

Minutes of a Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Don Rickard (Chairman), Anne Rickard, Gerald Twiss, David Lewis
Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond
Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda from Church

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors David Marren, Roy Spruce, Trevor Long, Alex Lewis and PC Kerrie Cummings and PCSO Scott Watson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

As PC Kerrie Cummings and PCSO Scott Watson were unable to attend the meeting a report had been provided on the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour for September as follows:

Crime

1 theft from a motor vehicle

Anti-Social Behaviour

1 nuisance behaviour around a farmer's field

4. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 18th JULY 2016

Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 18th July 2016.

RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18th JULY 2016

- Councillor Marren had followed up the ownership of the grass verge on Slaughter Hill and confirmed that it is the responsibility of CEC Highways.
- Gullying emptying operations are on schedule 39 for Haslington and Barthomley.
- The Clerk had followed up with Chalc whether it would be possible for the PC to combine the Annual Parish Meeting with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May next year and they confirmed that as long as the PC complies with the need for the Parish Meeting to take place between 1st March and 1st June and the Annual Council meeting takes place in May the meetings can be combined.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Tour of Britain Cycle Race was very well supported when it passed along Narrow Lane on 6th September.

Following the presentation from Richard Goodwin at the last meeting about the proposals for the remodelling of the Crewe Green Roundabout, it was agreed that members of the PC would respond directly to CEC via the website link.

All other matters arising to be covered in the agenda.

8. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

As Councillor Marren was unable to attend the meeting he had provided a report as follows:

Highways

Verge Maintenance – the urban grass cutting programme (speed limits of 40mph and below) continues with operatives on the network on a daily basis. The annual rural swathe and first visibility cuts are complete. A second visibility cut has been programmed to start next week.

Weed treatment –. The second and final weed treatment of the highway network has commenced.

Epicormic tree growth - a borough wide programme to remove growth from the base of highway trees, at locations where it is affecting highway users, is ongoing. If you are aware of any specific issues, then please let me know and I will do my best to ensure that they are included within the programme.

Gully Emptying

Details of this year's gully emptying schedules, together with clear and cleanse programmes, can be found by clicking on the following link:

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/highway-services/gullies-and-drains/gullies-and-drains.aspx

Street Lighting Replacement Schedule

This programme of work will see Cheshire East Highways replacing lighting columns and lanterns with state of the art Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology.

Benefits of LED

- The new, innovative LED street lighting will bring a number of benefits to residents, road users and the authority in Cheshire East including:
- The future proofing of the authority's street lighting assets
- LEDs minimise light pollution into homes and gardens by directing light onto the road and pavement
- The white light improves visibility and colour recognition on street, helping people feel safer
- LEDs have a longer life span and a reduced likelihood of faults
- They are much more energy efficient, reducing energy consumption by as much as 75%

Highways will be contacting all Parish Clerks in the very near future (September) to ask for a list of all what they understand to be Parish lights.

Following receipt of these, all units will be inspected and a schedule of any works that may be required over and above the simple swapping of the lantern, prepared.

Due to the condition of some Parish lights across the borough it may be necessary to recommend the replacement of the post or bracket.

Engagement Events

Cheshire East Highways are intending to organise engagement events during September / October. These events are intended to engage communities in the highways issues that matter locally. They intend to hold four events, distributed as evenly as possible throughout Cheshire East and are looking for suggestions as to the topics to be addressed at each event. You can expect a short presentation from senior members of the Cheshire East Highways team, followed by a drop in session with individual teams on hand to discuss those topics of your choice.

I would encourage you to provide any suggestions on topics, via email to Katie Lennie (katie.lennie@cheshireeasthighways.org)

CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN STRATEGY

A very full statement of the latest position was issued to the Parishes on the 7th Sept 2016 which the Parish clerk will detail.

As a reminder of timescale 6 weeks of Hearings will start on Tuesday 13 September. These will be held for 2 weeks in Congleton, followed by 4 weeks in Macclesfield. All sessions are open to the public, but only participants already involved in the Examination (and notified by the Programme Officer) are permitted to speak. It is anticipated that the Inspector will provide further guidance on the timescales as to the next steps and the conclusion of the Examination once the current hearings are nearing completion

Good Grief

On the 26th September, Orbitas is holding an event at Nantwich Civic Hall (10.30 – 4.00 pm), bringing together 30 plus different organisations that will be able to answer questions and give advice as to what one needs to consider at the time of bereavement. From writing a will to bereavement counselling, hospice care to creating visual tributes, experts will all be on hand to help people plan and cope with death, dying and bereavement. Plus there will be advice on preventing accidents e.g. the Fire Service, Care and Repair Team, Life Style and of course the Orbitas Handyperson service. It is a foc event.

9. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Twiss reported that the number 8 street light opposite the church, on Narrow Lane is buried in tree branches.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to follow up with Katie Henshaw, CEC.

10. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

New Website

The Clerk reported that progress continues on populating the new Crewe Green website and should be available to view in October. A new feature of the website will be a changing panorama on the home page.

Correspondence received since the previous meeting in July, which had been circulated and noted, as follows:

From CEC

- Participatory Budgeting meeting for all local community groups Meeting on 4th August
- Town and Parish Council Conference Presentation Notes – held on 19th July 2016
- Crewe Highways Meeting – 14th September
- Cheshire East Council - Local Plan Strategy - Town and Parish Council Update

From CEC – Councillors John Hammond/David Marren

- September events from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service
- CVS Bulletin
- VRDS DISABILITY NEWSLETTER
- Partnership Newsletter – July and August

Chalc

- Crewe and Nantwich Area Meeting – 1st September 2016
- Bulletins and Newsletter

Cheshire Police

- Cheshire Police: Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable's Update - July/August 2016
- Notice of Submitted Neighbourhood Plan - Holmes Chapel Neighbourhood Plan

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2016/17

Derek Wildman has agreed to act as the Internal Auditor for 2016/17.

External Auditor's Report 2015/16

The Clerk reported on the External Auditor's Annual return and certificate for the year ended 31 March 2016 which was approved and accepted. The following was noted:

- The Trust Funds Section 1 on the Annual Return had been answered 'Yes' but should have been 'N/a'
- The figure included in Box 1 of the current year's figures does not agree by £1 to the figure in box 7 on the last year's audited annual return.

The Clerk reported that the application for Transparency Funding for the new website platform had been completed and submitted to Chalc following the July PC meeting.

The following cheques were approved:

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| • Insurance Renewal for 2016/17 – Came & Company - (for 3 year binding agreement) | £323.41 |
| • Payroll Services April 2016-March 2017 – CVS Cheshire East | £96.00 |
| • Payment of September Room Booking for PC meeting –Mrs G Hawthornthwaite | £30.60 |

12. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no items for consideration.

13. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chairman outlined the planning applications that had been considered this year by the PC.

The defibrillator has now been installed at the Cosey Club. There is no date yet for defibrillator training for PC Members.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held is on **Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.00 pm.**

Apologies from the Chairman, Councillors A Rickard and D Lewis were noted for the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed Date

THESE MINUTES REMAIN UNRATIFIED UNTIL SIGNED AS CORRECT AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING