

ANNUAL MEETING OF CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Don Rickard (Chairman), Anne Rickard, Roy Spruce, David Marren
Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Twiss, PC Nick Moore, Reverend Jules and Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Spruce proposed Councillor Don Rickard, seconded by Councillor Anne Rickard. This was unanimously agreed. Councillor Don Rickard accepted the position of Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that the appointment of the Vice-Chairman should be carried forward to the next Parish Council meeting in July.

4. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor David Marren and David Lewis should be co-opted onto Crewe Green Parish Council.

Councillor Marren accepted the position of a Crewe Green Parish Councillor and is to complete the CEC Declaration of Interest form.

There were no changes reported to the Declaration of Interests form that had previously been signed by all PC members present at the meeting.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to contact David Lewis to confirm his co-option.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Marren declared that he is a member of the CEC Southern Planning Committee and would, therefore, not take part in any discussions or express a view on any planning matters.

6. REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

In the absence of PC Moore, the Chairman read out PC Moore's report on the minimal crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Crewe Green for March and April 2015.

7. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 23rd MARCH 2015

Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 23rd March 2015.

RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd MARCH 2015

All matters arising to be covered in the agenda.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked all CG Parish Councillors for their support and efforts during the last year, Cheshire East Borough Councillors John Hammond and David Marren and the Clerk for filtering all the communications received by the parish council.

11. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor Marren reported on the following:

- Some work has now taken place on the tall Leylandii trees that were screening the light off the Old Park Road Corner. Further work is to take place on the tree and hedge. The landowner has been contacted.
- The litter pick has now taken place on Narrow Lane.
- The annual weed treatment has now taken place on curbs and footways.
- The rural grass visibility cut started on the 5th May.
- The results of the Cheshire East Borough May Elections – Conservative – 53 seats, labour 16 seats, other 11 seats and Liberal/Democrats 2 seats.
- There have been a number of departments in Cheshire East Council who have been nominated for awards – CEC Adoption Team, Safeguarding Team, Highways, Traffic Management Plan (www.roadworks.org.uk),

- Councillor Michael Jones has been re-appointed as CEC Leader and a new look Cabinet has been unveiled:

Cllr David Brown, Deputy Leader, responsible for Highways;
Cllr Ainsley Arnold, responsible for Housing and Planning;
Cllr Rachel Bailey, responsible for Children and Families;
Cllr Janet Clowes, responsible for Adults, Health and Leisure;
Cllr Paul Findlow, responsibilities for Performance;
Cllr Les Gilbert, responsibilities for Communities;
Cllr Peter Groves, responsibilities for Finance and Assets;
Cllr Don Stockton, responsibilities for Regeneration and Assets.

- Naming of Crewe Green Link Roads – there is a proposal for David Whitby Way and Jack Mills Way – comments to be received by 30th May. The PC did not have any objections to these names.
- Local Plan – Site Allocations are to be considered by Cabinet in July.

12. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Planning and Street Lighting Reports were covered in the agenda.

13. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

- **From CEC – Councillor David Marren**
Weekly Email News Digest - Monday, 23 March, 2015
Events for April 2015 from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service
- **From CEC**
Neighbourhood Planning Event - presentation slides
Cheshire East offers grants to create more Neighbourhood Plans
- **From CEC – Councillor John Hammond**
VRDS DISABILITY NEWSLETTERS
CVS Cheshire East Training News April 2015
CVS Cheshire East's E-Bulletins – April and May
Cheshire Cycling Activities Spring 2015
Events for May 2015 from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service
- **From Cheshire Police**
Cheshire Constabulary Performance Infographic April 2014 - March 2015
- **From Audlem Parish Council**
Audlem Draft Neighbourhood Plan

14. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The internal auditor's report was received and noted.

The accounts and audit form for 2014/2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to return the completed Audit Form to the external auditor

The following cheques were approved:

- Room Hire for the May 2015 Parish Council Meeting at Crewe Hall – Mrs G Hawthornthwaite - £30.60
- Chalc Affiliation Fee 2015 - Chalc £56.64
- Electricity Bill for street lighting – 31.12.14-31.03.15 – Scottish Power £111.38

15. PLANNING MATTERS

The PC considered the following applications:

15/2008N - The erection of a petrol filling station with ancillary shop and the erection of a Costa coffee drive-through outlet: LAND ADJACENT BESWICK DRIVE, BESWICK DRIVE, CREWE, CHESHIRE

CGPC Response

The proposed development appears to be a missed opportunity on this prominent site. University Way is often described, not least by developers, as the Gateway to Crewe. However, development has been ad hoc and the current proposal simply continues that approach. The prestigious Jaguar dealership could have been an impressive feature approached from University Way but that prospect is denied by the collection of the several, separate, 'scattered' and very functional buildings associated with the petrol station, jet washes and the drive in Costa buildings.

University Way is part of the Crewe Green Link and the Haslington By-Pass which was intended to provide a fast transit around Crewe but is increasingly being threatened by the scale of development, existing and proposed, along this stretch. The entrance and exit from University Way to these developments, in addition to those already existing there, will create a large number of traffic movements precisely at the point where congestion already occurs at peak times as traffic queues at the roundabout. This will create difficulties particularly for vehicles having to cross the traffic lanes i.e. those turning right, into or out of the site.

Reference is made to the noise nuisance to local residents generated by the site, particularly at peak times, and this is dismissed as being marginal against the ambient background noise. However, noise carries much further in the evening and at night and sounds as far away as the railway station destroy nearby residents' peace as it is, not only indoors but also when our capricious English weather permits outdoor relaxation. It should be noted that nearby residents were paid compensation for such potential nuisance from road noise when the road was built, since when traffic movements have increased more than had been envisaged at that time. Despite protestations to the contrary the increased movements incurred by this development will represent a step increase in disturbance to nearby residents.

Some pedestrian access from the frontage to the facilities on site might have been useful. Although the Costa is described as 'drive through' parking places are provided which indicates facilities which might be appreciated by pedestrians if some easy access was available. Similarly pedestrians may wish to visit the shop or showrooms without having to negotiate a tortuous route. Notwithstanding security considerations many show rooms do present an open, i.e. accessible, frontage which creates an open vista.

15/2158N: NURSERY COTTAGE, SLAUGHTER HILL, CREWE GREEN, CREWE, CHESHIRE, CW1 5UP - Prior approval of White UPVC Dwarf Walled Edwardian Conservatory extending 5m beyond the rear wall, maximum height of 3.5m and eaves height of 2.4m

CGPC Response

Crewe Green Parish Council have no objections and support the application.

15/1700N: CREWE HALL, WESTON ROAD, WESTON, CW1 6UZ - Listed Building Consent to reinstate a missing mural of Synagoga within the Chapel of Crewe Hall

CGPC Response

Crewe Green Parish Council think that this is an excellent idea and fully support the application.

Neighbourhood Plans

After discussion about neighbourhood plans, it was agreed that a representative from CEC should be invited to attend a CGPC meeting to provide further information.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to respond to CEC Planning with CGPC responses to the planning applications before the deadline dates and to invite a CEC representative to the next meeting to provide information on the neighbourhood plans.

16. NEWSLETTER REPORT

After discussion about the costs and the lack of response from the last Newsletter to residents, it was agreed that the next one should be published when there is something significant to report.

17. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The refurbishment of the village noticeboard was mentioned. The structure is fine, but a new transparent screen is required. The refurbishment costs are to be followed up with the Clerk of Nantwich Parish Council who has recently organised new village noticeboards in Nantwich.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held is on **Monday 27th July 2015 at 7.00 pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm