

CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the virtual Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held on line on Monday 16 November 2020 at 7pm 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)

Paul A I Barton Clerk

Present

Cllr TA Browne and Cllr R Spruce, Cllr M Deakin. Cllr S Edgar, Cllr D Lewis, Cllr A Lewis
In attendance Laura Airton from the Duchy of Lancaster.

39/20 Apologies: There were no apologies.

40/20 Councillor Vacancies

Members reluctantly accepted the resignation of Councillor Roy Spruce who has been a stalwart of Crewe Green Parish Council for many years and has provided expert advice on all planning matters. The Chair expressed her thanks to Cllr Spruce on behalf of the Council and wished him well as he settles into his new life. As a result there are now three Cllr vacancies.

Members considered an application to join the Council from Mrs Alison Heler. Cllr Edgar provided some background on Mrs Heler. Members resolved unanimously to co-opt Mrs Heler to the Council. The remaining 2 vacancies will be re advertised.

41/20 Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

42/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Edgar declared an interest in item 50/20.

43/20 Public participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

44/20 Community Garden

There was no further information to report.

45/20 Minutes

Members resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting held 21 September 2020 which were notionally signed by Cllr Browne as a true record.

46/20 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held 21 September 2020.

47/20 Planning Decisions and applications

Planning Decisions

There were no new planning decisions reported.

Planning Withdrawals

There were no planning withdrawals to report.

Planning Applications:

20/3742S Members were disappointed to discover that there was an application at Land Off, OLD PARK ROAD, CREWE GREEN, CREWER for an EIA scoping opinion which had NOT been notified to the Council by CEC Planning Dept. Cllr Spruce provided an overview of what this application was for and expressed

disappointment that the Council was not given the opportunity to properly consider this application nor its implications.

South Cheshire Growth Village

Cllr Edgar advised that he would obtain further details of the prospective Bloor Homes development within the SCGV which falls within or adjacent to the Crewe Green Parish Boundaries or are within the Basford and Weston boundaries. There will be a consultation period till 11 January 2021 for Members, and the public to comment. (N.B this has now been extended to 28 February at the request of Weston PC) Cllr Spruce suggested that CGPC should maintain a contact with Weston PC as this moves forward.

Planning for future white paper

There was nothing material for Members to consider

Strategic Planning update

Cheshire East SADPD Local Plan

Members were advised that there were potential material differences in the CEC 7 year land supply figures being reported which if proved inaccurate could lead to a shortfall of development land. The third version of the plan 2 results in no developments of windfall sites. Cllr Edgar provided statistical data covering both the existing electorate within the Parish and the potential impact to the electorate and the number of Councillor positions if/when the strategic sites are developed. Issues remain over Primary schools and local GP surgery along with local shops and industrial/commercial development within the bounds of the SCGV. Cllr Edgar confirmed that he could provide a map showing the development areas. Members then discussed whether Crewe Green wants to retain its presence without reaching any conclusions. Members agreed to consider this again at the January meeting.

48/20 Reports from Councillors

Councillor D Lewis reported that he attended the Remembrance day service and laid a wreath on behalf of CGPC. Cllr A Lewis provided a brief update from Cheshire Police. There were no other matters reported.

49/20 Clerks report

The Clerk advised that despite repeated requests CEC Highways had still not completed the street light repairs. The Clerk ask Laura Airton from the Duchy if progress had been made concerning the bollards at St Michaels Church which were in a poor state of repair who confirmed that is was being considered and would investigate the current situation.

50/20 Potential changes to the Parish Boundaries

Members were advised that of Council boundaries were under review although they might not affect Crewe Green directly. However, the next few years are going to bring about changes in the population of the Parish and Members were asked to consider what the impact could be on the existing Parish and the way forward. These included retention of the new housing estate off the roundabout at Crewe Green and retention of the houses on Sydney Road and the retention of the roundabout. Again the question arose as to whether the Parish should amalgamate with an adjacent Parish such as Barthomley or Haslington

When the new housing, planned for Stowford, (possibly Bloor homes) are available does the Parish want to retain them and have an enlarged parishioner base? Members discussed these but reached no conclusion and decided to defer any decisions till after the boundary review was completed.

51/20 Report from Cheshire East Councillor

- Cllr Edgar reported that the boundary trees on the North side of the Aldi site have been checked as being compliant.
- Cllr Edgar also reported that the speed assessment of B 5077 had been deferred due to budget constraints
- That a blocked gully on Narrow Lane had a gain been reported
- Cllr Edgar offered training support to enable Members to 'Report it' on the Cheshire East website to any Members who would to take advantage.

52/20 Correspondence

There were no new items to report

53/20 Financial matters

- Members resolved to approve the reconciliation of the bank account to 31 October and authorised the schedule of payments and received a summary of the Bank account. (Schedule circulated to Members but Chair to sign off reconciliations at a later date).

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE No.	CHQ AMOUNT £
St Michaels	Annual grant in support of cemetery maintenance UNPAID		£250.00
St Michaels	Annual RBL Wreath		£17.50
PAIB	Clerk net admin costs(1 Oct- 31 Oct) Due 1 Nov 2020	BACS	£94
PAIB	Clerk net admin costs(1 Nov- 30 Nov) Due 1 Dec 2020	BACS	£94.20
PAIB	Clerk net admin costs(1 Dec- 31 Dec) Due 1 Jan 2021	BACS	£94.00

- Members considered the budget proposals and precept and decided to defer making a decision till the January meeting by which time the boundary review would be complete.

54/20 Councillor Matters

There were no items raised

Note: no decision can be made on these matters but they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council.

59/20 Date of next meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Monday 18 January 2021 commencing 7:00 p.m. In view of the current Covid 19 restrictions this meeting will be an online meeting.

Please note Provisional Meeting dates for the next 12 months: 15 March 2021, 17 May 2021, 19 July 2021, 20 September 2021, 15 November

The meeting closed at approx. 8. 40pm

Signed notionally as a true record of the meeting held 16 November 2020 by Cllr T A Browne
Monday 18 January 2021.