**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

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

# **PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell

# Cllr Stuart Ablett

# Cllr Kevin Burton

 Cllr Amanda Bussey

 Cllr Richard Smyth

Cllr Colin Spickett

Cllr David Whalley -left part way through the meeting

 Jane Mann Parish Clerk

NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill

NNC Cllr Joseph Smyth

One member of the public

**22.173.1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from NNC Cllr Cedwien Brown.

**22.174.2. PUBLIC SESSION**

A defective streetlight (2) was reported in Bridle Way.

**Action point-JM to request new light-Victorian style as in conservation area**

**22.175.3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Amanda Bussey and Richard Smyth declared an interest in Planning application 2022/0543.

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

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

**22.177.5. PLANNING**

* New applications were reviewed;

2022/0804 a change of use from grazing land to 3 glamping pods at Mill Farm along with amendment of description for use of swimming pool for commercial swimming lessons.

GCPC objected to this application, proposed by Cllr Bussey, seconded by Cllr Burton.

2023/0023 replacement windows at the Cottage, Church Lane

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

2023/0089 and 2023/0090 single story side extension at 1 Church Lane

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

* 2022/0543 proposed development in Church Lane amendments to plans dated 13 and 27 February were reviewed and GCPC agreed to continue with its objection.

**Action point-JM to respond to Planning on the above applications**

* The clerk advised that she had sought advice on the planning implications of the three advertising trailers alongside the A14 and was still awaiting the outcome.

 **Action point-JM to follow up responses on advertising trailers and livery business**

**22.178.6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Joanna Mowat provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan advising that Cllr Burton and herself were making good progress addressing NNC comments. All invoices had been paid to date and transfers made to PC account. Some further invoices were due for payment out of this year’s grant. Any grant funds left on 31 March would have to be returned.

**22.179.7. NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

NNC Cllr Smyth reported that he had attended strategic and area planning meetings. He had also met with Church Lane residents to discuss the proposed development.

Cllr Barnwell commented on the review of NNC planning committee structure, which NNC Cllr Hakewill reported would go to committee on 13 March. It was felt that the proposed changes would remove Parish Council’s rights to speak. An update was given on NNC matters, which included news on the budget approval and green waste. In addition, he reported that no action would be taken now on 21 Loddington Road until September due to birds nesting. He was also following up further landscaping at Cransley Park.

**22.180.8. FINANCE**

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

Neighbourhood Plan account  £2.736.10

Treasurers account                  £7,409.73

Projects account                      £1,888.14

**Total                                       £12,029.97**

* Cllr Smyth reported that an internal controls system was now in place.
* Payments approved at meeting to be paid by BACS:
* Cransley Chronicle March edition            £69.00
* Clerk’s salary and expenses March     £489.97
* Print package                                                £2.24
* **Total                                                          £561.21**

**22.181.9. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

It was reported that a Parish Councillor vacancy will occur from May 2023 when Cllr Kevin Burton retires. The vacancy cannot be formally advertised until after the May meeting. An election to fill the vacancy is considered first and then co-option may take place. This will also create a vacancy for a new Footpath warden. Cllr Barnwell said that Cllr Burton would be very much missed. **Action point-JM to advertise vacancy for Footpath warden in** **Cransley Chronicle**

**22.182.10. UPDATE FROM POLICE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr Spickett advised that a new road policing team would be in place from 13 March, cameras and unmarked vehicles would be used. Local speed watch initiatives were being encouraged. It was agreed that Cllrs Spickett and Barnwell would take this forward.

**Action point-JM to include item in Cransley Chronicle requesting volunteers**

**22.183.11. PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

* The clerk advised that Environmental Services had followed up following the referral from the Parish Council regarding the reported roaming dogs.
* Cllr Burton advised that he had been unable to follow up on rights of way issue with horses.
* The clerk advised that grants were available for fly tipping on private land but were only available to the land owner **Action point-JM to forward details to landowners**
* Cllr Barnwell provided an update on grants for bleed control kits advising that funds were available through the OPFCC. Cllr Hakewill offered financial assistance if OPFCC could not help. **Action point-RB to follow up on grant application for bleed kit on PC behalf**

**22.184.12. HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING**

Cllr Barnwell had followed up regarding 21 Loddington Road and had been advised that remedial action would be taken in 28 days.

**22.185.13 CVMHC**

Cllr Barnwell reported that the CVMHC had agreed they would not do anything for the Coronation but would support the Three Cranes in their event as would the Parish Council. The village hall was being refurbished and internet installed. The village show would be held in September.

**22.186.14. WEBSITE**

The clerk reported that the website changes had now been made. It was pointed out that there must be a link to Neighbourhood plan website. **Action point- JM to discuss with DW**

**22.187.15. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Ablett had ordered new defibrillator pads. Expenditure was covered by support package in place.

**22.188.16. THE THREE CRANES**

It was reported that the new owners will keep the existing name.

**22.189.17. WAR MEMORIAL LAND REGISTRATION**

Cllr Barnwell advised that a further application would need to be made in the future. Some maintenance work was approved, moss and ivy removal. **Action point-RB**

**22.190.18. TRAINING**

There were no further training needs.

**22.191.19. CRANSLEY CHRONICLE**

Items for next issue- Footpath warden vacancy and speed watch volunteers

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

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

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

**13 April 2023-** apologies from Cllr Barnwell

**The meeting closed at 8.19 pm.**

Signed ………………………………..… Date ……………………