

CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF CREWE GREEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT CREWE HALL, WESTON ROAD, CREWE ON MONDAY 16TH MAY 2016 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors Don Rickard (Chairman), Anne Rickard, Gerald Twiss, David Marren, Trevor Long
Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Reverend Jules Walker

No members of the public were present

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Councillor Roy Spruce, Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond and PC Nick Moore.
2.	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – SUMMARY OF 2015-16 The Chairman reported that this year the Parish Council has been monitoring the Cheshire East Council's Local Plan Strategy. After much consideration the Parish Council decided not to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan due to lack of resources. The most significant item that the parish considered has related to planning and allocation of housing within the area. As the focal point within the village, the Parish Council has continued to support St Michael's Church wherever possible. Support has been received from Cheshire East Council with regard to litter picking in the area. Throughout the year there has been very little crime reported in the area. Alex Lewis was co-opted onto the Parish Council in March, which is now up to full strength.
3.	PLANNING MATTERS – SUMMARY OF 2015-16 Councillor Spruce was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a summary report as follows: The number of Planning Applications requiring consideration by the Parish Council has remained relatively low. In 2015/2016 the Parish Council considered 10 no. Planning Applications. The largest Application being the potential residential development for over 100 houses on University Way which was included in the report from last year. The Parish Council objected to the Application on the grounds that this should be a protected employment site. This was ultimately refused by CEC Planning Committee. The most unusual Application put before the Parish remains the Listed Building Consent Application at Crewe Hall. This proposal was again mentioned in last year's report, but has now been approved. This was for the reinstatement of the mural of Synagoga in the same style of the mural of Ecclesia either side of apse in the Chapel at Crewe Hall. Other Applications considered included the new prestigious car sales showroom on the Crewe green roundabout which was supported by the Parish Council. The continuing lack of a Borough Local Plan and the inherent lack of a proven 5 year housing land supply continues to fuel the higher levels of Planning Application activity elsewhere within Cheshire East. The proposed resurrection of the suspended Examination in Public later this year will hopefully allow the Local Plan process to move towards a final conclusion and adoption by CEC. This should

	<p>eventually bring more structure to the planning process within CEC and as a consequence with Crewe Green Parish.</p> <p>In the interim, many Parish Councils have embarked on the preparation and adoption of Neighbourhood Plans. Crewe Green PC considered carefully this path, but I was decided that for such a small Parish this was not practical given the workload and commitments required, despite the support being offered by CEC and the financial support by way of grant funding that would have been available.</p> <p>The next twelve months will likely see some progress with the Local Plan and thereafter the consultation on the site allocation and development policy phase of the emerging Local Plan.</p> <p>I am pleased to confirm that the Parish Council considered carefully all Planning Applications and consultation requests and responded to the Borough Council within the required consultation period. I would like to put on record my thanks to Gaynor for her efforts again in this regard.</p> <p>The Chairman expressed his thanks to Councillor Spruce for his efforts in pursuing the planning applications in more details on behalf of the PC.</p>
4.	<p>HIGHWAYS MATTERS – SUMMARY OF 2015-16</p> <p>To be reported at the Annual Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council.</p>
5.	<p>NEWSLETTER REPORT – SUMMARY OF 2015-16</p> <p>Councillor Anne Rickard reported that as there has not been anything significant to report to residents, a Newsletter has not been published this year.</p>
6.	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS –SUMMARY OF 2015-16</p> <p>There were no items reported.</p>
7.	<p>STREET LIGHTING – SUMMARY OF 2015-16</p> <p>Councillor Twiss reported that one of the street lights, by the bus stop, has not been working for two or three months, which has been reported to Cheshire East Council.</p>
	<p>There were no questions from the public.</p>