

## **CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Cranage Village Hall.

All Councillors signed the Declaration of Office and updated the Register of Interest.

### **Election of Chairman for 2015/16**

Proposed DH Seconded GY

Vote – Unanimous

**Resolved** Councillor M Hodge was elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

### **Public Forum**

7 members of the public present.

A request was made for the Annual Parish meeting draft minutes to be published earlier.

A query was made about the Emergency Plan mentioned in the Newsletter.

A resident had come to volunteer some information about the unregistered land behind Deans Row Cottages.

### **Part 1**

#### **Present**

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

#### **56/15 Declaration of Interest**

None declared

#### **57/15 Apologies**

Tim Sheldon

#### **58/15 Minutes**

The minute 47/15 is amended to 'The Clerk clarified the Inspector had been furnished with the *minutes* between the Parish Council and Woodside Golf Club...'

The minute 50/15 is amended to £131,359.53

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

Please note the feedback from the Annual Parish Meeting be carried over to the next meeting.

### **59/05 Election of Vice Chairman.**

Councillor DH proposed RH. Seconded GY  
VOTE - unanimous

**Resolved** Councillor R Hurst was elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

### **60/15 Internal Auditor**

The balance of the Bank Reconciliation report had been requested to be amended as the HMRC VAT payment had not been included in the receipts.

The explanation of excessive reserves had been accepted but a business plan for the reserve would have to be devised due to the River Dane Project not being pursued.

The Clerks Pension Scheme had to be addressed in the next financial year by the Parish Council.

**Resolved** the Parish Council accepted the Internal Audit and the past Chairman signed. All points would be addressed over the next financial year.

### **61/15 Play Area in Cranage**

The Clerk and Councillor D Madden had met with Mr M Bischof from 'Pentagon' and Cheshire East (ANSA) to discuss location and future maintenance. The play area would be sited to the left of the small play area currently. It had been decided not to have equipment spread over Needham estate or behind the wooded area. The ideas were circulated to members of equipment being considered. Councillor D Madden would consult with the children on Needham estate including Miss Millie Bennett and more within the Parish.

It was noted the bid was in the process of being submitted to the Lottery fund.

Pentagon were approved play equipment suppliers from Cheshire East therefore no further quotes were required to adhere to the FR.

### **62/15 Cranage Bowling Club**

The business rates had been forwarded to the PC from Cheshire East.

**Resolved** the Clerk would ensure that this was presented to the Bowling Club and amended to Cheshire East. In accordance with the lease it was the responsibility of the club.

The Clubhouse was now complete and the Clerk requested a final sign off before payment was made to the builder.

**Resolved** Councillor D Hopley and Councillor G Yarwood would meet with the Clerk to approve the build before the final cheque was submitted.

### **63/15 Woodside Golf Club**

This application had been passed at appeal. Jay Ashall Associates had implied by email to the Clerk that the Parish Council had entered into a contract to purchase the leisure land for the community. It was reiterated that the Parish Council had NOT had any negotiations regarding the leisure facilities at the golf club and had written to the Planning Inspector to reiterate this fact.

**Resolved** the Clerk would write to Woodside Golf Club to request the draft document that was being referred to by J Ashall.

**Resolved** the Clerk would request from JA what evidence he had that he had to indicate the Parish Council had purchased the land at any cost.

#### **64/15 Footpath and Tree Report**

- The 'unpassable' footpath behind Glebe Farm, and referred to in the March minutes is now resolved. Railway sleepers have been installed to enable passage by walkers.
- As reported last year (the council did say they would act on it, but not yet done) the gravel footpath on the open land around the Cranage estate does require attention and renewal in parts. On many stretches the footpath is non-existent and totally grassed over.
- The trees are in leaf on Needham Drive; the dead tree first reported last year is now obvious, so it would be a good time to remove it.
- It was noted that Councillor D Hopley would finalise the position of the kissing gates with Mr A Baguley and the Clerk would order the new kissing gates.

#### **65 /15 Planning Applications**

- 15/1539C Shanty Farm, Moss Lane, Cranage CW10 9NG Extension to farm shop  
**Resolved** No Objection with comments
- 15/1895C Woodlands Farm, 62 Northwich Road, Cranage WA16 9LD Outline Planning permission for an agricultural dwelling to support farm business.  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 15/2039C Poachers Pocket 6 Northwich Road, Cranage CW4 8HL Alterations to roof and extensions, New entrance gates and wall  
**Resolved** No Objection
- 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** if this appeared on the planning board agenda the PC would attend.

#### **66/15 Land behind Deans Row**

**Resolved** the Parish Council would instruct Mr N Parsons from Dixon, Rigby and Keogh to represent them and the Clerk and Councillor R Hurst would attend a meeting.

#### **67/15 Accounts**

**To note the balance of accounts** – Leek United 8 £25,007.60 + Leek United 7 £67,666.96 + Natwest £27,784.46 = £120,459.02.

##### Payments

- £159.98 Ms J Mason filing cabinet
- £46.08 Congleton Chronicle
- £18.00 CPFA

- £10,800 J&M Building Services LTD
- £20.00 CCA
- £145.00 Crewe Colour Printers
- £309.76 CHALC Affiliation Fee
- £36.00 CPRE
- £8.50 CHALC (book for Councillors)
- £313.34 Zurich Insurance
- £106.00 Zurich Insurance (CBC)
- RECEIPTS
- £1.03 Lloyds Banking Group PLC
- £6,000.00 Precept
- £113.00 Council Tax Support
- £881.15 Somerford PC
- £288.07 Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths PC
- £587.43 Twemlow PC

**Resolved** the above payments be approved and signed for as above.  
NB. The Zurich payment of £106.00 will be invoiced to the Bowling Club

**Resolved** the Leek United Bond would be updated with Councillor J Halstead and the Clerk would re invest to the insured to the amount indicated by Financial Services.

### **68/15 Highways**

Councillor D Madden was still pursuing the grass cutting along the A50. Councillor A Kolker would report but felt it was being actioned to the standard requirement.

**Resolved** a quote would be gained from an outside contractor of the cost to cut the grass along the A50 to improve the footpath.

The Boundary sign would be actioned by members.

The dirty signs were impeding safety in the Parish.

The Clerk would report the hedge cutting at Leese crossroads to action by the landowner by letter.

### **69/15 Website**

**Resolved** the Clerk would instruct Ms B S Amies to implement a new website at the cost of £300.00.

### **70/15 Cheshire East**

No report due to elections

### **71/15 Chairman and Members report.**

Land at Middlewich Road

Councillor J Halstead had been informed the Fields in Trust option had been stopped due to the issue of grazing at the site it was not feasible to continue in accordance with their conditions.

**Resolved** Councillor J Halstead would enquire about the legal costs of putting the land in Trust alone.

**Resolved** Councillor D Hopley would enquire about the cost of trees on the site.

Councillor R Hurst would amend the Clerks contract for signature and contact TCS Management about the Pension scheme for the Clerk

It was to be noted there was still a vacancy on the Parish Council and a notice would be put on the Notice board.

**73/15 The next meeting would be the on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 @ 7.30pm in Cranage Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 9.50 pm**





