**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on 13 October 2022**

# **PRESENT:-** Cllr. S. Ablett

Cllr K. Burton

Cllr. A. Bussey

Cllr. R. Smyth

Cllr. C. Spickett

Jane Mann Parish Clerk

NNC Cllr Hakewill and 14 members of the public

**22.73.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs Barnwell and Whalley were accepted. As both the Chairman and Vice Chairman were absent Cllr Burton was appointed as Chair for the meeting.

Apologies were also received from NNC Cllr Brown.

**22.74.2 PUBLIC SESSION**

As the 14 members of the public in attendance were present to make their representations and to listen to Councillor’s discussion over the proposed development at Church Lane it was decided to move this agenda item forward.

**22.75.3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Bussey and Smyth in connection with planning application 2022/0543. Cllr Ablett declared an interest in application 2022/0534.

**Planning application 2022/0543 10 dwellings at Church Lane**

Councillors had previously reviewed the application and documents in detail. They listened to concerns of residents in attendance along with a statement from the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:

‘*The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have discussed planning application NK/2022/0543 at length. At the end of this discussion, the Steering Group voted not to support this application at this time. However, if NNC Planning Committee decides this development*

*should go ahead the Steering Group will endeavour to open a dialogue to discuss and work with the landowner/developer.’*

Material planning considerations raised:

* Local, strategic and national planning policies.
* GCPC have an emerging neighbourhood plan.
* Highways issues, both in terms of access and road safety.
* Capacity of physical infrastructure.
* Concerns over flooding risks.
* Deficiencies in social facilities, schools and doctors.
* An adverse impact on nature conservation and biodiversity opportunities.
* The effect on the historic, listed buildings and conservation area.
* Whilst the development does not form part of the conservation area, views to and from the conservation area would be adversely affected.
* The wellbeing of vulnerable adults living in the village could be affected.
* Visual appearance would not be in keeping as existing architecture impossible to replicate.

Although not deemed a material planning consideration there were also some concerns raised regarding the factual misrepresentation of the proposal in terms of the historical information provided. The timings of surveys carried out favoured the applicant and if carried out at a different time would produce a completely different picture. Examples quoted were the biodiversity survey and a traffic survey carried out during lockdown.

Following discussion, the Parish Council’s decision was to object to this application.

Cllrs Bussey and Smyth abstained from voting due to their declaration of interest.

Proposer: Cllr Ablett Seconder: Cllr Spickett

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

The minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 14 July 2022 were approved as accurate and signed by Cllr Burton.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE (This item was brought forward from 22.85.13)**

Joanna Mowat provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan advising that the steering group was making progress with the plan.

**NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS (This item was brought forward from 22.86.14)**

Cllr Hakewill provided an update on NNC recruitment, the boundary commission and the planning decision for the unauthorised development in Cransley Road.

**22.77.5. PLANNING**

The remaining new applications were reviewed:

* 2022/0534 rendering at 4 Bridle Way

Cllr Ablett abstained from voting due to a declaration of interest.

GCPC supported this application, proposed by Cllr Bussey, seconded by Cllr Spickett

* 2022/0562 vehicle rental office at Site D Cransley Park

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* 2022/0577 signage at vehicle rental office at Site D Cransley Park
* GCPC supported this application, proposed by Cllr Smyth, seconded by Cllr Bussey
* A discussion took place regarding the proposed livery business and it was considered to be in a dangerous position. Clerk to contact Highways and Planning for advice.

**22.78.6. UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT APPEAL HEARING**

The decision letter from the Planning Inspectorate has been received. The appeal has been dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld.  The occupiers of the site are required to leave within 6 months and remedial works to restore the land must be completed within a further 2 months.

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

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

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

**22.82.10. PARISH ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION**

NCALC advised that the free subscription period was due to end. Cllr Burton had received a renewal request. Expenditure was approved.

**22.83.11. CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk referred to correspondence forwarded to Parish Council:

Weekly schemes work programmes, Planning applications, NALC updates, NNC Leader update, PFCC newsletters.

**Invitation to forthcoming events and training:**

Cllr Burton was thanked for attending electric charging and AMP conferences, also ACV training.

**22.84.12. FINANCE**

As the September meeting did not go ahead the payments which were going to be approved at that meeting were authorised by two councillors and the clerk reported that she had made the following payments from the Treasurers account:

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| APC Planning | Neighbourhood planning | £312.00 |
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| Cllr Bussey | Reimbursement of expenses | £85.00 |
| Glebe Pest Control | Pest control | £60.00 |
| Clerk’s salary | July net payment | £285.50 |
| HMRC | July tax deduction | £71.20 |
| Clerk’s salary | August net payment | £285.30 |
| HMRC | August tax deduction | £71.40 |
| Clerk’s expenses | July and August print plan | £4.48 |
| Cllr Barnwell | Reimbursement of expenses | £100.00 |

 It was reported that a transfer of £882.09 was made from the Neighbourhood Plan account to the Treasurer's account to allow the payments to be made to APC Planning.

Following these transactions the balance on the accounts were:

Treasurers account       £10,460.43

Neighbourhood plan    £5,862.39

Projects                           £1,881.67

Outstanding invoices and payments were approved:

Cllr Burton training course

Cllr Bussey flowers HM The Queen

Parish Online subscription

Clerk’s salary September and October

Clerk's expenses September and October

Cllr Smyth was appointed as internal controller. Bank statements would be shared each month along with accounts spreadsheet.

A decision was made to remain with the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

**22.87.15. POLICE/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Spickett was appointed as Police Liaison Representative.

**22.88.16. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS**

**Footpaths-** Concerns were raised regarding the footpaths on Loddington Road.

**Street lighting-** The clerk reported that she had contacted Cllr Hakewill regarding 21 Loddington Road. Further problems with other street lighting to be followed up by clerk.

**Roads-** No update on the installation of the 40mph signs from Gt Cransley to Broughton.

The clerk was asked to obtain an update from Broughton and also look into the removal of the ivy on the bridge with Highways.

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

**22.89.17. CVMHC REPORTS**

The minutes from the last meeting were circulated. The clerk was asked to contact the CVMHC regarding broadband access for meetings. Cllr Bussey was thanked for taking on the September bus shelter cleaning rota and Cllr Whalley for October.

**22 90.18.WAR MEMORIAL LAND REGISTRATION-** **This item to be moved to next meeting**

**22.91.19. WEBSITE**

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

**22.92.20 DEFIBRILLATOR**

There was nothing to report.

**22.93.21 THE THREE CRANES**

It was reported that the bin store had been moved but that hedging was an obstruction.

**22.94.22. ITEMS FOR CRANSLEY CHRONICLE:** Mind crisis cafe, bellringing, street lighting, NNC Councillor details.

**22.95.23. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Speeding, UPVC windows installation, Loam works.

**22.96.24 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 10 NOVEMBER 2022**

**22.97.25. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM- This item to be moved to next meeting**

**The meeting closed at …….**

Signed …………………… Date ……………………