



CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

# ANNUAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

You are invited to our  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
 27th April 2018 at 7.30pm

## AGENDA

- Welcome and Apologies
- To approve the minutes from 18th April 2017
- Chairman's Report
- Financial Report
- Presentation from Dorothy Davidson from Holmes Chapel to speak on Dementia
- Question and Answer session
- The Parish Council to engage with the audience on the wins/losses and engage in the new challenges for the next twelve months – *your chance to have your say!*
- Village Hall presentation

## NW AIR AMBULANCE EVENT



In mid 2017 it was brought to the attention of the Parish that North West Air Ambulance is not government funded and they have to raise £8.5 million per year to operate, granted they raise £4.5 million via their own lottery and the

rest is relied on from donations from the public across the North West. I am sure everyone will agree that this is a service no one ever wishes to need yet it's a vital service for everyone living in the area can't live without. I have done some research and have taken the responsibility to organise an inaugural charity ball in order to improve their profile and raise funds for the charity.

The event is on Thursday 28th June 2018 at Cranage Estate (formally Cranage Hall). The night is full of live music and many surprises and with some stars of the West End shows also performing during dinner.

Tickets are £90 each, tables of 10 £900, yet as a Cranage resident we will offer 10% discount in the event you wish to attend.

**A NIGHT OF LIVE MUSIC  
 and amazing entertainment with  
 a few surprise guests!**

**LIVE BANDS**  
**3 COURSE GOURMET DINNER**  
**SURPRISE GUESTS**  
**DRINKS RECEPTION**  
 7:30pm till 1:00am

*The Cheshire Star Ball*

**Thursday 28th June 2018**  
 De Vere Cranage Estate (formally Cranage Hall),  
 Byley Lane, Cheshire

IN AID OF  
 NORTH WEST  
 Air Ambulance  
 CHARITY

**CHESHIRESTARBALL.COM**

The air ambulance charity is a registered charity in the United Kingdom. No. 1077941. Charities Commission for England.

**DE VERE**  
 CRANAGE ESTATE

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For further information please email:

[mcohen@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:mcohen@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk)

We hope you can join us for what we believe will be the most sort after ticket in the NW and a spectacular event.

**Councillor M Cohen**

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Volunteers Needed

Cranage Parish Council has decided to embark on a Neighbourhood Plan. We need your experience and skills to help develop a vision for the future of Cranage. Any help is welcome.

Neighbourhood planning is a major commitment for the parish council but the rewards could be significant. Once a Neighbourhood Plan is adopted it will become part of the local statutory development plan be form the basis for planning decision in the Cranage.

The Neighbourhood Plan will describe the residents' vision of how they see Cranage developing in the future, covering issues such as the location of housing development, new business premises, and protection of green spaces, building design and landscaping. It cannot prevent development that is in the Local Plan but will allow local residents to improve their area and increase sustainability by allowing them to have a greater say on new development.

### The next step

The Parish Council invites residents to fill in the brief questionnaire. This will help us form a basis of the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan. Please express your interest by contacting the Parish Clerk, Julie Mason.

E: [jmasonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:jmasonparishclerk@gmail.com) – T: 01260 641854

## SIBELCO Application

17/3605W Land at Rudheath Lodge, New Platt Lane, Cranage and Allostock, Cheshire CW4 8HJ

This planning application will be heard on Wednesday 4th April at the Strategic Planning Board at 10.30 am (arrival 10.00 am).

Venue:

The Capesthorpe Room  
Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA.

## DOG WALKERS!

Please be a courteous dog walker in Cranage. We have too many instances of residents not picking up after their dog.



## MEET OUR PCSO



Sargent Claire Lloyd and PCSO Liz Chesters are doing a great job in our Parish.

POLICE Community Support Officer Liz Chesters has been engaging with young people and find out what they would like to see from her as their PCSO.

PCSO Chesters covers the Dane Valley and Brereton Rural area, which includes Holmes Chapel, Goostrey and Cranage.

Liz started her role in September 2017, and has started to re-introduce PCSO surgeries at primary and high schools in the area. The meetings give students the opportunity to come and speak to Liz about any concerns they may have in a safe and private environment, or any questions they have about the police and her role.

This is a great approach to engage with the younger generations of our community and talk more about what they would like to see from our local Police especially our PCSO.

Liz has had a very positive response from most schools in the area and is looking to continue the meetings as often as possible.

Liz has been amazing in making it a priority to engaging with the local Community Speedwatch groups, where active members of communities join with the support of the police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Any vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to our local policing unit with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.

If you are interested in joining your local Community Speedwatch group please contact Liz Chesters by calling 101 or contact Councillor Mike Cohen for more details.

[mcohen@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:mcohen@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk)

## FOOTPATH 3

Please note that the footpath by Glebe Farm towards Hollins Farm has been diverted.



The existing path will remain in use until the proposed path has passed an inspection by Mr Poole from Public Rights of Way and if successful the Diversion Order will be confirmed.

# M6 SMART MOTORWAY



The Parish Council is aware of the ongoing concerns that some residents may have regarding the noise and potential pollution from the M6 motorway. A residents' action group (RAG) has been established, which includes representation from the Parish Council, to lobby Fiona Bruce MP, Cheshire East and Highways England in an effort, in the first instance, to raise awareness of the issue.

Further, they hope to formulate a strategy to apportion responsibility for any potential resolution to one or more of these parties. To generate any traction in this regard, the RAG considers that the input of specialist acoustic and air quality specialists is required. They are currently exploring this route, with some financial assistance from the Parish Council.

Ultimately there may or may not be a solution to the issue but nonetheless, we are supportive of the RAG in their efforts to make this determination. If you require any further information on this matter, the Residents Action Group can be contacted via e-mail at [ragcranage@gmail.com](mailto:ragcranage@gmail.com)

Councillor D Bennett

## PARISH ACCOUNTS

BALANCE CARRIED OVER £64,988

### Income

PRECEPT	12,000
Scottish Power	115
Interest	362
Lloyds Shares	5
Crantage Hall hotel	171
Crantage Bowling Club	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,765</b>

### Outgoings

Salary / HMRC	6,436
Expenses	286
Memberships	613
Community Projects	3,599
Meeting Costs	349
Fixed Asset Maintenance	707
Training	1,105
Communication	831
Professional Fees	1,730
Donations	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,006</b>

**Balance £61,747**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for a Litter Pick

Sunday 15th April 2018  
The Village Hall – 10am

Crantage Parish Council is organising a litter collection team to help tidy our Parish, your help would be greatly appreciated. Equipment and bags will be supplied on the day by the team.



If you can attend then please contact a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk by email [rhurstcranageparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rhurstcranageparishcouncil@gmail.com) or telephone: 01260 641854

## FARMERS IN CRANAGE



We all love our farmers but will you please take care when leaving mud on the roads and clean it up.

Crantage Village Hall

PRESENTS

## MURDER MOST FOUL

Saturday 14th April  
from 7.30pm (doors 7.00pm)

The murder mystery evening is back again, by popular demand

£16.75 (including food)

Bring your own booze and glasses

Get your tickets from [cranagevillagehall.co.uk](http://cranagevillagehall.co.uk)

# • CHAIRMAN'S REPORT •

**LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD** – Cranage Parish Council achieved Foundation status as it is operating to the national professional standards.

It was a pleasure to meet the new PCSO Liz Chesters, when she attended a recent Parish Council meeting. Planning and Highways matters are always on every agenda. We are lucky enough to have a Footpaths and Tree officer thus receive regular reports on any matters that need addressing.

**PLANNING:** The Parish Council has been consulted and responded on over 25 applications in the last 12 months. These encompass both domestic and commercial applications. The hearing for the sand extraction at Rudheath Lodge Farm has been delayed. A representative from the Parish Council will speak at the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board hearing when it is held. See also the article on Neighbourhood Planning.

**HIGHWAYS:** Two arterial roads pass through Cranage, as well as a number of heavily used minor roads. The maintenance of these is of concern. The Parish Council regularly chases the repair of potholes and road markings. Cheshire East are required to ensure that grass verges are cut at junctions for safety reasons but do not expend resources on additional cuts that keep the parish looking cared for. The Parish Council have stepped in and have contracted for three additional cuts a year.

A new speed limit has been implemented on Northwich Road, at 50mph. This was not the 40mph that was originally promised. Cheshire East are being challenged on this with the aim of achieving a revised speed limit of 40 mph on this road. There is concern regarding excessive speed on other rural roads and there will be a speed survey undertaken shortly. If the results indicates that there is speeding traffic along these roads the Parish Council will purchase and install Speed Display Units at appropriate locations on these roads.

The Goostrey Lane/Middlewich Road junction with the A50 is recognised as an accident blackspot. The police have been asked to check their records to identify any common causes. The consultants, who will be

undertaking the speed survey, will be asked for their opinion of any improvements that will mitigate the risks at the location. Cheshire East have recognised the issue and will also look at it in the next financial year.

A member of the Parish Council sits on the Residents Action Group concerning the M6. This group is concerned that Highways England are not obliged to install acoustic fencing alongside the motorway in the Cranage area. The Parish Council is awaiting a contribution from the Group before engaging external consultants to review and analyse the basis for this Ministerial decision. See also the article on the M6.

The North West Air Ambulance Charity approached all local Parish Councils for a donation to support their operations. This spawned the idea of a fundraising event in the parish. This has been taken up by Cranage Hall Hotel and is supported by a member of the Parish Council.

**OPENLAND:** The areas of open land to the north of Needham Drive are maintained by Cheshire East. They have recently completed some tree maintenance in the vicinity of the Village Hall and are due to implement a maintenance plan that will see one of the bramble patches cut every year in rotation to allow for regeneration whilst maintain the habitat.

The installation of an adult fitness area close to the bowling green will go ahead if lottery grant funding is secured.

**FOOTPATHS:** There have been recent changes to two footpaths – the one through Glebe Farm (FP3) and one past Hawthorn Cottage (FP18). The diversion of the Glebe Farm path is partially through the statutory process. Whilst discussions are ongoing on FP18, Cheshire East have been asked to improve the surface of FP10 which joins with FP18. Following the repair of the bridge over the River Dane, on Hermitage Lane, the surface of this path is also being improved by scraping away the accumulated mud and overlaying it with chippings.

**Councillor R Hurst**

## BUS ROUTE CHANGE!

319 bus route will be changing from

**Sunday 1st April 2018**

the new timetables and route details are online:

[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/bus](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/bus)

