**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on 13 April 2023**

# **PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell

# Cllr Stuart Ablett

# Cllr Kevin Burton

 Cllr Richard Smyth

Cllr Colin Spickett

Cllr David Whalley

 Jane Mann Parish Clerk

 NNC Cllr Cedwien Brown

NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill

NNC Cllr Joseph Smyth

**22.194.1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Amanda Bussey and Joanna Mowat, Neighbourhood Plan Chair.

**22.195.2. PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

**22.196.3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 9 March 2023 were approved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

**22.198.5. PLANNING**

There were no new applications to review. The clerk advised that application 2023/0023 had now been approved. There were no further updates on existing applications.

An update was received on other planning enforcement issues raised:

* The advertising trailers alongside the A14

Following the response received from Planning it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

* The livery business-no update provided by Planning.

**22.199.6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Cllr Burton provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan advising that good progress was being made addressing NNC comments. The landowners would need to be contacted before the consultation period begins. Cllr Barnwell thanked the Neighbourhood Plan committee for their hard work.

**22.200.7. NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

* NNC Cllr Smyth provided an update on 21 Loddington Road advising that he had personally spoken to the residents and that they had given their permission for the necessary work to be undertaken. He would now liaise with NNC regarding this. He was also asked to look at the subsequent drain problems outside the same address.
* NNC Cllr Brown reported that she was meeting with two senior planning officers next week and she was going to get an update on the unauthorised traveller’s development. She also provided an update on the proposed structural changes to the NNC planning committees.
* NNC Cllr Hakewill raised his concerns regarding the new proposed structural changes to the NNC planning committees. He also mentioned the high number of vacancies within NNC including that of the Chief Executive.
* Cllr Barnwell raised questions on the policy for footpaths when road sweeping equipment was being used and the number of incidents involving the railings at the Pytchley crossroads.

**22.201.8. North Northants Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Consultation**

Comments on The Scope and Options Consultation and The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report had been requested. The consultation period closes at midnight on **31 May 2023.** This was discussed and Cllr Barnwell agreed to complete this on the PC’s behalf-**Action Point- RB**

**22.202.9. Public Spaces Protection Orders Pre-Consultation questionnaire**

This was discussed and Cllr Barnwell agreed to complete this on the PC’s behalf -**Action Point- RB**

**22.203.10**. **Finance:**

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

Neighbourhood Plan account  £748.97

Treasurers account                  £6,850.21

Projects account                      £1,885.03

**Total                                       £9,484.21**

* The clerk provided an update on appointment of internal auditor and year end procedures**.**
* Payments approved at meeting to be paid by BACS:
* Cransley Chronicle April edition            £18.00
* Clerk’s salary and expenses March     £489.97
* Print package                                                £2.24
* Employers NIC payment £8.77
* NCALC £529.68
* NACRE £42.00
* **Total                £1,090.66**

**22.204.11. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

Cllr Burton advised that only one person had contacted him regarding the vacancy for Footpath warden and that resulted in a change of mind.

**22.205.12. UPDATE FROM POLICE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr Spickett was thanked for his report following the meeting that he had attended on 4 April.

**22.206.13. PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

* There had been no interest following the request for assistance with the local speed watch initiative. **Action point-CS to write a further item for the Cransley Chronicle**
* Cllr Barnwell provided an update on grants for bleed control kits advising that he would contact Orlingbury Parish Council regarding this. **Action point-RB to follow up on grant application**

**22.207.14. HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING**

Concerns were raised regarding the number of pot holes needing attention. These would be reported on Street Doctor individually to raise attention. **Action point-ALL**

**22.208.15 CVMHC**

Cllr Barnwell reported that maintenance work was required following the discovery of rotting wood on the exterior of the building. Refurbishment work was being undertaken internally and internet was being installed.

**22.209.16 WEBSITE**

It was pointed out that there must be a link to the Neighbourhood plan website. **Action point- DW**

**22.210.17. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Ablett reported that the defibrillator was in order.

**22.211.18. THE THREE CRANES**

An update had been provided in the Cransley Chronicle.

**22.212.19. WAR MEMORIAL LAND REGISTRATION**

Cllr Barnwell advised that a further application would need to be made in the future.

**22.213.20. TRAINING**

There were no further training needs.

**22.214.21. CRANSLEY CHRONICLE**

Cllr Bussey had not provided an update in her absence. The clerk mentioned that delivery costs may need to be incurred. This was approved by Councillors.

Items for the next edition- watch initiatives, Tree Cranes Coronation celebrations, Sailing club open day, Coronation item-**action point- RB**

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

Councillors would send any items to Clerk. The remaining Agenda would follow existing format.

**22.216.23. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**11 May 2023-**Annual Parish meeting 6.30 pm followed by Annual meeting and ordinary PC meeting

**The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.**

Signed ………………………………..… Date ……………………