

## **CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Cranage Village Hall.

### **Public Forum**

2 members of the public present.

Both residents had come to speak about the issues that were affecting them as residents nearby to the Jodrell Bank Service station. There were highway issues, concerns about noise and lighting and questions involving planning laws as recently two 'C' containers had arrived on site. They wished the Parish Council to support them as it was a disturbance and very unsettling when living close by.

A chronological history was portrayed to the members of activities and instances plus photographs.

### **Present**

Councillor M Hodge (Vice Chairman), Councillor R Hurst, Councillor J Halstead, Councillor G Yarwood and the Clerk.

*Councillor M Hodge chaired the meeting*

### **Part 1**

#### **18/15 Declaration of Interest**

None declared

#### **19/15 Apologies**

Councillor D Madden, Councillor D Hopley due to holidays and Councillor A Kolker due to a prior meeting.

Mr T Sheldon.

#### **20/15 Minutes**

02/15 amended by removing the sentence 'The apologies would be accepted from 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 until this date'.

06/15 amended FOR- DH and not JH twice.

14/15 amended to include that 'Councillor A Kolker stated he would visit Jodrell Bank Service Station to try and understand the activities that were being undertaken on behalf of the residents'.

09/15 - 14/5082 not 14/5228C Manor View, Twemlow Lane.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **21/05 Matters arising from the minutes.**

The members discussed the comments from the public forum time and it was acknowledged that the action taken so far needed to be increased

**Resolved** a letter would be sent to the planning department, environmental health and highways. Councillor J Halstead would also contact Mr S Bateman from highways.

### **22/15 Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor M Hodge was concerned that Cranage Parish Council had not pursued the route of implementing a Neighbourhood Plan due to fact the they may not have suffered opportunist developers as others in Cheshire East. It was agreed that it need a lot of support from the community if there was a decision from the Council to do one.

**Resolved** the Parish Council would include the item in the next newsletter and ask if the community supported a Neighbourhood Plan and would they become involved.

### **23/15 Village Hall**

The Village Hall needs a committee of approximately 20 members and it was concerning that it was dwindling. If the committee did not improve it could lead to the closure of the amenity.

It was decided an article would be included in the newsletter asking for volunteers and support. It would also be on benefit to the community if more local events were held at the Village Hall. The Clerk would enquire about adding more information to the website.

### **24/15 Cranage Play Area**

The Clerk had enquired with Mr Charlie Griffies from ANSA about the possibility of re vamping the site. Unfortunately it seemed that the original youngster that had made enquiry was not contactable. Cheshire East had to become involved with the planning and the tenders of the work to improve.

The clerk would pursue and report back at the next meeting.

### **25/15 The Paddock at Middlewich Road**

Councillor J Halstead had made the necessary enquires and the paperwork had been drafted from Field in Trust. As there were some key decisions on the potential use and benefit to the community that needed a full Council present it would be adjourned until the next meeting.

**Resolved** the Clerk would amend the Land Registry documents

### **26/15 Bowling Club**

The bowling club members had removed the old club house, although this had caused some complaints with health and safety issues from Cheshire East, it had allowed the new build to commence. The Clerk had visited the site and the base was now in situ. The Health and Safety at the site and restricted access had improved since the builders were in residence at the site. Due to the wet weather access was now being made from Needham estate as the surrounded area was being damaged.

### **27/15 Footpath and Tree Report**

A report had been submitted from Mr T Sheldon.

He had followed up the two issues highlighted by the Congleton Ramblers. The kissing gates and a new stile has been installed on Cranage pathway 1 from Swan Farm but the pathway has again being ploughed over and planted out with crops, the current wet weather makes this path really difficult and unpleasant to walk. The signage for footpath

2 off Twemlow lane by the riding stables is obscured by trees and would benefit from the tree being cut back.

The Clerk would report to PROW.

### **28/15 Planning Applications**

- 15/0621C 'Hazelmere', Sandy Lane, Cranage CW4 8HN  
Detached timber framed garage with loft room over, re-sub of 14/0929N  
**Resolved** No Objection

### **Woodside Golf Club**

The Planning Officer had enquired about a comment that had been submitted in the s106 to the application "*The Parish Council resolved on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to approve and accept ownership of the Community Centre on the terms of this Undertaking*"

It was noted that the statement was totally inaccurate and the Clerk would amend and attach the minutes.

### **29/15 Quality Status**

The Clerk and Councillor M Hodge gave an update to members. Due to having Quality Status CPC automatically had gained Foundation status. This would now need to be re applied for and there needed steps implementing to achieve this level.

**Resolved** the Clerk would devise a plan for the Council to implement 'Foundation' level and the 'Quality' level. Members would read the presentation and notes before the next meeting.

### **30/15 Speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting**

It was decided that the Councillors would do a presentation. It would be an interaction with the community for the future plans of Cranage.

**Resolved** members would meet to discuss the topics before the next meeting.

### **31/15 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Publication Scheme**

The documents had been circulated to members and comments were made to the Clerk. They would be amended and discussed at the next meeting.

### **32/15 Internal Auditor**

**Resolved** J D H Services would be appointed as the Internal Auditor

### **33/15 Accounts**

**To note the balance of accounts** – Leek United £91,347.76 and Natwest £12,038.70 = £103,386.53

#### Payments

- £27.00 Flowers to Councillor M Mackenzie

#### Receipts

- £10,000 Cranage Bowling Club towards the rebuild of the clubhouse

- £18,000 Donation from Cheshire East towards the rebuild of the clubhouse payment via Blunts Solicitors.

It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase a new filing cabinet for storage.

It was agreed the Clerk would apply for the Freedom of Information status on expenses.

### **34/15 Highways**

'Cranage' boundary sign needs repainting due to graffiti.

### **35/15 Clerks Report**

The Clerk was attending the Elections briefing on the 27<sup>th</sup> February and would circulate relevant information

#### **PART 2**

**Resolved; "That in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings ) Act 1960 as extended by the Local Government Act 1972 section 100 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for discussion of the under mentioned item on the grounds that the publication of the matter would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted",**

**36/15 Resolved** the Clerk would take advice from the Monitoring Officer on minute reference 02/15.

**37/15 the next meeting would be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 @ 7.30pm in Cranage Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 10.15pm**







