



CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Resident,

March 2012

You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 7.30pm at Cranage Village Hall. This will provide an opportunity to raise questions or comments on the work of the council throughout the past year.

A copy of the Chairman's Annual report and a summary of the Parish Council's accounts for the financial year, as well as the Spring newsletter, are attached.

Yours sincerely,
Julie Mason
Parish Clerk.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and apologies**
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2011.**
3. **Matters arising from the minutes**
4. **Chairman's Report.**
5. **Financial Report**
6. **Presentation from Mr Charlie Griffies, Streetscape Operations Manager from Cheshire East Council.**
7. **Questions from residents (written e mail or note to clerk beforehand would be helpful).**
8. **Presentation from Village Hall Committee.**
9. **Refreshments.**

Accounts

Summary from April 2011 to 29th February 2012.

Balance at 01.03.12 80,117.00

Receipts

Precept 20,000.00

Interest 2,016.00

Wayleave 50.00

Rent 50.00

TOTAL 22,116.00

Payments

Wages/Expenses 3,370.00

HMRC 11.00

Planning Application 420.00

Training 60.00

CHALC membership 280.00

Room hire 272.00

Insurance 490.00

Playing fields membership 16.00

Printers 425.00

CCA membership 16.00

CPRE membership 29.00

Audit Commission 162.00

Notice board Maintenance 640.00

Solicitors fee land search 100.00

Byley PCC 100.00

Website 300.00

TOTAL 6,691.00

Balance at March 2012 - £95,542.00

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SPRING NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2012

Please come along and see the Parish Council on Tuesday 20th March it would be lovely to see you. We have a speaker from 'Streetscape' at Cheshire East. They are responsible for keeping the streets and public spaces of Cheshire East clean and safe and attractive, they work to protect and enhance the local environment. The services they provide are grounds maintenance, street cleansing, up keep of markets and public conveniences. Bereavement services are included with 2 crematoria, 11 cemeteries and 7 churchyards. They are constantly looking of ways to improve the services that they offer so all your comments will help. Cranage Parish Council has managed to have all the footpaths along the A50 cut back this year to improve walking conditions for the people and residents from Needham estate and Crescent Road are finally on the road sweeping programme

The precept has been reduced this year to £10,000 from £20,000. We felt in the economic climate and the money reserves we were holding contributed to a reduction in 2012/13. We still intend to use the money for the projects in the community over the next twelve months.

The Parish Council has been approached by Cheshire East to take over the asset of the bowling club within the Parish. We are in the process of finalising the details on 'Heads of Terms' between Cheshire East and ourselves and then will proceed with the arrangement between us and the bowling club members. The club will then hopefully be building a new clubhouse and improving the green. Please remember you are always welcome to play bowls for a small nominal fee at any time when there is no match scheduled. The members are really excited that there will be some progress at last.

The 'Homewatch' constable is sending regular e mails to the Council informing them of the increase in crime rate along the A 50 corridor. When you are leaving your property unattended please make sure you lock up very carefully and don't leave doors or windows open. Goods stolen from the area have been retrieved in Liverpool so burglars are travelling from Merseyside to Cheshire in stolen vehicles and returning leaving very little evidence. Inspector Mark Gammage urges all residents to ring the 101 non emergency number to report anything you see out of the ordinary. He feels through his experience it is the only route to catch these thieves. Goostrey Post Office has recently been burgled and an attempted 'break in' happened two months previously.

We have recently had a new PCSO in the area, Mrs Lorraine Meggs, she covers Middlewich Town as well as the rural areas and is finding it difficult to introduce herself to everybody. Her number is 0845 458 6382 if you ever want to leave her a voice mail about any concerns. She has visited one of our meetings and is trying to organise a police surgery for Cranage. We will keep you informed of the date on our website.

Thank you for all our new members to the website, it was very encouraging. If anybody wished to register please feel free it an easy way to keep you informed of current affairs in the area.

As everyone is aware it is the Queens Diamond Jubilee this year and we ask for any suggestions in order to celebrate the event in Cranage. The Village Hall is available for our use, we are just trying to organise a committee, if you are interested please contact the clerk. Most celebrations seem to be taking place on Sunday 3rd June at lunchtime, maybe we could organise a BBQ with our own gazebos!!! ?.

We have recruited two new tree and footpath representatives this year, Mr Tim Sheldon and Ms Amanda Parton. They have both settled in very well and are doing an excellent job. They endeavour to walk all our footpaths every six weeks and report their findings but if you notice any issues please contact them direct. There is funding available to improve footpaths at the moment so any ideas will be most welcomed.

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