

GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held at 7.00pm on 14 November 2024

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

24.79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

24.80 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no items received.

24.81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest. Cllr Barnwell enquired as to whether the register of interest was on the Parish Council website. **Action point JM/DW**

24.82 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD 10 OCTOBER 2024

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

24.83 PLANNING

- i. Four new planning applications were reviewed:
- 2 Loddington Road 2024/0441 and 2024/0442- applications supported
 - The Old Stables, Loddington Road 2024/0571-application supported
 - Hunan Brigg House 2024/0638-no comments raised
- ii. The clerk provided an update on the status of existing applications. There were no further updates on planning enforcement issues raised.
- iii. The Green Hill Solar Farm consultation was discussed and it was felt that the proposals for arable land were vast and neighbouring parishes would not directly benefit from the Solar farm. **Action point JM to respond.**

24.84 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

A report was received from Joanna Mowat. The Regulation 14 stage had now ended and Joanna would be responding to and collating responses. The document would then be passed to the consultants and any required amendments would be made to the plan.

24.85 NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Hakewill provided an update on the proposed warehousing near Rothwell; NNC Finances; Planning appeals; the unauthorised development in Cransley Road and the temporary travellers' site, near Rothwell. A discussion arose regarding the frustrations over the flooding and drainage issues in Loddington Road.

24.86 FINANCE:

- i. The clerk reported on the current financial situation as at 12 November 2024. It was explained that the first grant payment of £7,074.50 had been transferred to the Contingency account until payment was required. In addition, funds of £1,281.82 had been transferred from NP to Treasurer's account. The position was now:

Neighbourhood Plan account	£551.06
Treasurers account	£6,769.82
Contingency account	£19,500.20
Total	£26,821.08

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:
- Clerk's October salary £531.40 and HMRC statutory deductions £132.80
 - Clerk's expenses for October £37.68
 - Neighbourhood plan expenditure £44.70 and £70.00
 - Wreath £20.00

- iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:
 - Clerk's salary and HMRC statutory deductions for November
 - Clerk's expenses
 - Neighbourhood plan expenditure £44.70
 - Tree work £500.00
- iv. The clerk reported a change of status in bank account with associated charges of £4.25 monthly.
- v. Recommendations of clerk's pay rise of 2 points following staff appraisal were approved.
- vi. The clerk presented her draft budget which was reviewed. The budget and precept will be finalised and approved in January.

24.87 Progress reports from previous meetings:

- i. GCPC were still looking for a further quote for the church clock work. John the Paint and Sons had not yet started the maintenance work. **Action point RB to arrange painting work.**
- ii. Cllr Bussey provided an update on the progress of work being undertaken in the village hall.
- iii. Councillor visibility would be improved by the wearing of name badges at village events.

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

- i. There were some outstanding highways issues requiring action; the long-awaited drainage work in Loddington Road, pot holes in Church Lane and lighting on Bridle Way.
- ii. Work on the new website would begin shortly.
- iii. The defibrillator was in working order. Cllr Ablett would order some new defibrillator pads.
- iv. Cllr Spickett provided an update on his Police Liaison role.
- v. Cllr James advised that there was an access problem with the footpath to Loddington.
- vi. Cllr Barnwell advised that there were no updates on Neighbourhood Watch.

24.89 To receive an update on village matters:

- i. No further updates from CVMHC as matters had already been covered.
- ii. The War Memorial land registration was still ongoing. Cllr Whalley was thanked for cleaning the war memorial for the Remembrance service.
- iii. It was reported that someone has volunteered to join the bus shelter/war memorial cleaning rota.
- iv. A resident had raised concerns regarding speeding issues in the village. Cllr Spickett mentioned that the speed van visited regularly. He reminded Councillors that an appeal for resident's help monitoring speeding had not generated any interest. Discussion arose regarding the legal requirements when installing speed monitoring equipment which governed where the equipment could be sited.
- v. It was reported that Councillors were getting very frustrated with the wait for the drainage work in Loddington Road to begin. This has now been reported to our MP. **Action point CS to attend Kier session.**
- vi. It was reported that there were some paving issues outside the bungalows in Loddington Road. **Action point JM to contact NNC Councillors.**

24.90 To consider Councillor's training needs

Cllr James would be attending a Community Engagement course.

24.91 Cransley Chronicle

Items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition: Defibrillator awareness and training, Warmth for Winter scheme, Neighbourhood Plan update and Christmas greetings.

24.92 Date of next meetings- 9 January 2025. No meeting to be held in December.

Items to be included the budget and the election.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Signed Date