

# CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 26th January 2015 at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Don Rickard (Chairman), Anne Rickard, David Lewis, Gerald Twiss  
Councillor David Marren (Cheshire East Councillor)

Gaynor Hawthornthwaite (Clerk)

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received from Councillors Spruce, PC Nick Moore and Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> No interests were declared.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY</b> There were no reports from Cheshire Constabulary</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM</b> No members of the public wished to address the Council.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2015</b> Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015. <b>RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2014</b> <b>Highway Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 gullies have now been fully jetted by CEC Highways. There is one gully that is not working properly. It has either collapsed or is blocked. Narrow Lane to Slaughter Hill to Crewe Green is to be closed when the extra gullies and surface repairs take place. There will still be access when the works take place. The overhanging hedges will also be cut back during the surface repair works.</li> <li>• The number 3 bus service has now resumed.</li> <li>• A CEC lighting engineer has visited Bank House Farm to look at the cabling for the street light. The Engineer has confirmed that there is no underground cabling.</li> <li>• The responsibility for the overhanging vegetation that is obscuring the road signs were followed up with CEC Legal Services by Councillor Marren and he confirmed that CEC are not generally liable for the vegetation that is obscuring road signs. Councillor Marren was asked to follow up with CEC Legal Services the responsibility for the 30 mph statutory road signs.</li> <li>• <b>RESOLVED/- Councillor Marren to follow up the responsibility for statutory road signs.</b></li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b> The Chairman reported that he had attended the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman had accepted the invitations from the Mayor of Crewe to the ceremony to confer the freedom of Crewe upon the Mercian Regiment on the <u>17<sup>th</sup> February</u> commencing with a short parade at 2pm which will be followed by the Freedom Ceremony in the Memorial Square.</li> <li>• Also to the Civic Dinner in the Long Gallery at Crewe Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February starting with drinks at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £30 and raffles will be held in aid of the Mayor's Charities. Tickets might be available for any other members of CG PC who might still be considering attending. If anybody wishes to do so, please contact <a href="mailto:hannah.marr@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk">hannah.marr@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk</a>.</li> <li>• Induction Service of the Rev. Jules on behalf of the PC.</li> <li>• A Crewe By-Pass site visit and liaison meeting. It was agreed that another PC member should attend one of the liaison meetings.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting with the Police Commissioner and other parish councils.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED/-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Lewis to attend a meeting of the By-Pass Liaison Group on 5<sup>th</sup> February. (Contact details to be forwarded by Cllr Marren).</li> <li>• It was agreed that another PC member should attend the next meeting of the Police Commissioner.</li> <li>• Following the information that had been received from Chalc about an invitation to the Queen’s Garden Party, it was proposed and seconded that the Chairman should be nominated to attend.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR</b> Councillor Marren reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a Holocaust Memorial Day being held at Sandbach Town Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Councillor Marren will be attending and PC members are invited to attend.</li> <li>• A booklet of A-Z CEC Services is now available. Copies were circulated to PC members and 20 copies are to be placed in St Michael’s Church. It was agreed that a link to the booklet should be added to the Crewe Green PC website.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED/- Clerk to add the link to the website.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a proposal for a CEC Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles (ASDVs) for Planning Support and Consultancy.</li> <li>• CEC has now made a recommendation for the final outcome of the Macclesfield Community Governance Review for a Town Council. It is likely to be 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 when it comes into existence.</li> <li>• There has been a change by National Rail in the purchase of rail cards and they can no longer be purchased from CEC.</li> <li>• The daffodil bulbs have now been planted in front of the Crewe Green village sign.</li> <li>• Local Speed Restrictions – Following an enquiry from a resident at Nursery Cottage, Slaughter Hill, a traffic survey is to take place.</li> <li>• CEC schools are in England’s top 3, based on their performance in Ofsted inspections.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b> There were no items reported.</p>
10.	<p><b>CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</b> The following correspondence had been received since the previous meeting in November, which had been circulated and noted, as follows:</p> <p><b>From CEC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of Electoral Register – early January</li> <li>• 13/2277N TOP END FARM, BARTHOMLEY ROAD, BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE, CW2 5NT – for comment</li> <li>• Council Tax Support Grant Calculation for CGPC - £67.00</li> <li>• Local Highway Officer Crewe and Nantwich Lap Contact Details – Phil Grocott</li> <li>• Cheshire East Highways - Traffic Management LAP Report</li> <li>• On-line consultation - Crewe Engineering &amp; Design UTC has been successful in their application to open a University Technical College (UTC) in Crewe and our consultation period runs from Monday 12th January, 2015 until Friday 20th February, 2015 – Drop in Session - Wednesday 4th February, 2015 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm at Crewe Alexandra Football Club</li> <li>• Winter Service Updates – online link Traffic Management and compliance to the Safety at Street Works and Road Works, A code of Practice – Wayne Ashdown - Network Management Team Leader for Cheshire East Highways.</li> <li>• Traffic Commissioners and Operator Licensing – on line survey</li> </ul> <p><b>From CEC – Councillor John Hammond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Services Bulletin</li> <li>• Public Consultation University Way, Crewe - proposals for a new housing development of approximately 110 homes on land off University Way, Crewe.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M6 J16 PPP Improvements - Traffic Management look ahead programme</li> <li>• CVS Cheshire East's E-Bulletin - November 2014</li> </ul> <p><b>From Chalc</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of the Town and Parish Council Conference presentation</li> <li>• Comments on Local Charter between CEC Local Councils and ChALC</li> <li>• NALC Newsletter - Monday 12 January 2015</li> </ul> <p><b>From Cheshire Police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable's newsletter, November 2014</li> </ul> <p><b>From Cheshire Fire Authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015/16 Consultation</li> <li>• CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY DRAFT FIVE YEAR STRATEGY CONSULTATION</li> </ul> <p><b>From CVS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working In Partnership – Consultation – on-line survey</li> <li>• Defra Funding and the Rural Community Council Network</li> </ul>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b></p> <p>Following the Clerk's successful completion of the Certificate in Local Council Administration in August 2014, it was agreed that the Clerk should be paid at Spinal Column Point SCP 20 in accordance with the National Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks Salary scales - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED/- Clerk to return the completed signed bank Standing Order form to the bank, to notify of the change in monthly salary.</b></p> <p>After consideration of the budget for 2015/16, it was agreed that the precept for 2015/16 should remain at £3000.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED/-Clerk to return the completed precept form to CEC.</b></p> <p>The following cheques were approved and signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invoice for Street Lighting Charges from 30.09.14 to 31.12.14 - £113.78 – Scottish Power.</li> <li>• Clerk's Expenses - January Room Booking at Crewe Hall for PC Meeting - £30.60</li> <li>• Repair of Footway Light, nr Bank Farmhouse, Slaughter Hill - £156.95 – Cheshire East Council</li> <li>• Invoice – Annual Fee for Sharepoint – Upper Bridge Enterprises - £144.00</li> </ul>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>Top End Farm</b></p> <p>After consideration of this appeal, it was agreed that the PC have no knowledge on this issue and would, therefore, refrain from commenting.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION</b></p> <p>Having attended the Induction Services of Rev Jules on behalf of the PC, the Chairman thought it appropriate to write inviting her to attend CGPC meetings and enquired if she would be interested in being co-opted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the new vicar and the General Manager, Mart Louwerse at Crewe Hall should be invited to attend a PC meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED/- Clerk to send a general invitation to attend all PC meetings.</b></p> <p><b>Highways Minor Works 2015/16</b></p> <p>The programme of highway works for A534 Crewe Green Road - to Monitor, assess signage from Leighton direction, were received and noted.</p>
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next parish council meeting is to be held on <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at 7.00 pm.</b></p>

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm