an update on the Neighbourhood Plan advising that the planning consultant has been working on required statement documents.  An invoice for this work should be received fairly soon.

**22.130.7. NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Hakewill provided an update on NNC matters, which included details of a planned council tax rise of 4.99% and news that the bid for a temporary stopping site for travellers had been rejected.

**22.131.8. NNC BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Cllr Hakewill advised that new pattern of wards was being developed for NNC and the Boundary Commission has decided that the number of Councillors should be reduced from 78 to 70. The Commission wants to hear what residents think about their local area. The consultation runs until 6 February 2023.

**22.132.9. GOVERNANCE**

Councillors Barnwell, Bussey and Spickett completed their code of conduct documents.

**22.133.10. FINANCE**

* The clerk referred to the accounts spreadsheet, reporting that the current financial situation as at 9 January reconciled with bank balances:
* Neighbourhood Plan account**£5,864.62**

Treasurers account                  £8,327.31 less unpresented cheques £160 =£8167.31

Contingency account                £1,882.38

**Total                                        £10,049.69**

* All banking information had been provided to Cllr Smyth in order that he could perform his internal control checks.
* The clerk had provided Councillors estimated expenditure on future print costs for the Cransley Chronicle. A discussion arose regarding future editions. Cllrs Bussey and Smyth would review this further, taking into account resident’s views. It was decided to continue with current arrangements and expenditure was approved.

**Action point- Clerk to include an agenda item for next month**

* Payments approved at meeting to be paid by BACS/cheque:

Thelma Lacy back payment                 £78.00

Clerk’s salary and expenses January £489.97

Print package                                          £2.24

NCALC training £45.60

NCALC VAT recovery £59.20

**Total                                                    £675.71**

**Action point- Clerk to check with NCALC regarding use of free training voucher**

* The revised draft budget was discussed in detail. A budget of £11,500 was proposed by Cllr Smyth and seconded by Cllr Bussey. All Councillors approved the budget of £11,500 for 2023-24 year. It was estimated that the balance in the treasurers account at 31 March would be approximately £5,450. It was approved that the balance would be moved into the contingency account.
* A precept of £11,500 was proposed by Cllr Smyth and seconded by Cllr Bussey. Councillors approved the precept of £11,500 for 2023-24 year.
* **Action point- Clerk would notify NNC and publish on website**

**22.134.11. Update from Police Liaison Representative**

Cllr Spickett was thanked for his comprehensive report follow the PFCC meeting on 11 January.

**22.135.12. PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

* The clerk had received a response from Highways which had been circulated to Councillors. Attention was drawn to a recent technical note that had been published on 9 January. Councillors were very concerned about this report which detailed significant changes to the plans. The report and resulting changes were discussed in detail which would require further consultation with planning.

**Action point- Clerk to contact planning to establish how further concerns could be raised**

* Speeding concerns had been raised with the Safer Roads Team and are being investigating.

**22.136.13. HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING**

No further updates from Cllr Hakewill regarding 21 Loddington Road. Street lighting problems had been followed up by clerk. New concerns were raised regarding flooding issues outside 19 Loddington Road and inconsiderate parking in Loddington Road and Holly Lane/Bridle Way.

**Action point- Clerk to report flooding on Street Doctor and contact Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team for advice on parking and report in Cransley Chronicle**

**22.137.14 Litter issues in the village**

Cllr Bussey reported on the litter problems relating to rental of the village hall.

**Action point-Cllr Barnwell to resolve with Village Hall Committee**

**22.138.15 CVMHC REPORT**

The Pantomime was very successful and enjoyed by all. It is likely to become an annual event.

The village hall committee are looking at funding for a new hardstanding in car park area.

**Action point-Cllr Barnwell to report back to Parish Council for next meeting**

**22.139.16. WEBSITE**

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

**Action point-Cllr Whalley to make changes to website**

**22.140.17. DEFIBRILLATOR**

The windows in the telephone box require some attention. Cllr Barnwell mentioned grants being available for bleed control kits.

**Action point-Cllr Barnwell to report back to Parish Council** **for next meeting**

**22.141.18. THE THREE CRANES**

It was reported that the pub had new owners and will be open at Easter.

**22.142.19. GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SURVEY**

A discussion arose about the survey and a response was formulated.

**Action point-Cllr Barnwell to complete survey on behalf of Parish Council**

**22.143.20. TRAINING**

There were no training needs at present.

**22.144.21. CRANSLEY CHRONICLE ITEMS**

Parking issues

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

Coronation celebrations and Defibrillator.

**22.146.23. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 9 February 2023**

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm.**

Signed ………………………………..… Date ……………………