

# CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 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>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received from Councillors Spruce and Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond and PC Nick Moore.
<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> No interests were declared.
<b>3.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY</b> As PC Moore was unable to attend the meeting, the summary of the 4 anti-social crime offences for July and August had been circulated prior to the meeting. The PC noted that there were no Anti-Social Behaviour in Crewe Green for July and August 2014.
<b>4.</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM</b> No members of the public wished to address the Council.
<b>5.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2014</b> Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2014. <b>RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2014</b> <b>Highway Matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Narrow Lane-The road surface requires three patches and this has been added to the programme which is due to be completed by the end of October.</li> <li>• The gully in front of Don Rickard’s House has been added to the ad hoc gully programme.</li> <li>• The ACCIDENTS signs in the parish has been followed up with D Chan.</li> <li>• The footways on Narrow Lane/Crewe Rd will be cleaned and weeded by the community gang.</li> <li>• Boundary signs are the responsibility of the parish to install.</li> <li>• The Gullies and Jetting on Narrow Lane have not yet been completed. It is in the programme of works to be completed.</li> <li>• The vegetation that is obscuring the road signs is to be followed up with Phil Growcott.</li> </ul> <b>RESOLVED/- Councillor Marren to follow up.</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT</b> Following the change in the bus route of the number 20 bus and the PC’s correspondence with First Midlands and Councillor Hammond, a meeting has been arranged with Nigel Eggleton, Managing Director of First Midlands, who has responsibility for First Potteries, on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September at 0930 until 1030 in the Executive Meeting Room 1 at Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe. Councillor Hammond is to attend and Councillor Twiss is also to attend on behalf of Crewe Green PC. It was agreed that Councillor Twiss should liaise with Haslington PC to ascertain the number of people that currently use the number 20 bus service. It was suggested that a petition for people to sign should be put up in the bakery and post office. <b>RESOLVED/- Councillor Twiss to follow up.</b>

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS</b>  Councillor Marren reported on the following:  The Pre-Budget Report will be issued in mid-August 2014 and be used for the formal consultation and engagement process with key stakeholder groups until end of October 2014.  <b>RESOLVED/- As soon as the budget document is available, Clerk to forward on to PC members.</b></p> <p><u><b>Highway Investment Programme</b></u></p> <p><b>Siding Out</b> –this activity is designed to prevent the encroachment of verge soil and growth onto the footway. Following on from last year’s successful programme, a further round of siding out (predominantly on the principal road network) will be carried out in the coming weeks. Delays in other programmes have had a ‘knock on’ effect which has resulted in this work being re-scheduled, with the likely start date now being w/c 15 September.</p> <p><b>Visibility grass cutting</b> – the second rural visibility cut is now complete.</p> <p><b>Noxious weeds</b> – treatment of noxious weeds, such as Ragwort, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed on the ‘A’ road network is ongoing.</p> <p><b>Weed treatment</b> – the second Borough wide round of treatment (channel, kerb and rear of footway) is underway</p> <p>The spells of wet and windy weather have continued to hamper the weed spraying operations. Current indications are that the programme should be completed mid-September.</p> <p>The community gang resource is available, specifically to Parish/Town Councils and elected Members, for day to day issues that are considered to be of a high priority in the local community.  The out of hours number available to all other service users for emergency contact is 0300 123 5020.</p> <p><b>Cheshire East Council free business workshop events</b></p> <p>Cheshire East Council’s Business Relations Team are coordinating a series of free workshops for businesses throughout the rest of the year.</p> <p>Sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brand Me! – What Is a Brand and How To Develop One</b>  <b>Date:</b> 11 September 2014, 11.30am-1.00pm  <b>Venue:</b> The Georges Community Centre, West Street, Crewe, CW2 8SJ</li> <li>• <b>Social Media as a Marketing Tool</b>  <b>Date:</b> 16 October 2014, 11.30am-1.00pm  <b>Venue:</b> Macclesfield College, Park Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 8LF</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>  No items were reported.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL</b>  After discussion about the benefits of being a single and joint voice of the community, it was agreed that for the time being, the PC would keep a watching brief on this and that for 2015 the PC meetings should be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every other month. The dates to be agreed at the next meeting in November.</p>

11.	<p><b>HS2 BRIEFING</b></p> <p>Following the details of the HS2 Briefing sessions that had been arranged by CEC for 10<sup>th</sup> September at Westfields, it was agreed that Councillors Don and Anne Rickard would attend the evening sessions and Councillor Lewis would attend the afternoon session.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED/-</b> Clerk to book the places for PC members</p>
12.	<p><b>TREE PLANTING</b></p> <p>Following the information that had been received about Free Trees for School, Community and Youth Groups (UK) which are available from the Woodland Trust, it was agreed that there are no public areas in Crewe Green where they could be planted.</p>
13.	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Correspondence received since the previous meeting in July, which had been circulated and noted, as follows:</p> <p><b>From CEC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M6 J16 PPP Improvements - Traffic Management look ahead Programme</li> <li>• Connecting Communities 2014 – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014</li> <li>• Garden Waste Consultation Shutdown results</li> </ul> <p><b>From CEC – Councillor John Hammond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Trees for School, Community and Youth Groups (UK)</li> <li>• Later Life Newsletter - For Information</li> <li>• LEADER PROGRAMME Cheshire and Warrington: FINAL CALL FOR PROJECTS + E-SURVEY RESPONSES</li> <li>• CVS Cheshire East's E-Bulletin – July 2014</li> <li>• Cheshire East Giveback (Your Money Fund)</li> <li>• Community Road Safety Event for all Parish &amp; Town Councils – 25<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• VRDS DISABILITY NEWSLETTER</li> <li>• Cheshire East Council Local Plan Strategy – Independent Examination</li> <li>• Events for July, August &amp; September 2014 from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service</li> <li>• CVS Cheshire East Training Update - July 2014</li> </ul> <p><b>From CEC – Councillor David Marren</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste Strategy Objectives 2030</li> <li>• Duchy of Lancaster Newsletter - Summer 2014</li> <li>• Minutes - Crewe &amp; Nantwich Area Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Chalc - July 2014 Newsletter</li> <li>• Cheshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable's newsletter, July 2014</li> <li>• Crewe and Nantwich Area Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Wychwood Park Village Hall</li> <li>• HS2 Briefing Sessions for Cheshire East Parish / Town Councils – 10<sup>th</sup> September - Westfields</li> </ul>
14.	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b></p> <p>Mr Wildman has agreed to act as Internal Auditor for 2014-2015.</p> <p>Cheques for the following were approved and signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricity Charges – 31.03.14-30.06.14 – Scottish Power - £112.64</li> <li>• Clerks Expenses – September PC Room Booking - £30.60</li> <li>• Insurance Renewal - £301.70</li> </ul>
15.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>The following planning applications had been received:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>14/3827N: CREWE HALL, WESTON ROAD, WESTON, CW1 6UZ –</b> Extension to an existing building in contemporary part of hotel to provide a new bar area attached to existing brasserie, with associated external works.</li> <li>• <b>14/3828N CREWE HALL, WESTON ROAD, WESTON, CW1 6UZ</b> Extension to an existing building in contemporary part of hotel to provide a new bar area attached to existing brasserie, with associated external works.</li> </ul> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the PC support both Applications as the design is appropriate in this context and will not detract from the setting of the historic part of Crewe Hall.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED/-</b> Clerk to submit the response to CEC Planning before the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 deadline and to write to Crewe Hall to confirm the PC's response and to arrange a meeting to look around the existing facilities prior to the next PC meeting in November.</p>
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman reported that he has not yet received a response to his correspondence relating to the car parking in Crewe that was sent to CEC.</li> <li>• The bill for a replacement lamp for the light outside Bank Farmhouse, Slaughter Hill is still awaited from CEC.</li> </ul>
<b>17.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next parish council meeting to be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at 7.00 pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm