

CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.00 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

PC Nick Moore and a representative of Crewe Green Church

1. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Alex Lewis, who had expressed an interest in becoming a Crewe Green Parish Councillor was welcomed to the meeting. It was proposed and seconded that Alex should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Alex accepted the position of a Crewe Green Parish Councillor.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

4. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

PC Moore reported the crime and Anti-Social Behaviour for January and February 2016 as follows:

January

There were no crime incidents and one anti-social behaviour incident in Crewe Green.

February

There was one crime incident and one anti-social behaviour incident in Crewe Green.

PC Moore confirmed that Scott Watson is the PCSO for the Crewe Green area.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2016

Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 18th January 2016.

RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meetings held on 18th January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2016

All matters arising to be covered in the agenda.

8. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

This was covered at the start of the meeting.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to arrange for Councillor Alex Lewis to complete the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and Members Interests forms.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had attended a charity event hosted by the Mayor of Crewe Town Council. All other matters arising to be covered in the agenda.

10. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillors Marren presented his report to the PC as follows:

Council backs plan for 36,000 new homes

Cheshire East Council has approved plans to build 36,000 new homes. This comes after an earlier proposal to build 29,000 properties was found to have "serious shortcomings" by a Government inspector. The council says the inspector criticised the initial plan as the borough's economy was likely to grow faster than anticipated, prompting the addition of 7,000 extra homes. The revised proposal will be submitted to the Government inspector in June.

Cheshire East Council - Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes Version (For Consultation): Formal Representation Period - 4th March to 5pm on 19th April 2016

Cheshire East Council has published its 'Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes Version' and accompanying documents for public consultation. This follows Inspector Stephen J Pratt issuing his Further Interim Views in December 2015, following the second set of examination hearings on the Local Plan Strategy (LPS) held between 21 and 30 October 2015.

The Local Plan Strategy - Proposed Changes Version was approved at the meeting of Full Council on 26th February 2016. It will now undergo a formal public consultation period during which representations can be made, from Friday 4th March 2016 to 5pm on Tuesday 19th April 2016.

Documents will be available to view online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan. Stakeholders can also view PDF files of all the above documents as well as printed copies at Cheshire East Council's headquarters at Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach; the Customer Service Centres, libraries, and the Planning Helpdesk, Municipal Buildings, Crewe.

Following public consultation, the Council will consider and respond to the key issues raised in the representations before submitting the proposed changes and all of the representations to the Inspector in support of the ongoing examination of the LPS. It is anticipated that examination hearing sessions will resume in September 2016 to consider amendments to the submitted LPS and sites (including additional, amended and existing site allocations).

Representations should specify why the Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound and what modifications would be needed to make it legally compliant or sound.

The Council encourages responses to be made via its online consultation portal (accessed using www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan)

All forms must be completed online or received by the Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, C/O Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ by **5pm on 19th April 2016**.

HIGHWAYS

Subject: 2016 17 Crewe Area Highways Meeting

Date of Meeting 14th April 2016 6 pm - Jubilee House (St Paul's St on ASDA car park former day care centre)

Area Highways Group

Draft Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Area Highways Group

- To consider and prioritise minor highway related issues within its delegated geographical area which have been submitted by Ward Members and consider the options for tackling those issues for inclusion on the 'Minor Works Improvement Programme'
- To review and agree the Minor Works Improvement Programme in its delegated geographical area
- To take into account Highway Officers' technical advice including target cost estimates when prioritising issues for the Minor Works Improvement Programme.
- Members of the Group are to disseminate relevant information to their respective groups / communities.

Definition of Minor Highway Related Issues

- Perceived danger to persons or traffic;
- Perceived obstruction to the passage of traffic including cyclists and pedestrians;
- Perceived use of roads by unsuitable traffic;
- Accessibility barriers for mobility and visually impaired;

Definition of Minor Works

Works of Target Cost under £10,000

These can include (not limited to):

Waiting, Loading, weight, Width, Height restrictions;
Speed limits that do not require excessive engineering works;
Disabled dropped kerbs;
Vehicle activated signs (VAS);
Pedestrian refuges;
Lining alterations; and
Verge Parking Issues.

Membership

- Officer representation from CEC Highways
- Cheshire East Ward Members in the Area
- One representation from each Town and Parish Council in the area
- Representative of Cheshire Constabulary
- The Chairman of the meeting to be elected annually by Members of the Group

Only Cheshire East Ward Members have voting rights

If agreement cannot be reached by the Area Highways Group on the Programme of Works, the decision will be referred to the appropriate Portfolio Holder for decision.

Frequency of Meetings

The meetings are to be held twice a year.

Cheshire East Council 25/02/2016

On Thursday, Rachel Bailey was chosen by a meeting of the Full Council as Cheshire East's new Leader.

Rachel is the leader of the majority group on the Council and is a councillor for the Audlem Ward. She has been most recently the portfolio holder for Children and Families in Cheshire East's Cabinet since 2010.

The new Cabinet is as follows:

- Leader: Rachel Bailey
- Highways and Infrastructure: Dave Brown (Deputy Leader)
- Housing and Planning: Ainsley Arnold
- Children and Families: Liz Durham
- Adult Care and Integration: Janet Clowes
- Communities and Health: Paul Bates
- Corporate Policy and Legal Services: Paul Findlow

- Finance and Assets: Peter Groves
- Regeneration: Don Stockton
- Leisure and Open Spaces: Sam Gardner

Full Council also took a number of other important decisions on Cheshire East's future. Members approved **plans to raise Council Tax by 3.75 per cent in 2016/16** – meaning an increase of 88 pence per week for a Band D property. It follows five successive years of Council Tax rates being frozen.

A full 2 per cent of the rise will fund investment in adult social care services

The new Corporate Plan takes us up to 2019/20 and retains at its heart the five resident based outcomes of the existing plan. These are central to everything we do – and we have now added a sixth outcome based around continued improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness of council services.

Crewe Lifestyle Centre

Kier Construction, the developer who has built the £15m centre on behalf of the Council, handed the building over to CEC on time and on budget, paving the way for the centre's opening to the public in April.

The centre's facilities include a 25-metre swimming pool, a learner pool, conference, event and exhibition facilities, as well as a multi-purpose sports hall and gym.

The centre also provides us with a new place for people to access customer-focused Council services. These include adult and children's services, a new library and internet café, community hub and day facilities for adults and children with special needs.

The Tour of Britain cycling competition *is* coming to Cheshire East this September!

Stage 3 of the contest will begin in Congleton and finish in Tatton Park – taking in a 10km climb up the Cat and Fiddle road along the way.

It may only be one day of cycling but we think it will have a big impact – particularly on our local visitor economy. Our initial forecast is that it will add £5m to Cheshire East's economy – while also encouraging people locally to participate in cycling.

The event is the UK's biggest free to attend sporting event and we expect 180,000 spectators to line the 182km route in Cheshire East and cheer along the riders as they whizz through our towns, villages and countryside.

The Office for National Statistics happiness survey placed us fifth in the UK, and as the top four places were in rural Scotland, that puts us in the top spot for England.

Date for your Diaries

Orbitas will be hosting a bereavement advice convention at Nantwich Civic Hall on the 26th September. Advice units will be attended by representatives such as registration services, St. Luke's Hospice, End of life Partnership, Leighton Hospital and many more.

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN CREWE.

An analysis of the latest pupil forecasts has identified the need to provide 420 additional primary school places in Crewe in response to increasing pupil populations, (reception to year 6) which, if agreed, would provide 60 more reception class places from September 2017.

The Local Authority has identified three schools that could potentially be expanded, as shown in the table below. Following discussions with the Local Authority, the governing bodies/academy trusts of these three schools have considered the need for extra school places in the area and have resolved to publish expansion proposals.

School	Proposer	Extra Pupil Places	Extra Reception Class Places
Hungerford Primary Academy	Academy Trust	210	30
Wistaston Academy	Academy Trust	210	30
Monks Coppenhall Primary	Governing Body	210	30

Before decisions can be taken on these expansion proposals, the academy trust and governing body proposers, together in partnership with the Local Authority, would like to hear your views. All feedback received during the consultation period, **which starts on 25 February 2016 and finishes on 25 March 2016**, will be considered before proposals can be decided. **It is important to note that no decisions have been taken at this stage.** We therefore urge you to visit the Council's website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk (in the section entitled 'Have your say'), where you can read the consultation document and complete the feedback form before the **closing date of 25 March.**

REDSHIFT RADIO

Are taking bookings for March - July for the following programmes on RedShift Radio. They would be delighted to meet you and share your news, events and success stories.

Programmes most suitable for community organisations are:

- Local Lunch, Tuesdays 1-2pm
- Rotary Round Up, Thursdays 1-2pm
- Charities Today, Fridays 3-4pm

But they also have shows about faith, food, health, youth, business and sport so if any of those suit you better, please get in touch.

Redshift radio is a not-for-profit community organisation ourselves and broadcast on the internet at www.redshiftradio.co.uk you can also download our [mobile app](#).

They also provide an Audio Marketing service that may be of interest to you... After the show is broadcast live, we can edit it and remove any um's and er's to make you sound fabulous, you can then use this on your website or in your marketing material. There is a small charge of £25 for this or £40 for commercial organisations.

If you would like to have a chat about our networking and events, please call 01270 440 750 and we would be delighted to help.

RESOLVED/- Councillor Marren to follow up whether CEC has a system ("Tell us Once") whereby bereaved people tell the Council of their loss and the system alerts all the other arms of the Council (eg Council tax and benefits) and other agencies.

Clerk to provide a contact number for Caroline Griffiths, ANSA with regard to litter picking in the Crewe Green area.

11. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Twiss reported that there is a problem with the light on Slaughter Hill and one of the street lights (by the bus stop) is still out. This has been reported to CEC, but there has been no action.

RESOLVED/- Councillor Marren to forward Katie Henshaw's contact details on to Councillor Twiss to arrange for the repair of the street lights.

12. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the correspondence that had been received since the previous meeting in January 2016, which had been circulated and noted, as follows:

From CEC

- Councillor Rachel Bailey - Approval of the Cheshire East Local Plan

- Tom Evans - Audlem and Sandbach Neighbourhood Plans - Examiners Reports
- Val Simons – Crewe Primary Schools- Proposed Expansion
- Cheshire East Council - Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes Version (For Consultation): Formal Representation Period - 4th March to 5pm on 19th April 2016 – Letter to Clark dated 4th March
- Cheshire East Council - Local Plan Strategy - Proposed Changes Version (For Consultation) – dated 4th March 2016
- Crewe Area Highways Meeting - 14th April 2016 at 6 pm at Jubilee House
RESOLVED/- Councillor Long to attend
- Cheshire East Council - Local Plan Strategy - Proposed Changes Version (For Consultation): Town and Parish Local Plan Engagement Event - **Sandbach Town Hall – 21 March – 5:30pm to 7:30pm** – This meeting will focus on Sandbach, Crewe, Alsager, Nantwich, Middlewich, Congleton and the specific site at Wardle.

From CEC – Councillor John Hammond

- VRDS DISABILITY NEWSLETTER
- March & April 2016 events from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service
- Clean for The Queen - Free litter picking kits to support the Clean for The Queen campaign
- LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION- TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS – event to be held at Sandbach Town Hall on Monday 21 March from 5.30-7.30pm. It is to discuss the Local Plan consultation particularly in relation to the Southern Area of Cheshire East.

From Chalc

ChALC E-Bulletin w-ending 19.2.16

Cheshire Police

Update from the Chief Constable and Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following cheques were approved and signed for:

- Clerk's Expenses – 21st March Room Booking at Crewe Hall for PC Meeting (£30.60), Stamps (£10.80), Ream of Paper (£2.99) and Envelopes (£4.99)
– Mrs G Hawthornthwaite £49.38
- Printer Cartridge – Clerk's Printer – Bits and PCs £31.99

Following approval of an increase in the Clerk's salary at the last PC meeting, a letter was signed notifying the bank of the change in the Standing Order for the Clerk's Salary.

14. PLANNING MATTERS

Prior to the PC meeting Councillor Spruce had attended the LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION- TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT EVENT at Sandbach Town Hall to discuss the Local Plan consultation, particularly in relation to the Southern Area of Cheshire East.

RESOLVED/- Any further comments on the Local Plan to be forwarded to the Chairman to respond to CEC before the deadline of 19th April.

The following planning applications had been received and noted:

16/1298N Offley Ley Farm, Butterton Lane, Haslington, CW1 5UT - **Variation of Condition 12 on approved application 14/3095N – Comments by 7th April**

15/3879N Offley Ley Farm, BUTTERTON LANE, HASLINGTON, CW1 5UT - **Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on Application 14/3095N - The conversion of a traditional redundant barn to two dwellings with garaging – Appeal to Secretary of State**

15. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

It was agreed that the flag should be raised on the Queen's 90th birthday.

RESOLVED/- PC members to assist with the cleaning of the flagpole prior to the event.

The information about the smart water kits is to be followed up with PC Nick Moore.

RESOLVED/- Councillor Long to follow up with PC Nick Moore.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held is the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council on **Monday 16th May 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