

## **CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Minutes of the bi monthly Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 15 July 2019 at 7.00 pm

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### **Present**

Cllr T Long, Cllr D Lewis, Cllr TA Browne, Cllr Haddock. Cheshire East Cllr S Edgar was in attendance. 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**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Lewis and Cllr R Spruce

### **Councillor Vacancies**

There remain two (2) Councillor vacancies.

### **Co-opted Councillor**

Following confirmation that Cllr S Edgar was eligible to stand as a Parish Councillor for Crewe Green, Members were unanimously in favour of co-opting Cllr Edgar onto the Parish Council who was duly co-opted.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **15/19 Minutes**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting held 20 May 2019 which were signed by Cllr T Long as a true record.

### **16/19 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **17/19 Public participation**

The Chair welcomed five members of the public to the meeting including two staff members of the Duchy of Lancaster who introduced themselves to the meeting and provided some background on their respective roles within the Duchy and their relationship to the Parish.

### **18/19 Future of Crewe Green Parish Council**

Members carried out open and frank discussions on the future of the Parish Council in the event that the Council was unable to remain quorate at some point in the future. No decisions were taken, and it was agreed that this topic would not be raised again until or unless circumstances merited further consideration to the structure of the Parish Council.

### **19/19 Community Garden**

Mrs Haliburton who had previously circulated information to Members provided an update advising that the garden was now largely cleared.

- Cllr D Lewis had provided some advice with a cedar tree root. A grant of £300 is requested from the Parish Council to enable the stump to be ground out. Please see note under Financial Matters
- The gate had been repaired.
- Mobility access was felt to be a primary consideration.

- Aldi had kindly offered to provide a donation to cover the cost of 2 benches.
- Consideration was being given to renovate some old Cheshire fencing that had been donated with comparisons being sought for the costs of new fencing.

### **20/19 Speed limit and safety on B5077**

There was an open discussion on the main issues on the B5077, most of which relate to speeding. Cllr Browne believes there to have been at least 7 minor accidents which will not have been recorded or reported as there were no injuries. Cllr Browne advised that she had been in communication with Cllr Edgar in his role as CEC Cllr. The most recent accident involved a car hitting a tree and spinning 360 degrees. It is believed that in recent years there have been 35 minor accidents, 9 serious and 2 fatal. Cllr Edgar advised that CEC would only respond to evidence-based statistics. Cllr Edgar further advised that he would apply for the usage of a vascar type camera to try and analyse vehicle speeds. It was suggested that it may prove to be useful to set up a Crewe Green Facebook page to enable the community to report and record data.

### **21/19 Planning Decisions and applications**

#### **Planning Decisions**

Members noted the Aldi revised planning application **18/6389C** had approval decision and subsequent withdrawal of the planning appeal. Both of which were previously circulated.

#### **Planning Withdrawals**

There were no planning withdrawals to report.

#### **Planning Applications:**

**19/2402N** Erect a two-storey side extension and general alterations. Ivy Dene, CREWE ROAD, CREWE GREEN, CREWE, CW1 5NS. Members were previously circulated and agreed to support the application.

### **22/19 Report from Councillors**

- Cllr D Lewis reported on the continuing hedge problems at Bridge Farm
- Cllr Browne reported that on 19 July are holding a Climate Change meeting whereby CEC aim to become carbon neutral by 2025.
- Street lighting: Cllr D Lewis reported that following a road traffic accident another street lamp had failed. Cllr Lewis advised that he had followed this up with Scottish Power who advised that they would install a replacement lamp if the PC could provide a replacement.

### **23/19 Chairman's report**

There was no report

### **24/19 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Members briefly discussed both documents. It was agreed that Cllr Browne would proof read the Standing Orders document with a view to this being formally approved for adoption at the September meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Long in conjunction with the Clerk would consider the Financial Regulations with a view to this being circulated prior to the next meeting where it would be considered for adoption.

### **23/19 Parish Safeguarding Policy**

Members resolved unanimously to adopt the Parish Safeguarding policy

### **24/19 Asset and Risk Assessment Register**

### **25/19 Clerks report**

The Clerk had no additional items to report

### **26/19 Correspondence**

There were no new items of correspondence that had not previously been circulated to Members.

## 27/19 Financial matters

- Members resolved to approve the bank account summary and schedule of payments.
- Members resolved to approve the Bank reconciliation for the period ending 30 June 2019
- Members resolved to approve the final Bank reconciliation to 30 June 2019 ready for the Year End Audit
- Members received and approved the Internal Auditors report on the Year end accounts.
- Members resolved to approve ChALC Affiliation fee for 2019.
- Members resolved to receive a cheque in the sum of £1500 from Aldi towards the cost of two benches for the Community Garden.
- Members ratified the payment of £3,000 from the Parish Council NW bank account previously authorised by Mrs Haliburton to the main contractor, leaving a balance of £2,000 payable on completion.
- Members resolved to approve a grant of £300 to enable the Cedar stump to be ground out.

Clerk provided a brief update on the current situation with Nat West Bank.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE No.	CHQ AMOUNT £
Scottish Power	Street Lighting 31.03.19-30.06.19	DD	£112.64
NW Bank acct			
PAIB	Clerks net June pay	003	£88.00
PAIB	Clerks net July pay	004	£89.80
PAIB	Refund Clerks exps re ink toner	006	£20.99
Crewe Hall	Room hire 15 July 2019	005	£20.40

## 28/19 Report from Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr Edgar reported on the following

- A brief summary on the Crewe town centre with the Market Hall due for completion in summer 2020
- That CEC was working through a schedule of pot hole repairs
- That the Sydney Road bridge works were complete.

## 29/19 Councillor Matters:

Cllr Haddock confirmed that whilst he had not yet moved from Crewe Green, he would continue to support the Parish Council as a Councillor as long as it was practical to do so. Cllr D Lewis confirmed he had brief details of the accident which took out the streetlamp on Slaughter Hill which the Clerk will forward to the Insurers in due course. Cllr Lewis also confirmed that he had contacted Scottish Power who appear to say they will fit a new LED lamp if the Parish Council are able to source this.

## 30/19 Date of next meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council is to take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 commencing 7:00 p.m. at Crewe Hall.

Please note Provisional Meeting dates for the next 12 months: 18 November 2019, 20 January 2020, 16 March 2020, 18 May 2020, 20 July 2020, 21 September 2020, 16 November 2020

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held 15 July 2019 its reconvened September meeting held on Monday 21 October 2019

..... Chair