**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on 12 October 2023**

# **PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell

Cllr Stuart Ablett

# Cllr Amanda Bussey

Cllr Emily James

Cllr Richard Smyth

Cllr David Whalley (arrived late)

Jane Mann Parish Clerk

NNC Cllrs Cedwien Brown and Jim Hakewill

No members of the public

Cllr Barnwell began the meeting by thanking Cllr Spickett for arranging a very successful Parish Council outing, which was enjoyed by all the Councillors.

**23.82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Colin Spickett and from Cllr David Whalley for his late arrival. Also, apologies were received from NNC Cllr Joseph Smyth.

**23.83 PUBLIC SESSION-** No items were received.

**23.84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest. Cllr Barnwell reminded Councillors of the need to update the NNC register of interests, in particular property ownership and affiliation to groups and committees.

**Action point JM: The clerk was asked to send out a link so Councillors could make amendments.**

**23.85 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

**23.86 PLANNING**

1. There had been two new applications received since the previous meeting:

* 2023/0514 Unit 1 Bessemer Road- an extension to be requested to after next meeting.
* 2023/0566 1 Church Lane listed building consent -no comments raised.

1. No decisions were outstanding on existing applications.
2. There were no updates on planning enforcement issues raised.

**23.87 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Joanna Mowat was unable to attend the meeting. No further updates have been received.

**23.88 NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

1. Cllr Brown provided an update advising that she had requested that the wooden posts outside the village hall be replaced. She would follow this up.
2. Cllr Brown provided an update advising that the conifers obstructing the light on Loddington Road would be cut back in two weeks’ time.

It was announced that there would be a new facility for the early detection of cancer in Corby.

Cllr Hakewill provided an update on the unauthorised traveller site. He also advised that the new Rothwell by pass was now open. On other matters he advised that NNC were interviewing for a new CEO and that there continued to be 763 other vacancies. Discussions on libraries were ongoing. Cllr Hakewill has been appointed to the Local Government Association National Board.

**23.89** **FINANCE:**

1. The clerk reported that following the movement of funds of £1,106.12 from the Treasurers account to the Neighbourhood plan account, relating to the NP VAT reclaim the current financial situation at 11 October reconciled with bank balances.

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| Neighbourhood Plan account  £1,809.17 |
| Treasurers account                  £11,039.77 |
| Contingency account                  £5,232.49 |
| **Total                                       £18,081.43** |

1. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:

* AC Business Machines printing costs £46.20
* Clerk’s salary £375.97
* HMRC statutory deductions £94.00
* Clerk’s expenses for September £22.24

1. It was agreed not to renew the Parish Online subscription. **Action point JM: cancel subscription.**
2. A schedule of payments due was authorised:

* NCALC training £57.60
* AC Business Machines printing costs £46.20
* Clerk’s salary and HMRC statutory deductions October
* Clerk’s expenses for October

**23.90 Progress reports from previous meetings:**

1. Cllr Bussey provided costs for the bleed kits (£85) and cabinets (£450). It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the bleed kit without the cabinet. Any monies left could be used for the renewal of the defibrillator contract.
2. The Clerk provided an update on her progress with creation of the PC email addresses. It was hoped that the new email addresses could be used before the end of October.
3. The Clerk provided an update on the speed limit, which was work in progress. **Action point JM:** **Information to be sent to Cllr Hakewill for follow up.**

**23.91 To receive an update from Parish Councillors on their specific roles:**

1. There were no outstanding Highways issue other than the light obstruction.
2. The new PC email addresses would need to go on the website. Action point DW.
3. The defibrillator was in order.
4. Cllr Spickett was thanked for his update on his Police Liaison Representative role.
5. Cllr James provided an update on footpaths advising that one public footpath is still not currently safely accessible due to horses kept on the land. Cllr Barnwell has tried to contact the landowner. **Action point EJ: Information to be sent to Cllr Hakewill for follow up.**

**23.92 To receive an update on village matters:**

1. It was reported that the Fashion show had been very successful. Other planned events by CVMH over the next few months were the craft fayre and the pantomime.
2. The War Memorial land registration was still ongoing.
3. Cllr Spickett would complete the CommMinibus questionnaire. **Action point CS.**
4. The purchase of a poppy wreath was approved for Remembrance Sunday. **Action point RB.**

**23.93 To consider Councillor’s training needs**

1. Cllr Barnwell was to begin CILCA training.
2. Cllrs Barnwell and James attended the NCALC conference on Saturday 7 October 2023.

**23.94 Cransley Chronicle**

1. It was reported that as from October only 23 residents required a paper copy and 42 residents covering 36 addresses required an email copy. There had been some difficulty with some of the email addresses provided. A discussion arose regarding the printing and distribution of the paper copies.  It was recognised that timings would have to be relaxed especially around bank holidays and shorter months.
2. Items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition- Bleed kit; Firework night; Remembrance Sunday; Voter ID on Government website and Broughton playgroup-**Action point RS**.

**23.95 To receive agenda items for the next meeting**

Agenda item on Councillor visibility and website accessibility.

* 1. **Date of next Parish Council meeting: 9 November 2023**

**The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.**

Signed ………………………………..… Date ……………………