**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on 9 February 2023**

# **PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell

# Cllr Stuart Ablett

# Cllr Kevin Burton

Cllr Amanda Bussey

Cllr Colin Spickett

Cllr David Whalley

Jane Mann Parish Clerk

NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill

Three members of the public

At the start of the meeting Councillors presented Thelma Lacy with a framed freedom certificate in recognition for her long service as clerk to Great Cransley Parish Council.

**22.152.1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Smyth, also NNC Cllrs Cedwien Brown and Joseph Smyth.

**22.153.2. PUBLIC SESSION**

* Thelma Lacy thanked the Parish Council for her freedom certificate. She said that she missed working with Councillors/residents and that her role as Parish Clerk had been very enjoyable.
* A communication had been received from a resident raising concerns regarding two dogs roaming round the village. There had been several instances where traffic had come to a standstill whilst the dogs were caught. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council should report these incidents to Environmental Services and also write to the dog owners.

**Action point-JM/RB**

**22.154.3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Amanda Bussey declared an interest in Planning application 2022/0543.

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

The minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 12 January 2023 and extraordinary meeting held on Friday 20 January 2023 were approved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

**22.156.5. PLANNING**

* Details of a new planning application had been received that afternoon- 2022/0804 a change of use from grazing land to 3 glamping pods at Mill Farm. Documentation was not available so the application could not be discussed in detail. As the expiry date for consultation was 5 March it was approved that comments could be sent to the clerk to formulate a response.

**Action point-Councillors to send their comments to clerk by 16 February**

* An update was received on the proposed development in Church Lane. GCPC response had been made following technical note. Planning Officer had clarified that re-notification had only involved Highways. There had now been a response from Highways following the technical note. It was acknowledged by Highways that the access road was not being proposed for adoption.

Cllr Hakewill added that the application would only go to the Planning Committee if the application was recommended for approval. The status of the application won’t change from delegated.

* The planning implications of the three advertising trailers alongside the A14 were discussed. It was decided to seek advice from Planning. **Action point-JM**

**22.157.6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Joanna Mowat provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. She referred to the recent communication from Andrew Needham at NNC which provided clarity that the current application at Church Lane would not affect the allocated site on Loddington Road so no amendments to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan were required. Payments of £1,050 and £1,120 had been made from theNeighbourhood Plan account. The Parish Council were thanked for making contingencies in their budget for further expenditure needed to complete the Plan.

**22.158.7. NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Hakewill provided an update on NNC matters, which included news on a recent by election, council tax increases and an external review of the NNC Planning Committees.

**22.159.8. FINANCE**

* The clerk referred to the accounts spreadsheet, reporting that the current financial situation as at 6 February reconciled with bank balances:

Neighbourhood Plan account  £3,697.13

Treasurers account                  £7,512.30

Projects account                      £1,883.18

**Total                                       £13,092.61**

\*Unpresented cheque for £20.00 for S137 payment for poppy wreath was reported.

* Cllr Smyth was working on internal controls and this would be presented at the next meeting.

**Action point- agenda item for next meeting-RS**

* Payments approved at meeting to be paid by BACS:
* Cransley Chronicle January                      £18.00
* Clerk’s salary and expenses February    £489.97
* Print package                                                £2.24
* **Total                                                          £510.21**

**22.160.9. UPDATE FROM POLICE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr Spickett advised that the next PFCC meeting would be on 27 February. He mentioned that a Rural Crime Forum was taking place at Boughton House on 13 February.

**22.161.10. UPDATE ON PARISH ASSETS**

Cllr Burton provided an update on parish assets. Cllr Whalley volunteered to re-varnish the notice board. Clerk to check with NNC on frequency of playground checks. **Action point -DW/JM**

**22.162.11. PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

* Following the speed data survey carried out by the Safer Roads Team enforcement will be undertaken by the mobile van fleet.
* The clerk had reported the parking concerns to the Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team and had included an article in the February Chronicle. Some improvements had been seen.

**22.163.12. HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING**

There were no further updates regarding 21 Loddington Road. It was decided to write to the local MP regarding this. **Action point -RB/JM**

There had been an incident where a member of public had been bitten by a horse on a public footpath. This would be followed up by the Footpath Warden. **Action point-KB**

**22.164.13 FLY TIPPING ISSUES**

Historical Railways Estate were responsible for the land near the railway bridge. They had said that they would be prepared to clear the area but were concerned that this normally leads to re-offending. Cllr Hakewill mentioned funds available for this situation of fly tipping on private land.

**Action point-clerk to follow up with OPFCC and to respond to resident**

**22.165.14 CVMHC**

* Cllr Barnwell provided an update on litter issues at the village hall explaining that it was the responsibility of those renting the facilities to take their litter home with them.
* Cllr Barnwell provided an update on the new hardstanding in car park area advising that he had asked Richard Cox to help manage this project.

**22.166.15. WEBSITE**

Cllr Whalley was working on website changes required to meet audit requirements.

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

**22.167.16. DEFIBRILLATOR**

The windows in the telephone box required some attention. Cllr Barnwell reported back on costs for bleed control kits, £599 + VAT. He would look into grant availability. **Action point-RB**

**22.168.17. THE THREE CRANES**

It was reported that the new owners would like to work closely with the Parish Council and Village Hall. They would like to do something to celebrate the Coronation. The Parish Council agreed to support this event.

**22.169.18. TRAINING**

Cllr Barnwell advised that he would be undertaking CILCA training, which would be self-funding.

**22.170.19. CRANSLEY CHRONICLE**

* Cllrs Bussey presented some options on the future of the Chronicle. Cllrs approved a questionnaire that would go out with the Cransley Chronicle to gauge resident’s opinion.
* Items for next issue-Chronicle questionnaire, Three Cranes re-opening, Cybercrime talk.

**Action point-Cllr Bussey to send clerk questionnaire along with article for next issue.**

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

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

**22.172.21. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 9 March 2023**

**The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.**

Signed ………………………………..… Date ……………………