

# CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Don Rickard (Chairman), Anne Rickard, Roy Spruce, Gerald Twiss, David Lewis,  
Trevor Long  
Councillors David Marren and John Hammond (Cheshire East Councillors)  
Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PC Nick Moore

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

### 3. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

PC Moore reported the crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Crewe Green for May, June and July 2015 as follows:

#### May

There were two crime incidents and no anti-social behaviour incidents.

#### June

There were no crime incidents or anti-social behaviour incidents.

#### July

Presently there are no crime incidents and four anti-social behaviour incidents.

PC Moore reported that following the changes to local Police Units, the new PCSO for Crewe Green is Anthony Burn.

### 4. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

### 5. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 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 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

There were no matters arising that were not covered in the agenda.

### 7. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Trevor Long, a Crewe Green resident, had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council and had been invited to attend this meeting. Trevor gave a brief resume of his background and the PC agreed that Trevor should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Trevor accepted the position of a Crewe Green Parish Councillor. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Notification of Interests forms are to be completed and returned to the Clerk at the next meeting.

It was agreed at the last PC meeting that David Lewis should be invited to be co-opted onto the PC. David was welcomed to the meeting and accepted the position of a Crewe Green Parish Councillor. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Notification of Interests forms are to be completed and returned to the Clerk at the next meeting.

There is now one Parish Councillor Vacancy and two people have expressed an interest. One is a Crewe Green resident and the other lives just outside the area.

After discussion, it was agreed that as the policy of the CGPC is that it is highly desirable that Councillors should be, or have had extensive residence in the Parish of Crewe Green, and such candidates who reside in the area should in the first place be given preference.

However, if the interest already expressed for the final vacancy by the resident should not result in appointment, the PC would contact the person who lives outside the area for further discussion.

**RESOLVED/- Clerk to respond to the person who has expressed an interest, but lives outside the area.**

#### **8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

There were no matters arising that were not covered in the agenda.

#### **9. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Marren reported on the following:

##### **Highways**

The Annual Road Condition Survey for the Unclassified Road Network will be starting on 13<sup>th</sup> July and is a visual/machine based survey assessing the condition of the unclassified network across the Borough. The information collected is used for the authority's performance indicators and prioritisation of road schemes. The finished date for this survey is 18/09/2015 (weather permitting). The survey will not have any adverse effect on the network.

- **Rural grass/Visibility cut** - The annual rural grass swathe cut and first visibility cut are now complete with a 2<sup>nd</sup> visibility cut having commenced this week.
- **Epicormic tree growth** – a programme to remove growth from the base of highway trees, at locations where it is affecting highway users, is anticipated to commence by the end of next week.
- **Noxious weeds** — treatment of noxious weeds, such as Ragwort, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed on the 'A' road network started this week, and should be completed by early next week.
- The foliage around the light on Old Park Road has been trimmed back and the hedges on Narrow Lane.

The PC to let Councillor Marren know of any locations that are of particular concern.

##### **Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy**

###### **Next Steps**

The additional evidence and the suggested revisions to the submitted Local Plan Strategy will be sent to the Inspector by 31 July 2015. In addition it is proposed to further engage with stakeholders upon the outcomes of the additional work, including our suggested revisions to the submitted Local Plan Strategy.

It is suggested that two further engagement events be held, one with other interested parties, which will look at the key elements of the revised evidence base and any suggested revisions to the submitted Plan. There will also be a third Technical Workshop with interested parties of the examination which will look at the Spatial Distribution of Development. The PC had received an invitation to a stakeholder event at Macclesfield Town Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015.

The Inspector has indicated that he intends to convene additional Examination hearings to address the matters addressed in the Council's additional evidence and suggested revisions to the submitted Local Plan Strategy. It is hoped that those additional hearings will be scheduled in the early autumn. Thereafter, the Inspector will decide whether those matters address and rectify the specific concerns identified in his Interim Views and, if so, it is likely that he will reschedule the remaining Examination hearings.

##### **Meeting with First Bus- Service 3**

Councillors Hammond and Marren met with Glenn Bubb from TSS and Nigel Eddleston of First bus Company on the 19<sup>th</sup> June to reiterate our support for the service 3 bus into Crewe. It doesn't appear to be under any serious threat now.

In the meeting they told us that the service to Leighton hospital was ceasing though users would be able to get off at the bus station and transfer to an alternative provider as those were continuing.

### **'Your town, your choice' consultation**

The Council is seeking the views of local residents and businesses on the future of Crewe town centre.  
<http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/crewe-town-centre/crewe-town-centre.aspx>

### **Consultation - Cycling Strategy**

Cheshire East Council is seeking the views of local residents and cyclists on the way forward for cycling across the Borough.

The Council has recently launched its draft cycling strategy and would like feedback from residents on its vision for the future of cycling in Cheshire East. The draft strategy has been written following initial engagement with local cycling groups, which has been very positive in helping to shape this document.

The survey, takes about five minutes to complete and can be done online at  
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/cycleconsultation](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/cycleconsultation).

Cheshire East Council is set to create another innovative new 'arms-length' company to boost skills in the Borough's workforce and help businesses and productivity grow.

There was a road naming ceremony - 'Jack Mills Way' held in Crewe on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

## **10. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

There were no items reported.

## **11. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **From CEC**

CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN STRATEGY - WIDER ENGAGEMENT EVENT - MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2015 - MACCLESFIELD TOWN HALL at 6.00 pm.

### **From CEC – Councillor John Hammond**

M6 J16 PPP Improvements - Traffic Management look ahead programme

VRDS DISABILITY NEWSLETTERS

Carriageway Structural Patching Old Park Road Crewe

CVS Cheshire East's E-Bulletins – June and July

Cheshire Cycling Activities Spring 2015

Events for July 2015 from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service

CVS Cheshire East Training News June and July 2015

Summer holiday events from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service

### **From Cheshire Police**

PCSO Anthony Burn has been appointed as PCSO covering Haslington, Weston, Barthomley, Crewe Green & Sydney area (full area previously covered by Josie)

### **News from Crewe Town Council**

## **12. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following cheques were approved and signed:

- Clerk's Expenses – July Room Booking for PC Meeting (£30.60), Ream of Paper (£2.99), Printer Cartridge (£31.99), Book of 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stamps (£3.78) totalling £69.36
- Repair to Street Lighting Column Old Park Road, Crewe Green - £171.13 – Cheshire East Borough Council
- Electricity Charges – Street Lights – 31.03.15 to 30.06.15 - £112.64 – Scottish Power
- Payroll Service April - Oct 16 - 1 employee @ £8.00 pcm - £48.00 - CVS Cheshire East

The Clerk reported that a VAT repayment of £247.57 had been issued on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

It was agreed that Derek Wildman should be thanked for completing the internal audit for 2015/15 and asked if he could complete the 2015/16 internal audit.

**RESOLVED/- Clerk to follow up with Derek.**

## **13. PLANNING MATTERS**

**15/3185N: Offley Ley Farm, BUTTERTON LANE, HASLINGTON, CW1 5UT** - Variation of conditions 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20 on approved 14/3095N - The conversion of a traditional redundant barn to two dwellings with garages.

There were no PC comments submitted.

**14. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no matters arising.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next parish council meeting is to be held on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.00 pm.**

Thomas Evans, Principal Planning Officer from CEC will be attending this meeting to talk about Neighbourhood Plans.

It was agreed that a representative from Haslington and Basford Parish Council should also be invited to attend as they are in the process of putting together a Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED/- Clerk to follow up with Weston and Basford Parish Council.**

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm