

CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at Cranage Hall Hotel.

Part 1

Present

Councillor D Bennett (DB) – Vice Chairman *who chaired the meeting*

Councillor R Hurst (RH)

Councillor G Morgan (GM)

Ms J Mason – Clerk

Declaration of Interest

Cllr R Hurst – Village Hall, Cllr D Bennett – Northwich Road and Cllr G Morgan – Sibelco

Public Forum

Three members of the public present.

There was concern about the apparent lack of grass cutting across the parish.

The Clerk made the member of the public aware it was due to be cut this month.

The resident from Northwich Road had attended to follow up his complaint in relation to the speed review on Northwich Road. He had written a letter to the newly appointed portfolio holder of CE Highways to request for a new speed review evaluation, but this had been dismissed. He wanted some advice and support to enable him to have a site visit to show his safety concerns and offered his house as a meeting point. The issues on the road for cyclists and walkers were discussed and that only the needs of vehicle drivers had been considered.

Apologies Cllr J Swithenbank due to work commitments, Cllr A Nicol due to holidays, Cllr R Hocknell due to holidays, Cllr S Houlston due to attending a course and Cllr A Kolker – no apologies submitted.

112/19 Minutes

The proposed amendments were accepted.

100/19 Capital Expenditure

Small Play Area

This was to be included in the newsletter primarily for feedback.

107/19 Accounts

It was noted the balance of account = Leek United £30,488.46 + Natwest £39,141.15 = £69,629.61.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

113/19 Capital Projects

Football pitch storage for equipment

Two quotes had been circulated for the storage containers.

Resolved the Parish Council would purchase a storage container from 'Parsons' containers

Resolved the container would not need planning permission but it would be sited on the field adjacent to the car park.

Resolved James Ashbrook's Ltd would be instructed to site the container as they were aware of the drainage issues on site.

Improvement to small play area on Needham estate

The PC had received some very good feedback from the article in the newsletter which now

would be taken into consideration when planning the new play area, in association with ANSA. An application for £45,000 to £50,000 was to be applied for, using the S106 monies as the initial 10% deposit.

A draft plan would now be drawn up by Mr E Yoxall from ANSA for approval by the PC. The Clerk would arrange a meeting prior to this to consider the feedback.

Social Isolation in the Parish

The Chairman and the Clerk had met with Mr Muktadir Khan - Community Development Officer from CE Connecting Communities, who had been very informative. He explained the 'Tartan Shawl' which was a method of collating all the necessary education, health and social issues. He believed Cranage was an ideal place to try and engage with socially isolated people and through his past work experience in the community, it would be of great benefit. He offered to assist us to begin the process of a regular luncheon in the community.

Resolved the Parish Council would engage with the local community and organise a regular luncheon in the Parish.

It was agreed the Clerk would initially make arrangements for a further meeting with Connecting Communities in order to gain more information to devise a plan to organise the luncheon.

114/19 Business Plan

Deferred.

115/19 Highways

New Boundary Signs

Three quotes had been strived for and two had been returned.

Resolved the PC would instruct Mcvoy signs to make 7 signs and four posts in the following positions; A50 H/Chapel boundary, A50 Knutsford boundary, Goostrey Lane, Twemlow Lane, Byley Lane by Manor Farm, Northwich Road and Moss Road – Shanty Farm.

Northwich Road Speed limit

The Clerk had sent a letter to Cllr B Roberts re- evaluate the speed limit on Northwich Road and had a received a reply explaining it did not meet the criteria to be a 40mph limit.

Due to the comments from the public forum time it was agreed the Clerk would contact Cllr AK and Cllr LG to ask if they would arrange a site visit with highways.

Leese crossroads

There had been a site visit on the 10.10.19 with Mr C Hodgeson, CE Highways Officer, Cllr AK, Cllr RJH, Cllr AN and the Clerk. CH had also spoken with the resident from Four Winds which had been very enlightening. It was agreed the officer would make a report and feedback.

Cheshire Railings on Byley lane

Cllr AN had requested this was on the agenda but the members were not sure if it was within the Parish boundary.

Deferred.

Byley Lane flooding

The Clerk would log this issue with highways.

Patching selection

The Clerk was requested to confirm with the Ward Cllr if Northwich Road over the M6 bridge had been submitted.

Letter to CE Highways reference Lee Glover CE highways officer

Mr LG had subsequently made contact and a meeting had been arranged for 4th November to discuss issues.

Speed Display indicators

To note the information sent by HCPC.

Crop spraying along A50

The PC thought this was not a matter for them to resolve.

Twemlow Lane

There had been two complaints in refence the flooding on the lane and the damage to the verge outside Hawthorn House from cars and HGV's parking.

This would be discussed at the site meeting on 4th November with the Clerk and CE highways.

116/19 Footpath and Tree Report

No report was submitted.

It was agreed the Chairman should ask if there were any issues.

Trees

- Fire damaged trees would be actioned next month at Brereton Timber.

Footpaths

- Manor Barns hedges

A letter had been issued by highways - *no actions taken by highways*

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

The appeal which had been submitted by the PC had been successful which was excellent news. Ms C Hibbert had circulated the next stages before it could be allocated as a PROW.

117/19 Planning Applications

- 19/3722C Holly House Estate, Middlewich Road, Cranage CW10 9LT – new access drive- resubmission.

Resolved No Objection

- 19/4845C Caberfeidh, 8 Northwich Road, Cranage CW4 8HL – Alterations and extension to existing dwelling, new garage and associated works (resubmission of application 19/2246C).

Resolved No Objection

APP/R0660/W/19/3224057 18/4329C Rose Bank, Twemlow Lane, Cranage CW4 8EX – construction of one new dwelling – it was noted this appeal had been dismissed.

19/2423N Pump Cottage, Kings Lane, Cranage CW10 9LX – Retrospective application for change of use – to note an appeal had been submitted on 11th October.

Resolved the Parish Council would make no representation.

18/0679E Land to the rear of Cotton Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel. –

The PC noted the comments in the letter from Cllr AK indicating CE planning had closed the case.

It was agreed no further action could be taken.

Sibelco meeting 15.10.19

Cllr GM communicated the meeting. She was very disappointed that Mr G Woods (local resident) had not been accepted as a member of the liaison committee. The Clerk was asked to check if the Sibelco representatives had voting rights as part of the planning conditions.

He had been granted to attend as a visitor at the next meeting in January. (The minutes would be circulated)

118/19 Financial Regulations

The new advised NALC version of the FR had been circulated to members.

Upon the amendment to 11.4 to £3,000 they were agreed in principal.

Resolved the Financial Regulations were accepted.

119/19 Accounts

It was noted the balance of account = Leek United £30,488.46 + Natwest £45,956.16 = £76,444.62.

Payments

- *Online payment - £4,667.76 Ms J Mason (salary from June to September)*
- *Cheque number 276 - £1,361.72 HMRC*
- *Cheque number 277 - £591.46 Crewe Colour Printers*

Receipts

- £1.53 Lloyds Banking Group
- £233.29 Leek United Interest

- £1,707.02 SPC
- £1,564.41 NBACM
- £1,008.26 HW & SB

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

120/19 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor A Kolker. Due to the absence of Cllr AK no report was submitted.

121/19 Chairman and Members Report

Bulb Planting on Needham estate

The event had been cancelled due to poor weather but the resident with his wife had kindly planted 2,000 bulbs. The PC wished the Clerk to thank the resident for his commitment.

Chairmanship Course 6.11.19

Resolved Cllr RJH would attend

Litter Collection on 6th October

Cllr RH reported how successful the event had been and another one would be scheduled in the spring.

Stopwatch Clock on Adult Fitness Area

Cllr RH had reported this again and it had been returned to Pentagon who had returned it to the manufacturers. The position had been moved but still there were issues. It was due to be returned to site this week.

It was agreed this would be monitored.

VE Day – Cllr SH

Deferred

122/19 Clerks Report

SLCC Conference /training date 9.10.19

The details of the training were discussed. The relevant issues were the website compliance, the Ramblers support and funding opportunities.

123/19 The next meeting would be on the 19th November 2019 @ Cranage Hall Hotel

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm