

## **CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council meeting held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 21 May 2018 at 7.00 pm

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### **Present**

Cllr D Lewis (Chair), Cllr N Haddock, Cllr R Spruce, Cllr T Long, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr D Marren

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hammond

### **Appointment of Chairman**

Members accepted Cllr D Lewis decision that he did not wish to be considered for a further period in office at this time. There being no other nominations proposed and seconded, it was carried that Cllr T Long be appointed Chair.

### **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

There being no Vice Chair (Cllr D Lewis acting up as Chair following the resignation of the previous Chair, Cllr Haddock was nominated as Vice Chair. There being no other nominations proposed and seconded, it was carried that Cllr N Haddock be appointed Vice Chair.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Open Forum and Public speaking**

There were no members of the public present

### **Councillor Vacancies**

The Parish Council continues to have two (2) unfilled Vacancies

### **1/18 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 March 2018 were approved and signed by Cllr T Long as a true record.

### **2/18 Matters Arising**

Members noted that road patching was taking place on Slaughter Hill and that Old Park Road was scheduled for temporary closure to carry out road repairs. There were no other matters arising.

### **3/18 Outgoing Chairman's report**

As retiring Chair, Cllr D Lewis gave a short report on the previous twelve months

- the recent loss of Cllr Gerald Twiss who provided many faithful years of loyal service as both a Parish Councillor at Crewe Green and as a respected officer of the Duchy of Lancaster estate.
- the Clerk who was thanked for his support, with Cllr Lewis advising that the Clerk had quickly settled into the position and that they had developed a good working relationship
- Members were thanked for their support during the year

- Comments on the ongoing development of the Crewe Green Roundabout, Maw Lane and the land on University Way development where residents opposed amendments to the planning approval which were carried and approved by CEC.
- During the year the Parish Council received a presentation by members of the Aldi development team over their plans to develop land opposite the Duke of Gloucester Pub, noting that as yet no planning application has been submitted.
- Crewe Green Parish Council continues to be in a healthy financial state with members having approved a zero increase in the local precept which will partly offset the CEC Council tax increases in April of this year.

#### **4/18 Report from Cheshire East Councillors**

Cllr Marren advised the meeting:

- CEC commitment to Mental Health issues which can be viewed on the CEC website.
- Road workings to Slaughter Hill and Narrow Lane
- Minor Works meeting held 21 April 2018
- Crewe Green Roundabout where Highways had considered the idea of abandoning two lanes but reported that this has been deferred.
- Reported that a meeting with a Highways Officer had taken place on site at Bridge House Farm to review the outstanding hedging issue.
- Recent meeting of CEC where Cllr Arthur Moran has stepped down as Mayor. Cllr Lesley Smetham will be invested as the new Mayor on 23 May 2018
- That Cllr Marren will be invested as Mayor of Nantwich effective 24 May 2018 when he will take over from Cllr Penny Butterill

#### **5/18 Planning Matters**

##### **Planning Decisions**

There were no planning decisions to report

##### **Planning Withdrawals**

There were no planning withdrawals to report

##### **Planning Applications**

**18/2343N** Change of Use of 2 no. buildings from agricultural use to a mixed use comprised of agriculture use and use for the storage of fertiliser for sale Top End Farm, Barthomley Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW2 5NT. There were no objections on the basis of the evidence of what was presented with no material change in traffic to the site. It was agreed that Cllr Spruce liaise with the Clerk to formulate suitable wording to the CEC Planning Portal.

#### **6/18 Parish Councillor reports and summary**

- Report from Cheshire Police.  
There was nothing reported from Cheshire Constabulary. It was agreed that the Chair would contact Cheshire Constabulary with a view to improving representations from the Police.
- Highways. Cllr Marren provided a brief summary under item 4/18.
- Environmental matters. There were no environmental matters to report other than the previously mentioned litter within the Parish where the Parish hopes that local volunteers may alleviate the problem.
- Planning. Cllr Spruce provided a brief report.
- Street Lighting. There was nothing to report, however, Cllr D Lewis agreed to take over this item which was formerly carried out by the late Cllr Twiss and contact Katie Humshall at CEC Highways lighting.

#### **7/18 Clerks report**

The Clerk reported that no progress had been made on line direct to Nat West Bank having been 'locked out'. Further efforts to resolve this would be undertaken. The Clerk again reported that various information/assistance communications concerning the forthcoming changes on GDPR had been received and

circulated to members and that a digital copy of the Electoral Register had been requested and was still awaited. Members agreed to consider a diarised system to review mandatory items such as Asset Register, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

### 8/18 Correspondence

- All correspondence (digital) had been previously circulated to all Members. No actions were required concerning GDPR. Members would consider attending the planned Crewe Roundabout open session on site although this was at a time when most Cllrs would be unavailable as is the case for the Local Transport Review.

### 9/18 Financial matters

- Members **resolved** to approve the Bank statement balance and schedule of payments as below.
- Members **resolved** to authorise expenditure on renovation of Memorial plaque at St Michaels Church and on replacement of Perspex panel on the Parish Notice Board.
- Members were advised that the first instalment of the Parish Precept in the sum of £1,500 had been received representing a zero% increase over 2017-18
- Members were advised that Scottish Power had still not collected direct debit funds from the Council for the last two quarters for the street lighting.
- Members agreed not to submit a revised authorised signatory mandate to Yorkshire Bank, pending the result of the ongoing application to Nat West Bank

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE No.	CHQ AMOUNT £
PAIB	Clerk net admin exps 1-31 Apr 2018 payable 1 May inclusive of 4.5 hours overtime re website payable from Transparency grant.	000688	£116
PAIB	Clerk net admin exps 1-31 May 2018 payable 1 June	000689	£80.00
SPS Ltd	Payroll services	000690	£25.50
HMRC	PAYE March 2018 Balance of year end tax due	000691	£19.00
ChALC	Annual subscription	000692	£63.92
Crewe Hall	Room hire 21/5/18	000693	£30.60
Scottish Power	Electricity Charges 01.01.18-31.03.18	DD	£111.38
PAIB	Members advised that the final Purchase cost of laptop + support software funded from Transparency grant	000681	£388.96

### 10/18 Councillor Matters

Members discussed the Right of Way footpath across Crewe Golf course which in places is becoming overgrown.

### 11/18 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of The Parish Council will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7pm at Crewe Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

