

## **CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 at Cranage Village Hall.**

### **Public Forum**

1 member (clerk from Holmes Chapel Parish Council)

Mrs N Clarke reported that HCPC were supporting the continuation of the development of the bridge over the River Dane, after a letter sent to both parishes from Ms G Butler (Cheshire East PROW) and wished CPC to also continue with them in principal. There were obviously lots of hurdles to still over come involving the finance and the support from the public but HCPC felt the safe route to school and the facility to have the ability to walk from Cranage to Holmes Chapel was still worth pursuing. It was emphasised that HCPC would contribute proportionately to their size compared to Cranage. A public consultation was proposed.

**Declaration of Interest** Councillor M Hodge 13/4501C and Councillor D Madden 14/2706C

**87/14 Present** Councillor D Hopley (Chairman), Councillor M Hodge (Vice Chairman), Councillor R Hurst, Councillor J Halstead, Councillor G Yarwood, Councillor D Madden, Councillor M Mackenzie, Councillor L Gilbert (Cheshire East) ( left early) and the Clerk.

**88/14 Apologies** Councillor A Kolker due to annual holidays and Mr T Sheldon due to work commitments.

### **89/14 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **90/14 Playing Fields**

GY proposed to support HCPC to continue to support the building of the bridge over the River Dane. RH seconded the proposal.

Vote- For MM, GY, JH, DH, RH Abstain MH, DM.

DM abstained to due to the financial implications.

**Resolved** Cranage PC would support the project to pursue the bridge across the River Dane and would work with HCPC to produce a questionnaire to be delivered in the Village Magazine to consult the public on their point of view.

### **91/14 Cheshire East**

Councillor L Gilbert reported that Government funding of £45m had been granted towards the Congleton Link Road. It was a benefit to Holmes Chapel as hopefully more lorries would then leave the motorway at J17 and not have to travel through the village.

Due to the improvements in the exit route from J17 (between February and March 2015) there would be closure of slip roads and access routes to the M6 in the local area which would impact on the traffic in Cranage. It was noted that the closure of roads through the village would still go ahead to prevent HGV's crossing by the church and local bakery.

The local plan for CE was due to go to the inspector in September and they were hopeful of approval although a planning application in Alsager had just failed at appeal as the inspector still felt we had not demonstrated a 5 year housing supply required.

CE was £900,000 under spent and it had been decided to give the money back to the community in grant funding. LG passed the procedure for applying to the clerk.

*Councillor L Gilbert left at 8.00pm*

### **92/14 Playing Fields**

The Clerk had visited the playing fields with Tim Sheldon in June and it was explained that the football pitch closest to the A50 was the priority for the football teams. If there was a limited amount of finance he would prefer this pitch to be drained.

**Resolved** both football pitches would be drained and Cranage Parish Council would contribute a maximum of £500 to each pitch for drainage works before the season starts

### **93/14 Lengths man**

The Clerk had summarised the tasks Cheshire East had to accomplish each year. It was agreed it be a working document for members and it would be regularly put on the agenda for consideration. It would be helpful to be put on the website.

The footpath outside Windyridge Garage (approximately 20 metres) needed clearing as very overgrown and impeded people walking. The grass verge from the Middlewich Road junction to Woodford Golf club needed cutting back for dog walkers and joggers.

Clerk would report.

### **Resolved**

The employing of a lengths man would deter from CE responsibilities and should be reviewed again in the future.

### **94/14 Highways**

There were two blocked gullies that needed reporting i) Middlewich Road before M6 ii) Goostrey Lane. The Clerk updated the Council on the lack of repair on Hermitage Bridge. Mr P Hogarth the owner of The Hermitage was not contactable and CE highways would now pursue the legal department to follow up.

### **95/14 Play area on Needham Drive**

Councillor M Mackenzie and the Clerk had met with Miss M Bennett and her friend to discuss the opportunity for developing the play area to accommodate the older children on the estate. There had been a presentation prepared and ideas were given to have a trail of wooden equipment towards the village hall.

**Resolved** the Parish council supported the improvement of the Play area and would now request that some research was prepared as to exactly what the children would like to be built.

It was also discussed that an application could be made to CE for finance from the community grant fund Councillor J Halstead would pursue grant funding from WREN.

The chairman wished to thank Brereton Parish Council for their invaluable information about how their play area was developed.

### **96/14 Bowling Club**

Councillor M Mackenzie, Mr R Porter and the Clerk had met Ms M Dyson- Fagen on site to finalise access routes and car parking and the draft lease had now been finalised. Today the draft lease between CPC and the bowling club had been sent through. Any comments from members and the bowling club would be sent back to our solicitor's Mr J Gibbons from Blunts Solicitors.

The Clerk had also attended site to take photographs of the entrance route, car park and the route via foot as CPC will now have to maintain the site to its current condition.

### **97/14 Planning Applications**

13/4501C APP/R0660/A/14/2220496 'Briarwood', Goostrey Lane, Cranage, Crewe CW4 8HE. New house on land adjacent to Briarwood

It was noted that the application had been taken to appeal due to lack of determination (excess of 8 weeks). The Parish Council had objected to the application.

14/2867C Sandy Lane, Cranage, Knutsford, CW4 8HR Construction of new house

**Resolved** No objection

14/2760C detached house, Oakfield, Sandy lane, Cranage CW4 8HN

Building of an oak framed, timber clad, double garage and log store.

**Resolved** No objection

14/0978C 56A Northwich Road, Cranage, Knutsford WA16 9LD

To story rear extension to a dwelling, new detached two car garage.

Mr L Barber had written to the PC regarding the comments made about the above planning application. He wished to have an explanation about the response. The Parish council discussed the comments and a letter would be returned by the Clerk

### **98/14 Accounts**

**To note the balance of accounts** – Leek United £76,600.75 and Natwest £25,612.43 = £102,213.18

#### Payments

- £312.32 Zurich Insurance
  - £62.43 R K Hensahll & Co
  - £12.30 HMRC
  - £264.00 TCS Management
  - £1,868.88 Clerks salary April to June
  - £90.00 Clerks expenses from April to June
- Resolved** the above payments be signed as a true and accurate record.

#### Receipts

- £55.70 Scottish Power (Wayleave)
- £892.20 Interest Leek United Bond
- £539.90 Somerford Parish Council

The Clerk had re discussed the insurance cover and had made the decision to move to Zurich as it was cheaper and had a more comprehensive parish council cover that was required.

It was noted that the cost of the leaflet to be delivered in the Village magazine would need to be paid before the next meeting.

### **99/14 Land behind Deans Row**

There had been concerns from local residents about the unadopted land. It had been recently noticed that the area had a 'well' had been constructed on the land.

**Resolved** the Parish Council would visit the site and plant bulbs towards the end of the year.

### **100/14 Chairman and members report**

It was decided that the Chairman would attend the Annual CHALC meeting in October and a motion regarding planning applications on line would be submitted.

MM had devised a chronological date order of the Dane Valley project to assist members.

It was agreed that there was no necessity to attend the PCSO meeting arranged by BPC on 24.07.14

The Clerk had recently had an appraisal and Councillor R Hurst communicated the outcome.

### **101/14 Clerks Report**

It was agreed that Ms P Barnett could still be a trustee on the Sandbach Almhouse Trust since she had resigned from the PC.

The newsletter was discussed and it was agreed the following topics would be covered; footpath project – JM, play area - MM , unadopted land - JM, PCSO – MH, bowling club – JM, highway frequency – JM.

**86/14 It was noted that the next meeting would be on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014**

**Meeting closed at 9.35 pm**







