

**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**  
**held at 7.10 pm on 11 April 2024**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk  
Cllr Stuart Ablett NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill  
Cllr Emily James  
Cllr Richard Smyth  
Cllr David Whalley Two members of the public

**23.158 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Colin Spickett and Amanda Bussey, in addition NNC Councillors Cedwien Brown and Joseph Smyth.

**23.159 PUBLIC SESSION**

A resident raised concerns regarding street light (reported) and footpath problems in Bridle Way.

**23.160 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**23.161 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2024**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

**23.162 PLANNING**

- i. There were no new planning applications.
- ii. No decision has been made yet on the Church Lane appeal 2022/0543.
- iii. The clerk provided an update on the status of existing applications. There were no updates on planning enforcement issues raised.

**23.163 FINANCE:**

- i. The clerk reported on the current financial situation as at 31 March 2024:

Neighbourhood Plan account	£1,820.21
Treasurers account	£6,878.36
Contingency account	£5,475.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,174.51</b>

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:
  - Clerk's March salary £403.07 and HMRC statutory deductions £100.60
  - Parish online subscription £43.20
  - SLCC subscription shared with Loddington Parish Council £91.50
- iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:
  - Clerk's salary and expenses and HMRC statutory deductions April
  - NACRE subscription £42.00
  - NALC subscription £551.49
- iv. Changes to the Asset Register were approved.
- v. It was confirmed by Cllr Smyth that internal controls were in place and no irregularities had been found. Cllr Smyth was thanked for his review of the accounting records and his excellent internal control report. The clerk was congratulated on her record keeping.

**23.164 Progress reports from previous meetings:**

- i. The clerk provided an update following a meeting of the working party. It was now understood that the current website does not meet accessibility requirements. Further costings were being obtained by Joanna Mowat to find the best option available. It was agreed that the website would require amendments and that if historic records were required these would be available from the clerk. **Action point working party.**
- ii. The Right of way issue had been discussed at the Annual Parish meeting.
- iii. Cllr Barnwell would obtain a quote for painting work as per Cllr Spickett's report-**Action point RB.**

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

- i. A resident had reported a 'dog attack' in the village. The incident was discussed and it was agreed that this was not a Parish Council matter. The resident should be advised that attacks should be reported to the NNC Dog warden and the Police- **Action point JM.**
- ii. Celebrations for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day would be discussed with the pub. Celebrations for the church window would take place in September- **Action point RB.**

**23.166 To consider Councillor's training needs**

There were no training needs at present.

**23.167 To consider how to improve Parish Council visibility**

Cllr James made some suggestions as to how Parish Council visibility could be improved with a more informal interaction with residents and better website accessibility. It was decided that the church would be approached about having a Councillor present at Andy's Cafe each month. **Action point RB.** Residents could raise concerns, which could then be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. This could be advertised in the Cransley Chronicle. It was also proposed that while access to the website was problematic for some, residents could be advised that any documents could be obtained directly from the clerk. It was also agreed that a short summary of items discussed could be placed in the Cransley Chronicle each month.

**23.168 To receive items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition**

Items: Summary of meeting, access to historic documents.

**23.169 Date of next meeting- Annual Meeting (6.30 pm) followed by Parish Council Meeting 9 May 2024**

New agenda items: Church clock and notice board maintenance.

**The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.**

Signed ..... Date .....