**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**

# **held at 7.00pm on 8 February 2024**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk

Cllr Stuart Ablett NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill

Cllr Amanda Bussey NNC Cllr Joseph Smyth

Cllr Richard Smyth Four members of the public

Cllr Colin Spickett

Cllr David Whalley (late)

**23.128 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Emily James and David Whalley (late) and NNC Cllr Cedwien Brown.

**23.129 PUBLIC SESSION**

No comments were raised at this point however residents were given the opportunity to make comments on a later agenda item, the appeal on planning application, 2022/0543.

**23.130 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Bussey and Smyth declared an interest in the Church Lane appeal.

**23.131 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2024**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

**23.132 PLANNING**

1. There were no new planning applications.
2. The appeal for Church Lane 2022/0543 was discussed and residents were allowed to make their comments. Concerns were raised regarding communication of the appeal and lateness of the notification. Councillor’s views on the proposed development remained the same especially when an emerging Neighbourhood Plan had identified other areas for development. The clerk would formulate a response and circulate to Councillors (excluding Cllrs Bussey and Smyth). **Action point JM**
3. The clerk provided an update on the status of existing applications.
4. There were no updates on planning enforcement issues raised.

**23.133 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Joanna Mowat was unable to attend the meeting. It had been queried why the Parish Online application had not been renewed as it had been a useful tool for neighbourhood planning. Councillors agreed for this application to be reinstated and the resulting expenditure was approved. **Action point JM**

**23.134 NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

1. Cllr Brown was following up on the replacement of the wooden posts outside the village hall.
2. Cllr Smyth was following up on drainage issues on Loddington Road and replacement light bulbs.
3. Cllr Hakewill advised that he and Cllr Smyth had attended an executive meeting where once again they had raised objections to the proposed temporary travellers stopping site off the A14.
4. Cllr Barnwell provided a report following his meeting with Ministers regarding future management of gypsy and traveller sites.

**23.135** **FINANCE:**

1. The clerk reported on the current financial situation as at 4 February:

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| Neighbourhood Plan account  £1,816.19 |
| Treasurers account                  £8,043.14 |
| Contingency account                  £5,463.87 |
| **Total                                       £15,323.20** |

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

* Clerk’s January salary £402.87
* HMRC statutory deductions £100.80
* Clerk’s expenses for January £22.24

1. A schedule of payments due was authorised:

* Clerk’s salary and HMRC statutory deductions February
* Clerk’s expenses for February
* Printing expenses

1. It was recorded that Internal Controls were in place.

**23.136 Progress reports from previous meetings:**

1. Amendments had been made to new resident’s welcome letter.
2. Cllr Barnwell was awaiting confirmation regarding possible footpath diversion.
3. The clerk had contacted Kier regarding new post installation in Church Lane.

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

1. Outstanding Highways issues were drainage and street lighting.
2. The clerk reported problems with accessing documents on the website, which were confirmed by a resident. It was agreed that the clerk should look at NCALC recommended providers. **Action point JM**
3. The defibrillator is now working again following a new battery installation.
4. Cllr Spickett advised that his next Police Liaison meeting was on 4 March.
5. An update was received on Footpaths.

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

1. Cllr Barnwell would attend the next CVMHC meeting.
2. The War Memorial land registration was still ongoing.
3. Maintenance of road signs, streetlighting, bollards and bells were discussed.
4. Celebrations for the 80th anniversary of D-Day would be discussed with the pub. Celebrations for the church window would be discussed with the vicar.

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

There were no training needs at present.

**23.140 Cransley Chronicle**

1. New arrangements for the distribution of the Cransley Chronicle have been published on noticeboard. The clerk had printed the February edition due to short turnaround times.
2. Items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition- Easter celebrations in the village. **Action point JM**

**23.141 To receive agenda items for the next meeting:**

Further updates on village matters.

**23.142 Date of next Parish Council meeting: 14 March 2024**

**The meeting closed at 8.10pm.**

Signed ………………………………..… Date ……………………