

Minutes of a Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Don Rickard (Chairman), Anne Rickard, Gerald Twiss, Alex Lewis, David Lewis, David Marren, Trevor Long, Roy Spruce

Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond, Reverend Jules Walker and PC Kerrie Cummings.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. BRIEFING FROM RICHARD GOODWIN

Richard Goodwin, from Strategic Infrastructure and Highways, Cheshire East Council, Project Sponsor for the project to remodel the Crewe Green Roundabout was welcomed to the meeting. Richard had been invited to attend to provide the PC with information relating to the remodelling of the Crewe Green Roundabout.

Richard outlined the 4 options as follows:

Option 1: Four-Arm Roundabout with two remote signalized junctions

Option 2: Four-Arm Roundabout with one remote signalized junction and one non-signalized roundabout

Option 3: Six-Arm Gyratory

Option 4: Dumbbell Roundabout

It was noted that the consultation period is to commence on 19th July and ends the first week of September.

The Chairman thanked Richard for attending the meeting.

4. REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

The Clerk had invited PC Kerrie Cummings, (PC Nick Moore's replacement), to the meeting, but she was unable to attend. A report has been requested for the next meeting to be held in September.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 2016

Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 16th May 2016.

RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 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.

RESOLVED/- Councillor Marren is to follow this up further with CEC Highways.

- Councillor Lewis asked if it would be possible to combine the Annual Parish Meeting with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May next year.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to follow up with CEC Elections Office.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All matters arising to be covered in the agenda.

9. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor Marren reported on the following:

Cheshire East Council have put plans in operation to replace services formerly operated by GHA Coaches from 18th July 2016. This includes the number 38 bus – Macclesfield to Crewe.

Public Health Blog

£400,000 Participatory Budgeting Fund for Public Health Outcomes

This is a new funding stream which is open to all local community groups in the Sandbach, Alsager, Middlewich, Haslington areas.

Public Health and the Communities Team are working in partnership to devolve decision making powers and the allocation of £400,000 across the 8 localities to improve public health outcomes.

This will be achieved through the development of an innovative Participatory Budgeting (BP) approach at a local level, to reduce **health inequalities, build community capacity and increase access to services** and therefore to achieve the following overarching outcomes:

Increased healthy life expectancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased physical activity • Increased levels of healthy eating • Reduced levels of obesity • Reduced smoking prevalence • Reduced levels of harmful and binge drinking • Improved emotional health and wellbeing
Increased disability free life expectancy	
<p>An empowered, resilient community to build personal responsibility and independence Increased community involvement, engagement and coproduction</p>	

PB directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending priorities for a defined public budget. It engages residents and community groups, who discuss spending priorities, make spending proposals and vote on them. It also gives them a role in the scrutiny and monitoring of the process. The critical factor is that local communities are given the power to make the decisions regarding how the fund passed to them is spent. The development of a PB approach supports our key community outcomes, by **developing stronger communities**, with devolved power to local communities, and empowering local people to make local decisions putting **'residents first'**. It encourages people to get more involved in activities in their local areas and helps to build people's understanding of local spending decisions.

8 Local Community Networks who deliver PB 'Drop In Information and Support Sessions' at a local venue. The Local Community Networks will evaluate initial applications, and will invite those who meet the criteria to present their project proposals to the PB Decision Days in the autumn 2016, where local people will vote to decide which projects will receive funding.

For further information about how residents can be involved at this stage, please contact Dawn.clark@cheshireeast.gov.uk from Partnerships & communities. We will keep you posted with progress as the PB approach develops, with further information about how to submit bids and how local people and organisations can be involved in local Decision Days.

An open event on the 4th August between 5 and 7pm at The Church on Ettiley Heath - Sandbach Methodist Church Elton Road, Ettiley Heath, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 3NE is being held to explain more about this great funding opportunity.

Highways:

Green Operations

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 now complete.

Weed treatment –. The first round of treatment is now complete. If you are aware of any locations still causing issues, then please don't hesitate to let me know. The second and final treatment will be carefully programmed for later in the summer to achieve the most value.

Epicormics tree growth - a borough wide programme to remove growth from the base of highway trees, at locations where it is affecting highway users, has now commenced. 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

Gully machine number 2 will be working on programme in the Crewe area for the next 20 working days

Route 38 Crewe- 6th June till 4th August

Route 39 Haslington and Barthomley 9th August-20th September

Utilities

Scottish Power are carrying out works at Old Park Road, Crewe until 18th August 2016 using multiphase signals

Cheshire East Highways

18/07/2016 09/09/2016 Weston Road Junction and approach to Savoy Road Weston Road Roundabout, Crewe

Traffic Ctrl (Two Way Signals) Road Widening and carriageway resurfacing

Cheshire East Highways on 25th July will be commencing carriageway widening works on Weston Road on the approach to the Weston Road / Savoy Road Roundabout to increase capacity and alleviate queuing (see attached plan). The works are due to last until 9th September.

International observers learn from Cheshire East Elections team

Cheshire East was singled out by the Electoral Commission to host a major international delegation of the most senior election observers from a range of countries across the world.

The team of over 40 delegates came from many countries, including Finland, Canada, Malta and Bangladesh. The Electoral Commission was keen for the delegation to learn about Cheshire East's election processes and its preparations for the EU referendum.

The delegation visited Macclesfield Town Hall on the day before the referendum, receiving a presentation from Brian Reed and Diane Todd from our democratic services team on UK election practice and procedure, as well as specific details of our preparations for the referendum

The delegation was most interested in the complexities of Cheshire East's electoral arrangements, its very large proportion of postal voters, and its commitment to serving its widely dispersed communities by ensuring that voters could vote locally. A number of delegates took note of specific elements of Cheshire East's unique arrangements, and will take these back to their own countries for consideration.

On referendum day, delegates visited polling station, witnessing voting at first hand.

Grants available for Central Heating for fuel poor households in your community

We would like to make you aware of a grant scheme that is available for people in fuel poverty in Cheshire East. We have received a grant allocation from central government to help home owners who don't have central heating, and we want to help people to get heating installed before the cold weather starts again. Town and parish councillors will know vulnerable members of your community, and may know of people who don't have central heating and are using open fires or storage heaters to heat their home. The grant scheme will cover the full cost of the new central heating, and we can install gas, oil or LPG systems and help with making gas connections if mains gas is nearby.

There are some qualifying criteria relating to income (listed below), but we know it's difficult to ask personal questions about income so would encourage anyone who is interested to contact us to find out more. Broad Oak Properties are the chosen installer for this scheme, **contact Katie at Broad Oak on 01782 550 371** to apply.

Qualifying criteria:

- Household income of less than £16,500, or receiving one of the following benefits:
- Pension Credit, or
- Child Tax Credit with income of no more than £16,010, or

10. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Twiss reported that the street light by the bus stop has been repaired and is now working again.

11. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

New Website

The Clerk reported that progress continues on converting the current 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 so any high definition landscapes of the Crewe Green area are required.

RESOLVED/- Any landscape photos for the website to be forwarded on to the Clerk

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

From CEC

- Neighbourhood Planning in Cheshire East Council – Consultees
- COUNCILLOR SECTION 106 FACTSHEET
- Town and Parish Council Conference – 19th July at 6/6.30 pm start at Sandbach Town Hall
- Crewe Highways group is scheduled to take place on:- Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 6.00pm at Jubilee House, St Pauls Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2QA

From CEC – Councillors John Hammond/David Marren

- July events from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service
- CVS Training News
- VRDS DISABILITY NEWSLETTER
- New and Variation of Premises Licenses Under Consultation
- Rural Break-Ins 08/07/2016

Chalc Bulletins

Cheshire Police

- Introduction – New PC, Crewe Green - Kerrie CUMMINGS. Kerry has been part of Cheshire Police for 15 years on mostly front line and community policing in and around this area but mainly Sandbach.
- Policing Priorities Survey – Join the Conversation – Public Consultation

A Quotation of £318 (net) had been received from Ian Hope, Nantwich Town Clerk for the cost of Repair to Crewe Green Noticeboard. It was agreed that the noticeboard should be repaired.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to contact Ian Hope and ask for the repair to the noticeboard be carried out.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the account balance as at 1st June 2016 was £5529.83 and that a VAT repayment of £83.49 was received on 29th June 2016.

After discussion about the completion of an application for Transparency Funding for the new website platform and updating, it was agreed that the application should be completed outside of the meeting and circulated to PC Members before being submitted.

RESOLVED/- Chairman/Clerk to complete the transparency funding application.

The following cheques were approved:

- Room Hire for the July 2016 Parish Council Meeting at Crewe Hall – Mrs G Hawthornthwaite - £30.60
- Electricity Bill for street lighting – 31.03.16-30.06.16 – Scottish Power £112.27
- Donation towards the defibrillator located at the Cosey Club – Cosey Club £200.00

It was agreed that defibrillator training for the PC should be followed up.

RESOLVED/- Chairman to follow up the training

13. PLANNING MATTERS

The PC considered the following applications:

- **16/2787N** - Land On The East Side Of 33, FIELDS ROAD, HASLINGTON
This was received and noted by the PC.
- **16/3183N** - Top End Farm, Barthomley Road, Crewe, CW2 5NT: Certificate of Lawful Existing Use in respect of the mixed use of agriculture and for the storage, blending and adaptation for fertilisers for sale.
This was received and noted by the PC.
- **16/3297T** - Various tree works, felling and replacing with more appropriate species – Stable House, Narrow Lane. Comments by 28th July
There were no objections to this planning application.

14. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chairman reported that the foliage on what is believed to be Church property restricts visibility for drivers turning across the carriage way into the Old Vicarage. We ought to ascertain whether the Church would consider improving that situation.

RESOLVED/- Councillor D Rickard to follow up with Linda.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held is on **Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.00 pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed Date

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