

GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held at 7.00pm on 8 August 2024

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk
Cllr Amanda Bussey NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill
Cllr Emily James One member of the public
Cllr Colin Spickett
Cllr David Whalley

24.50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stuart Ablett and Richard Smyth, along with NNC Cllr Cedwien Brown.

24.51 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no items received.

24.52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

24.53 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD 11 JULY 2024

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

24.54 PLANNING

- i. A new planning application for 65 Loddington Road Cransley was reviewed and no comments were received.
- ii. The clerk provided an update on the status of existing applications. There were no updates on planning enforcement issues raised.
- iii. It was reported that the appeal for the Church Lane development 2022/0543 had been dismissed with the refusal being upheld.

24.55 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Regulation 14 stage would begin in September with open days taking place that month. A schedule would be with Councillors in the next week and their help would be appreciated.

24.56 NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Hakewill had tried to follow up on planning issues for the Church Lane Development and Cransley Road but no further information had been forthcoming. He had not been made aware of the decision on Church Lane development. He provided an update on other NNC matters.

24.57 FINANCE:

- i. The clerk reported on the current financial situation as at 11 July:

Neighbourhood Plan account	£1,828.01
Treasurers account	£8,615.72
Contingency account	£12,392.70
Total	£22,836.43

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:
 - Clerk's July salary £403.07 and HMRC statutory deductions £100.60
 - Clerk's expenses for July £30.82
 - ICO fees of £35.00
- iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:
 - Clerk's salary and HMRC statutory deductions for August
 - Clerk's expenses

24.58 Progress reports from previous meetings:

- i. The clerk had obtained further information to ensure that there was a direct comparison with the Parish Online and Cuttlefish quotes. A decision was made to proceed with the cheaper website quote with Parish Online and all necessary expenditure was approved. **Action point JM**

- ii. GCPC were now looking for a further quote for the church clock work. A quote for maintenance work, £776 from John the Paint and Sons was previously approved. **Action point RB**
- iii. Cllr Bussey had liaised with the Village Hall Committee and a grant application for Community Support Funding had been made with a view to improving access and lighting to the village hall.
- iv. Contact had been made with NNC regarding a new litter bin for Church Lane.
- v. NNC had carried out work on the overgrown trees outside Loddington Road bungalows.

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

- i. The outstanding highways issues were being actioned including the light on Bridle Way. Potholes that have been reported have now been fixed. Drain work in Loddington Road will take place in October. Verges and bridle way access around the village have been reported along with overgrown bushes on the speed sign.
- ii. The website had been previously discussed.
- iii. The defibrillator was in working order.
- iv. Cllr Spickett provided an update on his Police Liaison role.
- v. Cllr James provided an update on footpaths. Concerns were raised regarding access to the footpath to Loddington. **Action point JM** Cllr Barnwell added that he was working with the Forestry Commission on Cransley Woods, with work beginning in the Autumn.
- vi. Cllr Barnwell advised that there were no updates on Neighbourhood Watch.

24.60 To receive an update on village matters:

- i. Cllr Bussey was working with the Village Hall Committee on a grant application with a view to improving access and lighting to the village hall. She provided detail on the proposed work.
- ii. The War Memorial land registration was still ongoing. Work was required on the war memorial to clear the moss and trim back some of the shrubbery. A further request to be made for help in the Chronicle for working party members. **Action point JM**
- iii. It was reported that there appeared to be no interest in celebrations for the church window anniversary.
- iv. It was reported that there was a dog mess problem in the village, a reminder would be placed in the Chronicle. **Action point JM**

24.61 To consider Councillor’s training needs

Cllr James would be attending a Community Engagement course. Cllr Barnwell would be attending the NCALC conference.

24.62 Cransley Chronicle

Items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition- New MP details; request for volunteers to join the bus shelter rota (more detail) and a working group for the war memorial; update on the new date for drain work (October); dog mess; the Village Show and a McMillan cake sale; Application for grant to assist village hall.

24.63 Date of next meetings- 10 October. No meeting to be held in September.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed Date