

CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond and Roy Spruce.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

3. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

John Cornell from Weston and Basford Parish Council was welcomed to the meeting. John had been invited to attend to provide the PC with information on Weston and Basford Parish Council's experience of putting together a Neighbourhood Plan.

John outlined the process and provided information on the phases, public engagement, costs and timescales. The Chairman thanked John for attending the PC meeting.

The PC then considered the advantages and disadvantages of Neighbourhood Plans and agreed that it would not be appropriate for Crewe Green PC to compile a Plan as the PC does not have the resources to proceed.

4. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

PC Moore reported was unable to attend this meeting and had sent his apologies.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2015

Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 23th November 2015.

RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meetings held on 23th November 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2015

All matters arising to be covered in the agenda.

8. CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COST OF REPRESENTATION – LOCAL PLAN

A letter had been received from Chalc – Crewe and Nantwich Area Meeting about the progress of the Cheshire East Local Plan and the proposal to engage a Planning Consultant to provide representation for the Parishes on the fringe of Crewe and Nantwich at the Public Examination of the emerging Cheshire East Local Plan. After discussion about this proposal, the PC agreed to make a contribution of £100 towards the Local Plan Examination costs.

9. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

A Crewe Green resident has expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council and is to be invited to attend the next meeting in March as an observer.

There was also a suggestion about inviting a representative of Michael and All Angel's Crewe Green Parish Church to attend the meetings.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All matters arising to be covered in the agenda.

11. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillors Marren presented his report to the PC as follows:

Highways

Telephone Number to report flooding 0300 123 5020

- Highway hedge cutting – the Annual Programme of Highway Hedge Cutting is now complete
- Network Rail are carrying out works at Manchester Bridge, Crewe between 04th January – 06th April 2016 using road closure for Installation of traffic containment measures and bridge strengthening works.

- Scottish Power are carrying out works at Weston Road, Crewe between 11th – 19th January 2016 using two way signals

Fairer Power

1. Make savings on your fuel bills by switching to Fairerpower the councils not for profit company with energy supplied through OVO.
2. No exit fees
3. Transparent trying to keep energy bills consistently low, not loss leaders to entice people in.
4. 3% on credit balances up to £1000
5. Award winning customer service
6. Refer a friend you both receive a £20 amazon voucher
7. Monthly Saving Estimate £67

Councillor Marren is happy to attend a community event should you wish to arrange one.

CEC New Starters and Leavers

Bill Norman - Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Sara Barker - Head of Strategic HR

Leaver - Caroline Simpson - Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity

John Dwyer would like to invite you to a meeting of Parish & Town Council representatives from across Cheshire East to be held on **Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 6.30pm** in the **Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ.**

He is fully committed to working with partners in order to improve community safety and welcomes the views of Parish & Town Councils on these matters.

To assist in making the necessary arrangements, please would you advise Lesley Booth, either by email lesley.booth@cheshire.pnn.police.uk or by 'phone 01606 364103, who will be attending from your Council.

Cheshire East Borough Design Guide - Authority to Undertake Consultation period 6 weeks

Candidates for the Leader of Cheshire East Council

Rachel Bailey and Janet Clowes

12. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Twiss reported that one of the street lights is out as well as street light number 13.

- It was noted that the Street Lighting team have upgraded some street lighting to LED technology.

RESOLVED/- Councillor Twiss is to follow up the replacements lights with LED technology and the street lights that are out with Katie Henshaw. (Councillor Marren to be copied into the email.)

13. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out a letter received from Helen Ledward, Secretary, St Michael and All Angel's P.C.C. thanking the PC for the donation to the Church and for the Remembrance Wreath and reported on the correspondence that had been received since the previous meeting in November, which had been circulated and noted, as follows:

From CEC

- Crewe Lifestyle TRO

From CEC – Councillor John Hammond

- Healthwatch Cheshire East - Partners' News – 20th January (Postponed to March/April)
- CVS Cheshire East's E-Bulletin - 4th December 2015
- VRDS DISABILITY NEWSLETTER

From Chalc

- Crewe and Nantwich Area Meeting Letter regarding representation at Local Plan Inquiry

Cheshire Fire Authority

- Cheshire Emergency Services 'Blue Light' Collaboration - Stakeholder update

Cheshire Police

Police and Crime Commissioner meeting with Parish Councils – 26th January at 6.30 pm at Municipal Buildings, Crewe

14. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following cheques were approved and signed for:

- Clerk's Expenses – 18th January Room Booking at Crewe Hall for PC Meeting – Mrs G Hawthornthwaite - £30.60
- Electricity Charges Street Lights – 30.09.15 to 31.12.15 – Scottish Power - £113.78
- Contribution towards the Local Plan Examination Costs - Request from Chalc - £100.00
- 2016 Website Fee – Upper Bridge Enterprises - £144.00

2016/17 Budget and Precept

The PC considered and agreed the budget for 2016/17 and agreed that the Clerk’s salary should be increased to Spinal Column Point 21 in accordance with the National Association of Local Council Clerks and Society of Local Council Clerks Salary Scales, with effect from the 1st April 2016.

It was agreed that the precept for 2016/17 should remain at £3000.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to complete the 2016/17 Parish Council Precept form and return to CEC , circulate the agreed budget to PC members and notify the bank of the change in the Standing Order for the Clerk’s Salary. The letter to be signed by the bank signatories at the next PC meeting in March.

15. PLANNING MATTERS

15/5454N Land Off, BESWICK DRIVE, CREWE - Variation of Condition 14 (Opening Times) on Approval 15/2007N

The PC had no objections to this planning application.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to notify CEC Planning before the deadline of 1st February.

16. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chairman reported that the Crewe Green Parish noticeboard requires repair.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to follow up with Steve Mellor/Ian Hope.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting is to be held on **Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.00 pm**

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed Date

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