

CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the bi monthly Parish Council meeting held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on
Monday 17 July 2017 at 7.00 pm

Paul A I Barton Clerk

Present

Cllr D Lewis Cllr A Lewis Cllr Twiss MVO Cllr Maren

Apologies

Cllr Hammond and Cllr Spruce

Election of Chairman

Cllr D Lewis advised Cllrs of the appointment of, and welcomed Paul Barton as the new Clerk to Crewe Green Parish Council. Cllr D Lewis advised the meeting that the Chair, Cllr D Rickard had resigned as had Cllr A Rickard, and asked the Clerk to take the Chair to undertake proceedings and effect the appointment of a new Chair for the meeting. The Clerk asked for nominations to take the Chair. Cllr Marren nominated Cllr D Lewis to take the Chair. Seconded by Cllr Twiss. Being unopposed Cllr D Lewis was duly elected as Chair and agreed to be Chair for the remainder of 2017, and took the Chair.

Presentation

On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr D Lewis thanked Mrs Hawthornthwaite for her help and support during her period as the outgoing Clerk to Crewe Green Parish Council and presented her with a bouquet.

Presentation from Storey Homes

Siobhan Sweeney and Adam Gallymoor provided background about who Storey Homes are and went on to provide a presentation on the proposed residential development of land on the junction of the A534 and Sydney Road. Adam explained details of the link with the Duchy of Lancaster and their desire for quality of both aesthetic design standards and finish. It was explained that this land is allocated for residential development in the soon to be adopted Local Plan Strategy under Policy CS4 Crewe Green and that Storey Homes are in the process of working up proposals for approximately 115 new homes on the site with the intention of submitting a detailed planning application by the end of July. Details of, and an outline of the style and mix of property within the proposed development were presented to the Council and Cllrs were invited to comment or ask questions. Following a short question and answer session the Chair thanked Siobhan and Adam for their time in presenting the proposals who then departed.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1/17 Report from Cheshire Police

Apologies for absence were received from PC Kerrie Cummings. Cllr A Lewis provided a brief update from PC Cummings advising that in the last month there had been a theft from Crewe Hall. No other items were reported.

2/17 Public Participation:

Linda Clarke of St Michael & All Angels Church and two members of the public were present. Ongoing litter and grass cutting with verge cutting and weeds, were raised as an issue. Cllr Marren confirmed he would advise Highways.

3/17 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2017. It was resolved to approve these which were signed by Cllr D Lewis as a true record.

4/17 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the May meeting.

5/17 Chairman's report

Cllr D Lewis reported that Cllrs D Rickard and Cllr A Rickard had resigned from the Council with immediate effect. The Clerk was requested to send a letter of thanks to both expressing the Council's appreciation for their contribution to the Parish Council over many years.

6/17 Cheshire East Councillors report

Cllr Marren provided a briefing on the following (Cllr Marren to provide input as necessary)

- CEC approved a trial roundabout sponsorship scheme with an initial procurement/tendering exercise for 20 roundabouts.
- CEC is trying to attract a University to replace MMC
- CEC Local Plan Strategy (LPS) which is going for approval in front of the Council week commencing 24 July 2017
- CEC is carrying out a bus service review with a view to saving circa £1.25M
- CEC to implement new grant funding policy covering Healthy Homes, Warm Homes, Independent living loans, Disability Relocation Grant, Empty Home Loans
- Highways: weed treatment approx. two weeks behind schedule
- No further progress to report on the passing place proposal on Slaughter Hill

8/17 Parish Councillor Vacancies

Following the resignations of Cllrs D Rickard and A Rickard there are 3 vacancies on Crewe Green Parish Council. These were advertised for the statutory period on the Parish Notice Board. Nominations were received for Mr Nigel Haddock and Mr Trevor Long to stand for Cllr. In the absence of any further nominations Cllr D Lewis proposed to co-opt Mr N Haddock and Mr T Long to the Parish Council. This motion was seconded by Cllr Twiss. The motion was carried unanimously with Cllr Haddock and Cllr Long duly appointed as Councillors to Crewe Green Parish Council

7/17 Parish Councillor Roles

This agenda item was deferred by the Chair pending the appointment of Cllrs under item 8/17

It was agreed that Cllrs undertake the following roles until further notice

- Cllr D Lewis – Chair
- Cllr A Lewis – Community Policing
- Cllr Spruce – Planning matters
- Cllr Twiss – Street Lighting
- Cllr Long – Highways
- Cllr Haddock – Environmental
- Cllrs Marren & Hammond provide link to CEC as County Councillors

9/17 Parish Council Website

Council discussed possible improvements to the Parish website. It was agreed that it needed to be updated regularly with details of

- Local clubs and societies
- Cubs & brownies
- The History of the Parish
- Information about Parish Council matters to be regularly updated with future Agenda's, Minutes of meetings and items of local interest

The Clerk was requested to make this a priority.

10/17 Environmental – Maw Lane Landfill site

Cllr D Lewis attended the last review meeting. Council was informed that site activity at Maw Lane was likely to be finished before the end of 2027 which is the extent of the current licence. Whilst notes of the meeting had still not been produced it was anticipated that future update meetings with interested parties were only likely to be held either annually or bi annually.

11/17 Clerks report and correspondence

The new Clerk asked for letters prepared by the outgoing Clerk to Scottish Power and Yorkshire Bank notifying the change of Clerk. The Clerk confirmed that all relevant bodies will be advised of the change of Clerk in due course. The Clerk asked for consideration to the provision of a Contract of Employment which had not been actioned as a result of the recent resignations. Clerk to obtain a copy of the previous Clerk's contract with a view to the new one being modelled on it.

12/17 Financial

The Clerk advised details of the following payments due. Cllr D Lewis presented an invoice for Distinctive Design for the presentation bouquet. It was resolved to approve all payments. Clerk to ascertain if Cllr D Rickard who had settled the account at Crewe Hall for the hiring of a room for the Clerk interviews and to arrange settlement of the outstanding £20.40.

PAYE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE No.	AMOUNT £
Scottish Power	Street lighting	000657	£112.64
QHotels	Room hire	000658	£30.60
Distinctive Design	Presentation bouquet for departing Clerk Mrs G Hawthornthwaite	000659	£25.00

13/13 Planning Matters

Cllr Spruce was unable to attend the meeting to report on Planning matters.

The Clerk advised the Council of those planning applications that he was aware of.

17/3096N Redevelopment and extension of Crewe Green Roundabout. There were no observations

17/3325N Listed building consent for installation of new extraction fan within the bathroom. No objection

The Sydney Road development is not yet subject to a planning application and was considered under the Storey Homes presentation.

14/17 Any other business

There was no other business. The Clerk advised that ChALC recommendations from NALC were that there should not be an 'Any other Matters' Agenda item as this could lead to the Chair and Council being exposed to non Agenda items without prior knowledge. It was resolved that this item be removed from future Agenda.

15/17 Date of next meeting

Next meeting of The Parish Council to take place on 18 September 2017 at 7pm at Crewe Hall

The meeting closed at 9.02pm