

## **CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Minutes of the bi-monthly meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council meeting held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 18 March 2019 at 7.00 pm

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Paul A I Barton Clerk

### **Present**

Cllr Long, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr D Lewis, , Cllr TA Browne, Cllr Haddock, Cllr R Spruce, Cllr D Marren  
N.B. CGPC remains quorate providing at least one third of all Members are present and not less than 3.  
(See STO item 1:x)

### **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **Councillor Vacancies**

Prior to the meeting there were two (2) Councillor vacancies.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **61/18 Minutes**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting held 21 January 2019 which were signed by Cllr T Long as a true record subject to an approved resolution to a minor text change on item 55/18.

### **62/18 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

### **63/18 Public participation**

Councillor Long welcomed members of the public to the meeting and invited all present to introduce themselves. The perceived 18% increase in the local precept was queried. Councillors explained that although there was NO actual increase in £Notes to the precept request from CGPC because CEC had altered their Tax Base calculations this produced an anomalous figure on the Council Tax forms recently sent out. This explanation was NOT accepted by those present and a request was made for the Clerk to contact CEC again to ask for a plain English explanation.

### **64/18 Community Garden**

The meeting was advised that the Diocese of Chester had verbally confirmed that 'no faculty' was needed. As a result the Diocese were to be asked to confirm this in writing in order that the project could be progressed.

### **65/18 Planning Matters**

#### **South Cheshire Growth Village**

Cllr Spruce provided a background to a meeting and documentation (Heritage Statement previously circulated) following a meeting he had with Bloor Homes in conjunction with Weston PC. There is no further action to be taken at this time but Cllr Spruce will maintain a contact with Bloor Homes via Weston PC to monitor progress. Cllr Spruce felt that this was Policy Compliant and following his recommendation Members unanimously agreed to support the principle of what was proposed

## **Planning Decisions**

There were no Planning Decisions to report.

## **Planning Withdrawals**

There were no planning withdrawals to report.

## **Planning Applications:**

**19/1099N** Conservation repairs to historic building fabric. Conversion of the Farmhouse from a Single dwelling to three apartments. Removal of existing non-original brick extension and construction of new entrance link. New landscape scheme within the site boundary CREWE HALL FARM, OLD PARK ROAD, CREWE GREEN, CREWE, CHESHIRE, CW1 5UE. Members considered this application and were happy to support the application.

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## **66/18 Report from Councillors**

To receive any updates/report from Councillors on matters including Highways, Police,

- Police: Following a meeting held 21 February attended by PC Kerrie Cummings and PCSO Lynsey Jolley and Sgt Egerton, Cllr A Lewis provided a short report advising that the combined Parishes of Crewe Green, Basford, Haslington, Barthomley and Weston all reported concerns at the level of Police cover. The Police presence was well received with Lynsey Jollie offering to attend future meetings if available. A written report was available and one car theft was reported in the Weston area.
- Highways: Cllr D Lewis reported concern by local walkers, joggers and cyclists who are at risk from road traffic in the Parish in particular where there are no pavements, pedestrian refuges or cycleways and protruding hedgerows with at least one accident reported near the golf course. Litter remains a problem
- Town and Parish Council Conference. Cllr TA Browne attended the conference and provided a report on the various matters covered including the Community Governance review, the forthcoming local elections and count taking place at Crewe Lifestyle centre and the dissatisfaction expressed over the distribution of the NH Bonus fund. CEC promised feedback on the fund. Cllr Marren suggested that the application form needs re visiting and the narrative re writing. The local Budget and projections were also presented.

## **67/18 Chairman's report**

- Cllr Long re iterated concern over the lack of hard standings by bus stops where none exist and advised that there had been a request for funding in the next fiscal year which was still awaiting a reply.
- Cllr Long expressed thanks and appreciation on behalf of CGPC to Cllr David Marren for his service and support to the Parish over many years, whilst wishing Cllr Marren well for the future as he goes to stand in Shavington at the local elections on 2 May.

## **68/18 Parish Safeguarding Policy**

Members were previously circulated with a draft Safeguarding Policy. It was proposed and agreed that this matter be deferred till after the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to enable due consideration to review Standing Orders and the inclusion of this Policy.

## **69/18 Assets and Risk Assessment Register**

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## 70/18 Clerks report and Elections 2 May 2019

To receive the clerks report

- The Clerk advised Members that the NHB Community Fund application had been unsuccessful meaning that the street lighting will not be upgraded.
- The Clerk provided briefing notes concerning the forthcoming elections on 2 May. This matter was deferred to the close of the meeting when Cllr S Edgar offered to assist any Members wishing to complete their Nomination papers.

## 71/18 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following items previously circulated by the Clerk

- Road Safety on B5077. Cllr Marren confirmed that he had put this local concern to Highways do not support the case for a revised speed limit. Members considered this matter at length. Cllr Marren offered to access the relevant Highways stats to enable further consideration.
- The Clerk advised that Shires Payroll Services have advised CGPC of a small increase in their administration charges.

## 72/18 Financial matters

- Payment of Accounts. Members resolved to approve the bank account summary and schedule of payments
- Clerk was unable to report progress with Nat West Bank until ALL cheques have cleared the bank account. Bank statement only received 9 March showing all chqs cleared but this is too late to submit as we now need to make this months payments. With all necessary paperwork completed and documentation submitted to NW, instructions are for the account switch to take place 1 April
- Notice of small increase in charges by Shire Payroll Services.
- Members again considered the tax base change to the precept tax base implemented by CEC. (See Public participation above)

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE No.	CHQ AMOUNT £
Scottish Power	ESTIMATED Street Lighting 01.01.19-31.03.19	DD	£111.38
PAIB	Clerks net February pay including o/t and backpay	000719	£120.86
PAIB	Clerks net March pay	000720	£86.76
PAIB	Refund of McAfee licence fee	000721	£44.49
Crewe Hall	Room hire 18 March 2019	000722	£20.40
Shire Payroll Services	Payroll services for 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	000723	£25.50
HMRC	Tax qtr end 31/12/18 £15.60, Tax qtr end 31/3/19 ££68.60	000724	£84.20

## 73/18 Report from Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr Marren advised Members of:

- The Sydney Road bridge improvements remaining on schedule to be completed by the end of May 2019
- That the recent CEC meeting approved the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- That Liz Dunham is to be confirmed as the new CEC Mayor
- That the Community Governance scheme is under review following an unsuccessful suggestion to change to a board system.
- That the current Licensing policy is out for consultation (reviewed every 5 years)

- That Consultations on Crewe Station Action Plan are being carried out which also sets out high level decisions via the Council web site.
- That further consideration is being given to Crewe Town Centre. Decision Notices are awaited on the probable demolition of the CAB premises. CEC to bid to Govt for High Street funding concentrating on Macclesfield and Crewe.
- That there is widespread misunderstanding of Aldi's position at Grand Junction. A further application from Aldi is expected.
- That there is a new campaign about increased superfast broadband. See the 'connectingcheshire' website.

**74/18 Councillor Matters:**

Cllr Haddock advised the meeting that he was shortly moving from Crewe Green and as he would not be able to attend future meetings and would not meet the qualification requirements, and as such reluctantly tendered his resignation. On behalf of CGPC Cllr Long thanked Cllr Haddock for his support and wished him well in his move. Cllr Spruce advised that he would not be available to attend the Parish AGM/APM as was likely to be abroad.

**75/18 Date of next meeting**

Next meeting of the Parish Council is to take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 commencing 7:00 p.m. at Crewe Hall.

Please note Provisional Meeting dates for the next 12 months: 15 July, 16 September, 18 November, 20 January 2020, 16 March 2020, 18 May 2020

The meeting closed at 9.15pm