



CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL 

HAPPY CHRISTMAS 2013

Season Greetings to all our residents in Cranage.

CHALLENGING YEAR !

The Parish Council are very mindful that the past year as far as public opinion is concerned has not been the most prestigious. The land at Middlewich Road seems to have caused the most contention. The Parish Council have conducted a survey within an update of the Parish Plan and the results were as follows;

Total questionnaires delivered - 420
Responses received - 249
Votes yes to affordable housing - 37
Votes no to affordable housing - 212
(The number of electors 937)

As you are all aware democracy is part of the role of a Parish Council and each individual Councillor has their right to respond. The Parish

Council has thought long and hard about the amount of revenue that could be raised by selling the land for affordable houses and took the further option of applying for a 'Housing Challenge Grant' conducted by Cheshire East to improve the amount raised by selling it to a housing authority for the provision of affordable houses. This application was successful which considerably increased the value of the land. It is understandable that this would not necessarily suit everybody in the Parish as some feel there is no requirement for affordable homes and wish the land to remain as grazing. The need for the revenue from the land has not finalised. The decision has never been concluded and many options have been discussed.

A few local residents have fought hard for their case of not selling the land which has lead to a lot of unrest in the Parish. So much that our valued Chairman felt it necessary to resign in October. A Parish Councillor carries out his

duties voluntarily and because he cares about the area he lives in. When balancing up the reward for the effort Mr J Irlam felt he had no option but to leave the Parish Council.

The Councillors follow their right to vote in what they believe in but in the case of Middlewich Road some members of the public feel their opinion is wrong which has led to some public concern. We need to assure you that the Council always seek to do the correct thing and try their utmost to reflect the public requirements but it are not always as straight forward as it seems.

DEFIBRILLATOR

This year we have purchased a defibrillator for the use of the Parish and have sited it at Cranage Hall Hotel. We have arranged training sessions, mainly for the employees of the hotel but if anyone is interested in being trained please contact the clerk (details below) to arrange. The defibrillator is sited behind reception and obviously available 24 hours. We would like to thank Mrs Sally Ball, a First Responder, for all her support in setting up our training sessions and installing our defibrillator.

INEOS ENTERPRISES

Ineos Enterprises owns the Holford Brinefield (between Lostock and Middlewich) for the extraction of salt (brine) to feed the NW chemical industry.

There will be a seismic survey of the southern area of the brinefield to allow characterisation of the salt geology. The majority of the survey is in Byley Parish but it will extend into Cranage Parish.

The survey will allow INEOS to ascertain the nature of the subsoil and the presence of minerals or other matter down to the area of the River Dane. The Seismic Survey process to be used (Vibroseis) will be the same as that previously used in the area. The survey is planned to be undertaken in November 2013 to minimise crop damage and disturbance of livestock and is likely to take one to two weeks starting 15th November 2013.

ELECTION

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr J Irlam for all his hard work and support during the time he served as a Councillor.

This has obviously led to a vacancy which can be filled by co option, but due to in excess of 10 electors from the Parish writing to the Elections Office at Cheshire East we are being required to conduct a by election. The cost of this will be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

COLD CALLERS

We have had some instances across our area of cold callers and received this response from our local police;

PRESS RELEASE

Cheshire Probation advises Cheshire residents to think twice before

buying from door to door sellers
There have been several reports from Cheshire residents of ex-offenders selling products and services door-to-door. They claim to be working on a Probation Service-approved doorstep selling scheme. Angela Cossins, Cheshire Probation's Chief Executive said: "We do not involve offenders in any type of doorstep scheme. Our advice is not to buy from any person claiming to be part of this project and to follow the Police's advice below."

John Roberts from the Communities Unit at Cheshire Police said: "We have had reports of this sort of thing happening in the past and our advice would be for residents to always ask for identification from anyone who knocks at their door unexpectedly, claiming to be a legitimate salesperson. Genuine sales people will have no issue with you checking their ID or calling their employer to verify they are who they claim to be.

As already stated, the Probation Service does not endorse any sort of programme like this so if you are targeted by someone saying they are part of his scheme I would urge you to politely refuse their business and contact the Police by telephoning the Police Non-Emergency number 101."

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FLEXIBLE TRANSPORT SERVICE

This service allows residents of Cheshire East to access their nearest village or town for essential services. The service provides an alternative means of travel for older and disabled people. Journeys have to be booked in advance so each route can be planned efficiently. The booking line number is 0845 077 9110 and is open 9.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday and you may book 24 hours or one month in advance.

NOTICE BOARD ON MIDDLEWICH ROAD

The Parish Council have purchased a new notice board for Middlewich Road. It should be installed during December.

WEBSITE

Our website is an excellent method of communication to let our residents know information quickly but we only have 20 members from 420 households. Would you please take a few minutes to join, it so quick and easy? If there is anything important to inform you about, such as a contentious planning application we could update you instantly via your email address.

Website address: www.cranage-cheshire.org.uk

HOLMES CHAPEL HEALTH CENTRE

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24th December 2013 – Normal

opening hours 8.00am – 18.30pm – urgent appointments only.

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25th December 2013 – CLOSED

Boxing Day – Thursday 26th December 2013 – CLOSED

Friday 27th December 2013 – Normal opening hours 8.00am – 18.30pm

New Years Eve – Tuesday 31st December 2013 – Normal opening hours

8.00am – 18.30pm – urgent appointments only.

New Years Day – Wednesday 1st January 2014 – CLOSED

Thursday 2nd January 2014 – Normal opening hours 8.00am – 18.30pm.

Should you require urgent medical attention when the Health Centre is closed dial the usual number (01477 533100) your call will be automatically transferred to the NHS East Cheshire Out-of-Hours Service.

Alternatively you can contact the Out-of-Hours Service direct (01625 502999). A triage nurse will advise you regarding your problem and where necessary they will arrange contact with a GP. If you need to see a GP outside of surgery hours you may be asked to attend a Primary Care Centre at Macclesfield, Knutsford, Crewe, Northwich, Congleton or Handforth. Home visits by a GP will be arranged where appropriate.

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Tim is a wonderful support to the Parish and if there is any footpath issues please let him know.



All our meetings are held at Cranage Village Hall. Please come along.

