

CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at Cranage Village Hall.

105/15 Declaration of Interest

Councillor M Hodge - planning application 15/3311C

Public Forum

8 members of the public present

The director of Cranage Haulage wished to have the right to respond about the recent letter from CPC about issues raised at the last two meetings by some individuals. The speed limit on Middlewich Road for HGV's is 50mph. The company policy is drivers adhere to a 30 mph restriction. It cannot be investigated as no time or date were supplied. There is a forward facing camera and tracking system so instances can be easily identified.

It is also very unlikely for a driver to be on a mobile phone as all vehicles have a blue tooth hands free system. There is also a full operator's licence issued by the traffic commissioner allowing them to operate from Holly House estate without restriction and there are no restrictions on Middlewich Road. The planning permission should be raised with the land owner.

The owner of Woodside Golf Club and Mr J Ashall wished to acknowledge that the draft agreement between the Parish Council and the Golf club had been received by the Parish Council. If there were any questions they would be willing to address them. They would be writing to the public again to update them on the potential of using the facilities.

Part 1

Present Councillor M Hodge, (Chairman), Councillor R Hurst (Vice Chairman), Councillor D Hopley, Councillor G Morgan , Councillor A Kolker (Cheshire East) and the Clerk .

106/15 Apologies

Councillor G Yarwood and Councillor J Halstead due to holidays. Councillor D Madden due to childcare issues.

107/15 Minutes

Amend minute 98/15 - 15/2904C Clifton House and not 15/2884C and Minute 100/15 £424.18 HMRC not as recorded.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2015 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

108 /15 Matters arising from the minutes

Letter to Cranage Haulage

The Clerk apologised for sending the letter to the old premises. The letter also implied the complainant living on Middlewich Road which was inaccurate it was Oak Tree Lane. A response letter had been received and it acknowledged that the business had some inaccurate allegations put forward. The PC apologised but was only acting on behalf of complaints.

'Hardings' grass cutting quote

There had been a quote of £250 plus VAT to have an additional rural grass cut in the parish.

Proposed – DH. Seconded GM. Unanimous vote.

Resolved the Parish Council would support an extra four cuts a year.

The clerk should liaise with 'Hardings' to see if three cuts would suffice.

Post stolen from Northwich road

The Clerk could not action this point it had to be reported by the house owner.

Football Pitches

The Clerk and Tim Sheldon had met with CE (25th August) and the large pitch had now been cut and goal posts re erected. The far pitch had been cut and spiked and there had been two 9 a side pitches marked out plus goal posts. This was a great improvement but it was still noted that if the flooding was still an issue on the far pitch the Council would financially support drainage(as previously approved)

109/15 Land at Middlewich Road

Two options had been circulated i) *Dedication of land as a Village Green* this will mean the local people will have a guaranteed legal right to indulge in sports and pastimes over it on a permanent basis ii) *Local communities will be able to identify green spaces* through the local and neighbourhood plans, which will then receive protection equivalent to green belt.

Both options had difficulties involved, the sheep maintain the land which would restrict public access and the land at Middlewich Road was down as a designated area for development and time scales were not congenial.

Resolved the Clerk would gain three solicitors quotes to try and establish the land in a deed of trust. Councillor G Morgan would retrieve some solicitor contacts. This should enable the land to be protected from development.

The land owner would be contacted.

110/15 Highways

Letter from Fiona Bruce regarding M6 J16-19

The letter was acknowledged by members. It seemed that the project had under taken a rigorous environmental impact assessment and it was not significant. The EIA on an existing motorway was not a statutory requirement as the minister had stated the same. DEFRA say it is a requirement.

The Clerk was requested to write to Katie Beirne.

Boundary Signs

Resolved the Parish Council would purchase three boundary signs with black writing on a white background plus installation costs.

Councillor D Hopley would organise the positioning.

Speed on Northwich Road

The speed on Northwich Road and New Platt Lane was being reduced to 40mph. All funding will be allocated in 2015/16. The allocated funds will be in place for 2016/17 from April 2016. The Council acknowledge the hard work of the residents in particular Mr D Ward, 44 Northwich Road.

110/15 Bowling Club

The painting had been completed. The tiling was outstanding. The bowling club were still in the process of transferring the land registration.

111/15 Play Area

The grant funding application to the lottery had been accepted. The Clerk had responded to the application grant form. The money would be transferred to the account.

Resolved the Clerk, Miss Millie Bennett, Councillor D Madden and Councillor G Morgan will meet with Pentagon and draft some options. This would then be sent to each household for their choice. Return stations would be HC library, Cranage Village Hall, Parish Councillors or the Clerk.

The Chairman requested access to publisher to all members.

112/15 Land behind the Village Hall

The Clerk, the Chairman and GY had met with Mr Charlie Griffies about the open space behind the Village Hall.

The Clerk would identify the land on a map and write to the asset department and ask if it was possible for the Council to improve the area. This would either by transfer of asset or by a long term lease.

113/15 Footpath and tree report

Trees

Nothing to report, except the tree situation on Needham Drive

Footpaths

As in previous years, the grass verge outside Manor Barns on the A50 has become overgrown with nettles that are encroaching on the footpath.

Between the Cranage entrance and Holmes Chapel alongside the A50, there are several places where the hedgerows / or low hanging branches are starting to encroach onto the footpath. Ideally the hedges on both sides of the A50 require cutting in parts.

Kissing Gates

The Parish Council had been requested to purchase some kissing ages for the land owned by Mr Bagguley. They were due to be installed but a request from the land

owner made this impossible. There are many possible sites for two kissing gates as they provide easier access than stiles– especially for dog walkers and the less able.

TS suggested footpath 12 (left off Twemlow Lane just past the riding stables and before Sandilands house) - stick with a stile at the hedge access to the Lane, and insert kissing gates instead of the next two stiles.

Resolved members agreed the location and Councillor D Hopley would consult with the land owner.

114/15 Planning Applications

- 15/3112C Land adjacent to Hazelmere, Sandy Lane, Cranage .Construction of new house. Withdrawn
- 15/3627C Land adjacent to The Paddocks, Sandy Lane Cranage Outline application for formation of a new vehicular access and proposed detached dwelling. **Resolved** Objection
- 15/3814C Cranage Nurseries, 79 Northwich Road, Cranage WA13 9LE Variation of condition 2(approved plans – access) on approval 14/4162C – demolition of existing buildings and erection of three detached houses. **Resolved** No Objection
- 15/3708C The Spinney, New Platt Lane, Cranage Crewe CW4 8HS Part demolition and new extension to existing dwelling. **Resolved** No objection with comments
- 15/3358C Rose Farm, Twemlow Lane, Cranage CW4 8EX Construction of a 20m by 60m menage (for leisure horse riding) **Resolved** No objection
- 15/3122C Silver Birches, New Platt Lane, Cranage CW4 8HS Single story extensions to rear, 2 storey extension to RHS, 1st floor extension to LHS and remodelled entrance. **Resolved** No Objection
- 15/3311C Briarwood, Goostrey Lane, Cranage CW4 8HE Proposed dwelling on land of Briarwood, Goostrey Lane.**Resolved** No Objection

SPB 09.09.15

- 15/1100C Jodrell Bank Service Station, Knutsfords Road, Holmes Chapel CW4 8HU Change of use from garage and workshop to vehicle and plant maintenance/testing, storage of equipment and plant soil testing laboratory (geotechnical) services.

Resolved Councillor M Hodge would attend and speak on behalf of CPC.

115/15 Woodside Golf Course

A draft agreement had been sent to the clerk from Bowcock and Pursaill solicitors regarding the leisure facilities at the golf club and the Parish Council. The draft had been circulated between members and would be out on the agenda at the next meeting.

116/15 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts – Leek United 8 £69,071.36 + Natwest £22,287.48 = £91,358.84

PAYMENTS

- £250.00 Cranage Village Hall Room hire
- £1,560.00 J & M Building Services (interior work to CBC)

RECEIPTS

- £6,000.00 Precept CE
- £888.47 SPC
- £55.00 SPC
- £592.37 TPC
- £55.00 TPC
- £575.43 HW & SB
- £55.00 HW & SB

Resolved the above payments be approved and signed for as above.

117/15 Local Council Award Scheme

The registration had to be completed by 1st October 2015.

Resolved the Council would re register and the Clerk would be reimbursed for any over time incurred.

118/15 Cheshire East

The local plan was discussed. The approved Neighbourhood Plans had been influential in planning decisions recently and a case was quoted from Bunbury. The refugees and asylum seekers were discussed in relation to our own unitary authority; they had to make sufficient provisions.

119/15 Chairman/ members report

The Chairman had been to a meeting with Sibelico. There was to be an exhibition in the village hall on 9/10th October.

It was requested that the clerk write to the new owners of the cottage at Leese crossroads as they have cut back the holly hedge as requested over the summer and it has made a vast improvement to the junctions safety.

Councillor R Hurst had researched the Cheshire Pension fund and it seemed a satisfactory scheme

Resolved RH would enrol the clerk and make the necessary arrangements with the other three councils.

120/15 Clerks Report

The PA system was discussed and the conclusion was that the room would be re arranged next time and see if the public could still hear the members.

Councillor D Hopley would attend the Annual CHALC meeting on 29.10.15.

121/15 The next meeting would be the on 20th October @ 7.30pm in Cranage Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

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