



CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Resident,

March 2011

You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 5th April 2011 at 7.30pm at Cranage Village Hall. This will provide an opportunity to raise questions or comments on the work of the council throughout the past year.

A copy of the Chairman's Annual report and a summary of the Parish Council's accounts for the financial year, as well as the Spring newsletter, are attached.

Yours sincerely,
Julie Mason
Parish Clerk.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2010.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Financial Report
6. Presentation from Inspector Mark Gammage from Congleton Neighbourhood Policing Unit.
7. Questions from residents (written e mail or note to clerk beforehand would be helpful).
8. Presentation from Village Hall Committee.
9. Refreshments.

Accounts

Summary from April 2010 to 28th February 2011

Balance at 01.03.11 69,800.00

Receipts

Precept 20,000.00

VAT claim 959.00

Interest 1,143.00

EON grant N/Board 779.00

Wayleave 49.00

Rent 50.00

TOTAL 22,980.00

Payments

Wages/Expenses 3,330.00

Cheshire Railings 4,720.00

Training 269.00

CHALC membership 289.00

Village Hall hire 250.00

Insurance 460.00

Valuation Office 106.00

Annual membership 49.00

Printers 144.00

Audit Commission 159.00

New Notice board 915.00

Submission for planning application 1,675.00

Byley PCC 100.00

Website 320.00

TOTAL 12,786.00

Balance at March 2011 - £79,994.00

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MARCH 2011

Dear All,

Last year was another busy year for the Parish Council. Parish Council members attended many training sessions and other outside meetings, which have brought in more knowledge and information to the parish council meetings; all these were attended as well as the formal meetings.

Highways Due to bad weather over the winter period many of the roads in the parish have potholes, This has been addressed by the Parish Council making the Highways department aware of the problems. The manholes that were damaged or loose on the A50 have been repaired.

Playing Fields Progress is still been made with the Dane Valley recreation project, and Cranage Parish Council meet regularly with Holmes Chapel Parish Council to discuss further progress.

Parish Council The parish council now have their own logo which will be seen on all letterheads and on many notices in the future. The website for Cranage parish council is now up and running and is easily accessible.

Police The local PCSO has been to a Parish council meeting to update us on all the issues that are going on in the community. The Parish Council intend to ask the local Inspector to come to the Annual meeting to talk about all issues, and answer any questions from residents.

Parish Clerk Mrs Julie Mason, our Parish Clerk, has passed her CiLCA qualification and this has been a great asset to the Council. The Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie for all her hard work and support as Clerk to the Council.

I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support and guidance over the past year and look forward to next year.

**Jane Worstencroft
Chairman.**

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SPRING NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2011

As you are all now aware, it is the Parish Council elections on 5th May 2011 and it is the time for the local residents to stand for election. Nomination papers are available and they are to be returned to Cheshire East Borough Council offices at 'Westfields' in Sandbach by 4th April for submission. The work of a parish councillor is voluntary and members act on behalf of all the residents to make the area we live in a better one. All the time, effort and persistence of Councillors is not always noticed. Please support our Parish Council as the present members do a tremendous job for the local area.

As you will have noticed by the Agenda, we have invited Inspector Mark Gammage from Congleton Neighbourhood Policing Unit to speak at our Annual meeting in April. Please come along and listen as he will be speaking on a topic which is always at the front of our minds. We have been experiencing a considerable amount of anti social behaviour within Cranage over the past two months. The motorway bridge railings have been cut, as well as some trees and farm gates. These have been put in the middle of the road causing a dangerous obstruction on the highway. It is reported that some animals have been poisoned. The police are still investigating and any information is so valuable to help them

The website is now launched (address on front page) and if you would like any more information added that you feel could be helpful please contact the Clerk or Councillors.

The Bowling Club which is situated in Cranage, but does not appear to be used by Cranage residents, is in the process of having a new clubhouse built. Planning permission has been given and efforts are being made to obtain the funding required through grants and donations. Local residents are welcome to go along and have a match/game and try out the facility. Your support would be appreciated.

We are still trying to establish who owns the land behind Deans Cottages, Knutsford Road, Cranage. The land has been fenced off and trees

removed although the ownership is not registered to anybody. If anyone has any information as to who owns this piece of land, please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council. It would clear up a long standing dispute about why an individual has claimed the land unnecessarily.

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