**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on 11 January 2024**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell

Cllr Amanda Bussey

Cllr Emily James

Cllr Colin Spickett

Cllr David Whalley

Jane Mann Parish Clerk

NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill

Two members of the public

**23.113 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stuart Ablett and Richard Smyth, NNC Cllrs Cedwien Brown and Joseph Smyth.

**23.114 PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Cllr Hakewill provided an update on the proposed temporary travellers stopping site near Rothwell. He also advised that there was to be a 5% increase in the council tax in 2024/25 year.
2. A resident raised concerns that tree roots maybe causing drainage/flooding problems.
3. NNC Cllr Joseph Smyth was contacting Kier regarding lamp problems.
4. Welcome letters for new residents required amendment following Cransley Chronicle changes-**AP RB/JM**

**23.115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Barnwell declared an interest in the Church Lane planning application and agenda item 11. iv.

**23.116 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2023**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate. Cllr Bussey and other helpers were thanked for their involvement with the Christmas meal.

**23.117 PLANNING**

1. Two new applications received since the previous meeting were reviewed:
2. 2023/0704 Church Lane- concerns would be raised with Planning.
3. 2023/0762 Mill Farm Loddington Road-this application was supported.
4. An update was received on existing applications.
5. There were no updates on planning enforcement issues raised.

**23.118 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

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

**23.119 NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

1. It was noted that the wooden posts outside the village hall had been removed but not replaced.
2. NNC Cllr Smyth was thanked for attending to the conifers obstructing the light on Loddington Road. Further work was still required as it was thought that their roots were causing problems.
3. It was noted that the change of speed limit from Broughton to Cransley had now been actioned.

**23.120** **FINANCE:**

1. The clerk reported on the current financial situation as at 8 January:

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| Neighbourhood Plan account  £1,814.32 |
| Treasurers account                  £8,569.05 |
| Contingency account                  £5,458.23 |
| **Total                                       £15,841.60** |

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

* Wreath £20.00
* AC Business Machines printing costs £15.36
* Community Heartbeat £162.00
* Clerk’s November salary and backdated pay rise from April £591.50
* HMRC statutory deductions £148.00
* Clerk’s expenses for November £29.74
* AC Business Machines printing costs £13.80
* NCALC £50.40
* Clerk’s December salary £403.07
* HMRC statutory deductions £100.60
* Clerk’s expenses for December £22.24

1. A schedule of payments due was authorised:

* Clerk’s salary and HMRC statutory deductions January
* Clerk’s expenses for January

1. The Internal Controls Officer had been provided with accounts for six months.
2. The revised draft budget of £12,000 was reviewed and approved for 2024/25.
3. A precept of £12,000 was agreed and approved for 2024/25.

**23.121 Progress reports from previous meetings:**

The Clerk reported that the new email addresses were now being used.

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

1. There were no outstanding Highways issue other than street light issues.
2. The new PC email addresses would need to go on the website.
3. The defibrillator was in order and was being checked twice each month.
4. Cllr Spickett was thanked for his update on his Police Liaison Representative role.
5. Cllr Barnwell would follow up on a possible footpath diversion reported-**AP**.

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

1. The pantomime had been excellent and well supported. CVMHC were looking for guest speakers. The notice board required some maintenance.
2. The War Memorial land registration was still ongoing.
3. Recent flooding and drainage issues on Loddington Road had been reported to NNC Councillors.
4. It was agreed to contact NNC regarding installing posts in Church Lane to preserve the verges**-APJM**

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

There were no training needs at present.

**23.125 Cransley Chronicle**

1. New arrangements for the distribution of the Cransley Chronicle to be published on noticeboard-**AP**

Joanna Mowat was thanked for printing the January edition.

1. Items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition-

* Budget and precept approval
* Re-opening of pub after break
* Thank you to litter pickers
* Dog mess in the village
* Request for more volunteers for bus shelter cleaning rota

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

* D day and 80th anniversary of the church window
* Maintenance of road signs, streetlighting, bollards and bells.

**23.127 Date of next Parish Council meeting: 8 February 2024**

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

Signed ………………………………..… Date ……………………