

CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 23rd November 2015 at 7.00 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: PC Nick Moore

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cheshire East Councillors David Marren and John Hammond.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Tom Evans, CEC Principal Planning Officer was welcomed to the meeting. Tom had been invited to attend to provide the PC with information on Neighbourhood Planning.

Tom outlined the planning process, the benefits and costs.

The Chairman thanked Tom for attending the PC meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

3. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

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PC Moore reported the crime and Anti-Social Behaviour for September and October 2015 as follows:

September

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

October

There were two crime incidents and two anti-social behaviour incidents in Crewe Green.

There were discussions on the timing of the buses travelling along Slaughter Hill. It was agreed that this should be discussed further with Councillor Hammond.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 28th September 2015.

RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meetings held on 28th September 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015

All matters arising to be covered in the agenda.

7. WEBSITE

The company (Upper Bridge Enterprises) who host the PC's website have reported that from 2017 Microsoft will be withdrawing the public website feature of Share Point and will, therefore, be unable to continue with the current Crewe Green Parish Council website platform. However, Upper Bridge Enterprises are able to build a new platform which will make it easy to populate the new site. It will take several days to implement the new website and it will cost £200 to implement and the annual website fee will increase from £120 to £127. It was agreed that a contribution of £200 should be made by the PC to populate a new website and the PC would consider whether there are currently any shortcomings on the current website which could be resolved as the new website is built.

8. 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 January.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Anne Rickard had attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at St. Michael and All Angel's Crewe Green Parish Church.

The Chairman laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and Councillor Anne Rickard read a lesson at the service.

Councillor Spruce attended the Cheshire East Council Local Plan Strategy Engagement event that was held at Westfields on 3rd November.

10. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

As Councillors Hammond and Marren were unable to attend the meeting, the Cheshire East Councillor report was circulated at the meeting:

Changes to the Council's Constitution after Council 22/10/15

- 1) Speaking time at planning meetings increased from 3 to 5 minutes for Parish Councils
- 2) Lobby groups are to be considered as supporters or objectors and the speaking time of 3 minutes shared
- 3) Removal of secret ballots from Council procedure rules
- 4) Mayor not allowed to be part of any committee or ASDV
- 5) Audit Committee to appoint an independent member

Fly Tipping

Councillor Marren has spoken to Kim Heapy (Team Leader in the Customer Centre) regarding which e-mail to use to report fly tipping. Kim has advised that info@cheshireeast.gov.uk is the best one to use. The details will be taken from this and a case logged through CRM.

Highways

Reactive Works undertaken by Cheshire East Highways: – in progress

- Throughout Wards and Parishes. - Refilling of salt/grit bins

Programmed Works recently completed by Cheshire East Highways:

- B5077 - Total Road Enhancement, using a road closure.

Resurfacing of the B5077 between the junctions of Hassall Road and Radway Green traffic lights. Gully cleansing and sign maintenance operations have been completed whilst these works have been taking place. Our street lighting team have also upgraded street lighting to LED technology.

Work carried out on the left slip road at the Radway Green traffic signals junction to repair the kerb line. Resurfacing of the Radway Green traffic signals junction.

On the section of the B5077 towards Crewe Green. Works included siding and edging out, sweeping, footway clearance, replacement of studs / lining and cutting back of trees.

Verge Maintenance – Green Operations being undertaken by Cheshire East Highways:

- Annual Weed Treatment – Our second full cyclic treatment of the highway network, including the kerb / channel and the back edge of the footway, where it borders a wall or fence, is now substantially complete. Please let me know if you are aware of any specific locations where issues remain.

- Highway hedge cutting – the Annual Programme of Highway Hedge Cutting has started. The anticipated duration of the programme is 4 weeks, depending upon traffic management and weather constraints. This is nearly complete.

Town and Parish Conference

The next town and parish council conference has been planned for Thursday 10th December 2015 from 18.00 until 20.30. CEC want to know whether Crewe Green PC will be attending the conference.

The location is Sandbach town hall.

CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN STRATEGY

Members will recall the invitation to attend a meeting with Cheshire East Officers to receive a report on progress on the Local Plan and to discuss additional site allocations.

Background

The CEC officers reviewed the current position on the local plan. During the suspension of the Local Plan Examination, the Inspector asked the Council to provide additional evidence on a range of key topics including the overall housing need for Cheshire East. A review of the evidence concluded that the number of new homes needed in Cheshire East should rise from **27,000 to 36,000** over the Plan period. Since then and on the basis of that evidence, much work has been progressed in terms of understanding what additional sites may be required.

The outline process to achieve this is: Reassessment of CEC housing need: complete

- Agreed spatial distribution of uplifted numbers: complete
 - Complete Assessment of Urban Potential: complete
 - Assessment of candidate sites: complete
 - Selection of preferred sites: underway now
- Stage 1 Urban Potential study to look at opportunities within settlements
 - Stage 2 Edge of settlement work to look at potential sites
 - Stage 3 First sift to remove sites with planning permission and sites excluded by constraints e.g. Nantwich Battlefield
 - Stage 4 List of sites for further investigation
 - Stage 5 Site assessment
 - Stage 6 Has each settlement enough housing land?
 - Stage 7 Infrastructure implications
 - Stage 8 Assessment of sites against the Local Plan strategy
 - Stage 9 Short list of sites and evaluation
 - Stage 10 Final selection

The officers reported that work on stages 1 to 4 was substantially completed and that work up to stage 9 should be completed by Christmas. Initial indications from the Inspector are favourable but his feedback will be given to Cheshire East in early December.

In reaching a final decision on the sites to be taken forward in the Local Plan, a formal six week consultation will be held early next year.

At the Crewe Green Link Road Liaison Meeting it was announced that the new extension should be opening in December.

At the meeting Councillor Hammond was asked to set up a meeting with Highways regarding the impact on the surrounding road network following the opening. A meeting has, therefore, been set up for Thursday 26 November 11.30am at Municipal Buildings Crewe. This meeting will also explain the diversions that are to be set up in relation to the M6 Road Widening Scheme starting in January. Councillor Hammond understands that closures will be in place from 10pm and that diversions will be via A534, A5020 and A500. However this will be confirmed at the meeting.

Councillor Long will be attending the meeting next Thursday.

11. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- 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 street light number 10.
- Gully cleansing and sign maintenance operations have been completed.
RESOLVED/- Councillor Lewis to follow up any outstanding gully cleansing with Councillors Marren/Hammond.

12. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk circulated the Crewe - Local Group Highways Programme list 2015/16 - Minor Works All Crewe Funded and Minor Works All Crewe No Funding at the meeting, which were received and noted.

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

From CEC

Cheshire East Pre-Budget Report 2016/17

From CEC – Councillor John Hammond

- HS2 Autumn Update 2015

- CVS Cheshire East's E-Bulletin
- Events from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service
- VRDS DISABILITY NEWSLETTER
- Partnerships Newsletter
- Healthwatch Cheshire East - Partners' News
- Timetable for additional hearings and public consultation - Local Plan
- Health Watch Survey

Cheshire Fire Authority - consultation on draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/17

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following cheques were approved and signed for:

- Clerk's Expenses – November Room Booking at Crewe Hall for PC Meeting
– Mrs G Hawthornthwaite - £30.60
- Payroll Services – 01.10.15-31.03.15 – one employee – CVS Cheshire East - £48.00
- Electricity Charges Street Lights – 01.07.15 to 31.10.15 – Scottish Power - £113.78
- Planning Seminar – Councillor T Long – 20th October 2015 – Chalc - £25.00
- Donations towards the Upkeep of St Michael's Church –
St Michael's Crewe Green PCC - £250.00
- Remembrance Day Wreath - St Michael's Crewe Green PCC - £17.50

It was agreed that the budget for 2016/17 should be considered at the next PC meeting in January.

14. PLANNING MATTERS

- The next town and parish council conference has been planned for Thursday 10th December 2015 at Sandbach Town Hall – 6.00-8.30 pm – The Chairman confirmed that he will be attending.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to confirm with Councillor Marren that Councillor D Rickard will be attending.

- The Design Guide is due to be circulated for consultation. The PC will be invited to comment.
- Councillor John Cornell from Weston and Basford Parish Council is to be invited to attend the next PC meeting in January 2016 to talk about Neighbourhood Plans.

RESOLVED/- Clerk to invite Councillor Cornell to the next PC meeting.

15. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no matters arising.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting is to be held on **Monday 18th January 2016 at 7.00 pm** and the following meeting dates were agreed for 2016:

- Monday 21st March
- Monday 16th May
- Monday 18th July
- Monday 19th September
- Monday 21st November

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Signed Date

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