

## **CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **Public Forum**

3 members of the public present.

There was a vote of thanks from a local resident for the support from the Parish Council regarding the recent disruption at the old Jodrell Bank Service station.

One member of the public was very concerned about the recent draft published agreement that had been issued to the Planning Inspector in relation to the planning application at Woodside Golf Club. There were many issues that were in accurate and local residents had concerns.

### **Present**

Councillor D Hopley (Chairman), Councillor M Hodge (Vice Chairman), Councillor R Hurst, Councillor J Halstead, Councillor D Madden, Councillor G Yarwood, Councillor A Kolker (Cheshire East) and the Clerk.

### **Part 1**

#### **38/15 Declaration of Interest**

None declared

#### **39/15 Apologies**

Tim Sheldon

#### **40/15 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **41/05 Matters arising from the minutes.**

Councillor R Hurst had tried to amend the Clerks contract due to the Clerk being employed by an extra parish council. Advice had been taken from CHALC and SLCC but no conclusion had been reached.

**Resolved** if Cranage Parish Council could not resolve the clerks contact expert legal advice could be followed .

#### **42/15 Annual Parish Meeting**

Members discussed the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Presentations were as follows-

- RH- Dane Valley Project
- MH- Neighbourhood Plan
- GY-Land at Middlewich Road
- DM – Play area on Middlewich Road
- JH – Village Hall
- DH – Chairman's Report 2014/15

**Resolved** an invitation would be put in the local Chronicle.

#### **43/15 Audit 2014/15**

##### **Risk Assessment**

The paper had been checked and verified by members

##### **Fixed Asset Register**

**Resolved** due to the land at Middlewich Road being transferred to Field in Trust the nominal value would reduce to £1 from the value declared 2013/14. The covenant in the agreement ensured the land could not be sold for development.

##### **Value in bank accounts**

The reasons given for the excesses in the bank balances were discussed in relation to the recent correspondence from Cheshire East in their decision to no longer support the bridge over the River Dane.

#### **44/15 Play Area on Needham Estate**

Councillor D Madden and the Clerk had attended an onsite meeting with Mr Michael Bischof from 'Pentagon'. He represented an independent company and assisted the Parish Council in retrieving lottery funding to build play areas. He had mainly worked with schools in Cheshire East but was now covering parish councils. The ideas presented were discussed with members and it was noted the Clerk had contacted the legal department in utilising the space surrounding the site.

The feedback from the local people would now be derived at the next meeting.

#### **45/15 The Paddock at Middlewich Road**

It had been decided by the Parish Council, due to public opinion, that to protect the land from development the land should be put into a trust. Costs had been explored and this was the most cost effective option.

**Resolved** the land at Middlewich Road would be placed with Fields in Trust. After circulating the draft copy Councillor J Halstead would finalise the contract and the Clerk would sign on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **46/15 Footpath and Tree Report**

Report - Cranage footpath 15, from Glebe Farm across the bank of the River Dane to the Hermitage - in close proximity to Glebe Farm and in the stretch between the two kissing gates behind the Vicarage Hotel, the footpath is near impassable due to mud unless wearing wellingtons. The combination of the small spring that arises on the bank above and cows grazing this area is extremely wet and muddy. In the past there have been several wooden slats close to the hedge that have helped to bridge the muddiest area, but these have now disintegrated.

The Clerk would report to PROW.

The two kissing gates had been order for the permissive footpath on Mr A Baguley's land. The Clerk had organised Councillor G Yarwood to collect (cost saving £70.00) and Mr W Goostrey would install.

#### **47/15 Planning Applications**

- 15/0789C 24 Byley Lane, Cranage CW4 8EL. Single Storey side extension  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 15/0954C New Farm, Middlewich Road, Cranage, CW10 9LT. Proposed single storey dwelling.  
**Resolved** Objection with conditions
- 15/1100C Jodrell Bank Service Station, Knutsford Road, Holmes Chapel CW4 8HU. Change of use from garage to vehicle and plant soil testing, toilets and canteen.  
**Resolved** Objection

#### Woodside Golf Club – including anonymous letter to Councillors

It was noted anonymous letters would not be acknowledged but Councillor J Halstead wished it to be minuted that the only way the document had been read by a member of the public was due to a Parish Councillor and he was dismayed that a member would discuss issues before the meeting out of context. It destroyed the teamwork in the Council.

The Clerk clarified the Inspector had been furnished with a draft document between the Parish Council and Woodside Golf Club but he was aware the Parish Council had not accepted the contract. If he felt it could be adapted and worked on and potentially accepted, now the application was at appeal it may be considered but there was no obligation for the PC to enter into any agreement.

The Clerk had written to the inspector and sent the minutes from 2014 to ensure their position was clear.

#### **48/15 Quality Status**

The Clerk circulated a plan for the PC to ensure Foundation level was maintained. It was agreed it would be put on the agenda at each meeting and progress would be made to ensure each stage of the plan was implemented.

**Resolved** the website would need updating and members would look at Knutsford Town Councils before the next meeting.

#### **49/15 Statutory Documents**

**Resolved** Standing Orders would be adopted

**Resolved** Financial Regulations would be adopted

**Resolved** the Publication Scheme would be adopted

#### **50/15 Accounts**

**To note the balance of accounts** – Leek United £91,347.76 and Natwest £40,011.77 = £131,359.53

##### Payments

- £435.38 HMRC
- £10,000 J & M Building Services
- £2,643.00 Clerks Salary from January to March (including HW & SB, Somerford and Twemlow)
- £160.74 Clerks expenses January to March (inc £35.00 FOI status)

## Receipts

- Nil

It was agreed the kissing gates would have to be paid for before the next meeting

### **51/15 Highways**

The sign on the A50 to enforce a speed limit of 40mph was not visible and needed reporting.

The potholes by Woodside Golf Club were deteriorating as soon as they had been filled. The Clerk would investigate.

Cranage Hall had cut back the hedge.

Information had been asked for about the ownership of Hermitage Drive and the bridge from the Parish Council. RH as the longest serving Councillor knew it had never been discussed. It was noted it was Riding Bridalway 15 and registered on the PROW map.

### **52/15 Cheshire East**

There was a trial in Holmes Chapel trying to avoid the HGV traffic via weight restrictions from travelling through the village at the two pinch points. It was an eighteen month period. It was causing hold ups on London Road and Chester Road. There were more scientific traffic lights being installed to alleviate the issue.

The AP club was close to completion, the result was ensuring the club house remained open for the public.

J Sainsbury PLC was still due to open in the village.

It had been circulated that Cheshire East were no longer supporting the project in the River Dane.

### **53/15 Chairman and Members report.**

Councillor J Halstead had attended the recent communication meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March and fed back findings to members.

Councillor M Hodge updated members on his findings regarding the unadopted land behind Deans Row cottages.

**Resolved** the Clerk would take legal advice.

Councillor G Yarwood wanted members to know there was a defibrillator now at Holly Farm estate.

### **54/15 Clerks Report**

The Clerk updated members with electoral registration numbers for nomination packs.

The Clerk had an appointment on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March for returns.

The defibrillator had been used at Cranage Hall Hotel last month.

**55/15 the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 @ 7.30pm in Cranage Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 9.55 pm**







