

CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at Cranage Hall Hotel.

Part 1

Present

Councillor R J Hocknell- Chairman

Councillor D Bennett,

Councillor M Cohen,

Councillor M Hodge

Councillor R Hurst,

Councillor G Morgan

Councillor J Swithenbank

Councillor A Kolker - Cheshire East Representative (*arrived late due to other meeting*)

Ms J Mason – Clerk

Declaration of Interest

Cllr M Hodge – Sibelco, Cllr G Morgan – Sibelco and Cllr D Bennett – Smart Motorway

Public Forum

Cllr M Hodge wished to pay tribute to Mr Peter Wild who unexpectedly passed away this month. He wished to recognise Peter's zeal and commitment to matters of his concern in the community where he was a tireless campaigner. Thoughts are with his family.

6 members of the public present.

A resident was very concerned about Motor Cross activity by the side of the M6. It had begun to the east side of the M6 in 2011/12 but now had extended to the west side. She had received mixed messages from Cheshire East, but it had become apparent that there was no planning permission. The noise travelled and it had no hours of restriction as it seemed to operate on any day at any time. There were now four lanes operating; two each side of the motorway and the noise travelled. The resident wished there to be clarification of the permission as to date there was only a certificate of lawfulness on the CE portal. It was clarified that Cllr L Gilbert was involved.

A resident wished to comment about the Parish Council paying for some lightening at the bowling club he thought the tenants should contribute if not pay in entirety by fund raising.

Apologies

Nil

27/19 Minutes

Cllr R Hurst proposed some grammatical errors which were accepted. There was an amendment accepted due to no 23/19 being allocated.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2019 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

28/19 Unregistered Land behind Deans Cottages

The Clerk had made enquires and it seemed that the land registration documents could not be retrieved and hence the delay in the land being registered. Cllr RH and the Clerk were meeting with the Property Surveyor from the Department of Health and Social Care on 29th March.

29/19 Highways

Northwich Road

There had been an insert placed inside the newsletter to all the residents on Northwich Road to

gain support for the reduction in speed to 40mph. There had been no feedback to date.

Hard Standing outside Cranage Hall Hotel for a bus stop

There still had been no feedback from Mr Chris Hodgkinson Cheshire East – Cllr AK would try and resolve.

Gully outside 9 Needham Drive - 3353120

Reported

Gully on Armistead Way – 3337227

Resolved

RAG Update

Cllr MH reported his report was inaccurate at the last meeting it has only recently been passed to the barrister.

Cranage Trading Park

Both parties had been advised that planning permission was required for the auction operating at the site on a weekly basis.

30/19 Annual Parish Meeting

The newsletter had been hand delivered since the last meeting. There had been one comment to date in relation to the highways report.

It was agreed the Clerk would respond.

The speaker had been confirmed as a representative from ANSA to speak about recycling.

31/19 Bowling Club outside lighting

The Clerk had organised a quote and it was £584.00

Resolved the Clerk will obtain two more estimates.

32/19 Footpath and Tree Report

A50 footpaths.

There is a very muddy footpath in the area of the animal feeds factory. – Reported ref 3354808

The footpath immediately after the cottages on the bottom of the hill, heading towards the factory and areas of the path adjacent to the school house just before the turning for the football pitches both have a hedge overhanging, when coming down from Holmes Chapel towards the Riverside cottages. The main hedgerow still requires cutting back.

There is an improvement to the bridleway running from Hollins Farm to the Hermitage bridge, in that the severe drainage issues encountered last winter does seem to have been resolved following the remedial work that took place. The final repair work on Hermitage bridge has been completed.

Football pitches

A site visit still needs to be arranged to discuss the pitch drainage on the 11 v 11 pitch but note that this is not a major issue and the pitch has remained playable – there is just one area of standing water which is off the pitch. The 9 v 9 pitch is dramatically improved and without any issue.

Resolved the Clerk would ensure this visit is actioned as the drainage works were expensive.

Footpath Claim – Carver Ave/ Byley Lane/Crescent Avenue Ref FPS/R0660/14A/2

There had been one response to the inspector (copy had been sent to the Parish Council) of which Cllr RH and the Clerk had responded to and this week three more responses had been received. It was noted that the deadline for comment had passed.

Carver Avenue and open woodland

Some issue had been addressed but some were still outstanding.

33/19 GDPR

Resolved the Security Policy was accepted by full council.

34/19 Planning Applications

There had been no applications submitted since the last meeting

Oak Tree Lane – Cllr AK had reported this site and planning enforcement were due to visit and make the necessary enquiries.

17/3605W Sibelco application

Cllr M Cohen updated members that the application had been referred to the inspector.

35/19 Internal Auditor

Resolved JDH Services Ltd would be appointed as the internal auditor.

36/19 Accounts

It was noted the balance of account = Leek United £30,488.46 + Natwest £31,549.16 = £62,037.62.

Payments

- *Cheque number 261* - £1,239.94
- *Online payment* - £84.00 Neil Hopley Contractors Ltd (electrical pack test CBC)
- *Online payment* - £4,443.02 Ms J Mason (salary from Jan to March)
- *Online payment* - £1,228.80 HSF Recycling Ltd
- *Online payment* - £120.00 RAG refund from FOI

Receipts

- £4,656.13 HMRC VAT Claim
- £192.00 HMRC VAT Claim

Resolved the above payments are approved and signed for as a true and accurate record.

37/19 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor A Kolker. Cllr AK would investigate the Motor Cross activity which was operating by the side of the M6 following on from the comments in the public forum time.

He would enquire with Mr C Hodgkinson CE Highways in relation to the hard standing outside Cranage Hall Hotel.

Goostrey were trying to establish a Social Club for elderly widowed men which would be held in the Village Hall.

There was a school nurse taking sexual health clinics being held at the Leisure Centre.

Holmes Chapel Health Centre had applied for an extension for an extra 7 consulting rooms. This was to be proposed at the back of the surgery.

He wished to make everybody aware about the 'Blue Dot Festival' being held in Goostrey, it was being held on the 50th anniversary of the first man on the moon.

Highstreet Community clean up

This had been circulated to members that day.

Resolved Cranage Parish Council would bid for some flowers, plants and whips for the hedge line boundary repair at the Cranage Bowling Club garden

38/19 Chairman and Members Report.

Town and Parish Conference 6th March 2019

The Chairman reported on the conference to members.

Memorial bench

Cllr RH asked for this to be deferred as the family had not been available to meet.

Litter Collection 14th April

Cllr RH asked if everybody would please attend.

39/19 Clerks Report

Elections 2019

The Clerk had returned 3 nomination papers from CPC.

Code of Conduct training 7th March

Cllr G Morgan had been unable to attend.

Computer Service

The Parish Council computer had been serviced and it had been advised to have a check every quarter, CPC thought yearly, or 6 monthly intervals would be appropriate

Public Forum

No comments.

**40/19 The next meeting would be on the 23rd April 2019 @ Cranage Village Hall.
It was noted it was the Annual Parish Meeting**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm