**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on July 14 2022**

# **PRESENT:-** Cllr. R. Barnwell (Chairman)

Cllr. D Whalley (Vice Chairman)

Cllr K. Burton

Jane Mann Parish Clerk

NNC Cllr Hakewill and two members of the public

**22.51.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs Ablett, Bussey, Spickett & Smyth and NNC Cllr Brown were accepted.

**22.52.2 PUBLIC SESSION**

No items were received.

**22.53.3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

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

The minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2022 were approved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

**22.55.5. CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk referred to correspondence forwarded to Parish Council:

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

Cllr Burton expressed an interest in the Grow Green Together Conference.

No-one was able to attend the PFCC meeting.

**22.56.6. FINANCE**

The clerk reported that the current financial situation according to the latest bank statements were as follows:

Treasurers account as at 20 June **£11,606.40**  
A further £6,742 was paid in on 30 June for neighbourhood plan

Awaiting VAT refund £1,035.60

Projects account as at 9 June **£1,881.51**

BIA account as at 11 June **£1.96**

It was approved that the BIA account would now be used for the Neighbourhood plan.

**Outstanding invoices were approved and cheque written:**

Cllr Barnwell Reimbursement of Jubilee expenses for trees £140.00

The Clerk explained that she had not yet begun the process to change the signatories on the bank account as because GCPC does not have online banking the process would take 28 days as opposed to 7 days with online banking. The move to online banking was approved.

**22.57.7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Joanna Mowat provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), introducing a project plan document. She explained that as the project was now getting near the end that here would be a formal meeting with NNC. It was reported that the NP steering group was now a member down so a replacement member would have to be sought before the next online meeting with the planning consultant on 10 August. Cllr Barnwell said that he was very grateful to the steering group to have reached this stage in the process. Cllr Hakewill offered his assistance with the final stages of the process.

**22.58.8 PLANNING**

The clerk referring to the planning spreadsheet provided an update on new and existing planning applications:

* A decision was still awaited on Re notification NK/2021/1016**.** GCPC now had no outstanding objections on this application.
* Following discussion there was no concerns regarding the on 7- day renotification for NK 2021/1023
* GCPC wished to continue with their objection on 7- day renotification for NK 2021/0746 as the louvres had not been acoustically treated and no enforcement action had been taken.

Also discussed were appeal hearings on applications where GCPC has an interest:

* Unauthorised development in Cransley Road, Loddington -still awaiting a decision.
* Barnwell Court, Mawsley- it was reported that the hearing date had been postponed.

A discussion arose as to whether to delegate planning responses to the clerk in consultation with Councillors in order that planning deadlines could be adhered to. It was decided to continue with the current system whereby the Clerk would request an extension to the deadlines. This would be reviewed again at the annual meeting.

**22.59.9 NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Hakewill provided an update on the new Highways contract with Kier; increase in allowances for NNC Councillors; Traveller’s temporary stopping site; the consultation on green waste and the boundary commission. He then left the meeting.

**22.60.10 DEFIBRILLATOR**

There was nothing to report.

**22.61.11 POLICE/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

An incident in Church Lane and Bridle Way was reported.

**22.62.12. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS**

**Footpaths-** The issue with the overhanging hedge at 9 Bridle Way was now resolved.

**Highways- Street lighting-** There was no update on 21 Loddington Rd. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

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

**22 63.13 WAR MEMORIAL LAND REGISTRATION**

Cllr Barnwell reported that he would be meeting with solicitor to try to resolve this.

**22.64.14 CVMHC REPORTS**

Preparations were underway for the Annual Village Open Show to be held on Saturday 3 September. A deposit system is to be introduced for village hall hire.

Cllr Burton was thanked for taking on the July bus shelter cleaning rota.

**22.65.15 WEBSITE**

The new clerk’s details will be put onto the website

**22.66.16 THE THREE CRANES**

Cllr Barnwell reported that the property sale had fallen through.

**22.67.17 UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT APPEAL HEARING**

GCPC still awaits the decision on the traveller’s site in Cransley Road.

**22.68.18 ACRE VILLAGE AWARDS EVENING**

Unfortunately, no councillors were able to attend the ACRE Village Awards evening.

**22.69.19 ITEMS FOR CRANSLEY CHRONICLE**

Dates for diary; Lottery: Village Open Show; New Clerk introduction, bus shelter cleaning;

New minibus service.

**22.70.20 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

None received

**22.71.21 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**22.72.22 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

Staffing matters, approval of new clerk’s contract, rate of pay and working from home allowance were discussed in confidence.

**The meeting closed at 8.45 pm**

Signed …………………… Date ……………………