

## CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF CREWE GREEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT CREWE HALL, WESTON ROAD, CREWE ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 AT 7.00 PM

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PC Nick Moore (Cheshire East Police) (For part of the meeting)

There were no members of the public present.

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received from Councillor Roy Spruce and Cheshire East Councillor John Hammond.
<b>2.</b>	<b>CHAIRMANS REPORT – SUMMARY OF 2013-14</b> The Chairman thanked all CG parish councillors and Cheshire East Borough Councillors for their efforts and support over the last year in pursuing parish issues. Thanks were also expressed to the Clerk in keeping the Parish Council in order and filtering all the information to parish councillors.  One major issue has been the strategic and Local Plan. The PC has commented on this at every stage and comments were submitted to CEC.  There have also been developments around Crewe Hall. The PC is opposed to any developments in the green gap in Crewe Green and thinks that any development would be most acceptable in the triangle at Sydney Road which is in line with the continuous development in Crewe. The PC understands that there are no developments planned around Crewe Green Church.  The new website is now up and running.
<b>3.</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS – SUMMARY OF 2013-14</b> As Councillor Spruce was unable to attend the meeting, the Summary Report for 2013/14 had been circulated and read prior to the meeting, which was as follows:  “Notwithstanding the improvement in the economy in the last 12 months, the number of Planning Applications requiring consideration by the Parish Council has remained relatively low. Interestingly this is a trend that has not been shared in a wider context within Cheshire East Council where the number of pre-application enquiries, formal Applications and related Appeals has been substantial.  In 2013/2014 the Parish Council considered less than 5 no. Planning Applications. The largest Application being the extension to the Spa facility at Crewe Hall, which required both Planning and Listed Building Consent.

	<p>The Parish Council’s response to CEC’s Core Strategy Consultation in December was probably the most significant Planning work prepared by the Parish Council over the last 12 months. I would like to thank all Members for their input to this consultation. Preparation of these responses is not always easy when we have to present a balanced report of everybody’s views on a wide range of issues.</p> <p>I am pleased to confirm that the Parish Council considered carefully all Planning Applications and consultation requests and responded to the Borough Council within the required consultation period. I would like to put on record my thanks to Gaynor for her efforts in this regard.</p> <p>The Core Strategy has now been approved by the Council and will be presented to government for consideration this year – it remains to be seen whether the Inspector will accept the proposals, given the extent of conflicting responses which were a result of the consultation process. At least the Borough Council cannot be criticised for not trying to engage with the wider community.</p> <p>The next 12 months will see the consultation on the site allocation and development policy phase of the emerging Local Plan which will be critical for Parish Council’s like ours at Crewe Green to carefully consider as this will be the point at which the ‘flesh is put on the bones’ and where definitive development detail will emerge. In addition, throughout the last 12 months I have attended Planning related events organised by CEC.</p> <p>These meetings have as expected concentrated again on the Consultation processes of the emerging LDF. At the meeting I attended only last week, in addition to a Planning update, there were a couple of presentations centred on the benefits of Partnerships from both the 5 Towns Partnership Forum and also a representative from CHALC.</p> <p>These presentations not surprisingly lauded the benefits of better communication between interested parties, but perhaps worryingly also highlighted the significant reliance on volunteer workers. It is perhaps a sign of the times with such serious budget restraint, that both central and local government see this situation as an acceptable way to promote the Localism agenda.</p> <p>I would like to apologise for my poor attendance record over recent months due to my developing business and personal interests in both the UK and France; a situation which is likely to continue into the future.</p> <p>Notwithstanding my absence in person at the Parish Council meetings, I will endeavour to keep track of the current Planning Applications and consultation requirements and provide input as best as I can. “</p> <p>The Chairman expressed his thanks to Councillor Spruce for his efforts in pursuing the planning applications in more details on behalf of the PC.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS MATTERS – SUMMARY OF 2013-14</b></p> <p>The Chairman has continued to follow up with CEC Highways the on-going flooding opposite Model Farm.</p> <p>The sign on the Crewe Green boarder at Oakhanger is now back up, but is hidden by trees.</p> <p>Any highway issues to be reported to Councillor Marren.</p>

	<b>RESOLVED/- Any highway issues to be sent to Councillor Marren to follow up on behalf of the PC</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>NEWSLETTER REPORT – SUMMARY OF 2013-14</b></p> <p>Councillor Anne Rickard reported that 103 copies of the Newsletter have now been distributed to parishioners.</p> <p>The following items were included in the Newsletter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman’s Message</li> <li>• New Website</li> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• St Michael and All Saints Church, Crewe Green</li> <li>• Advertising</li> <li>• Council Meetings</li> <li>• Councillors and Clerk Contact Details</li> </ul> <p>There have been no responses received from residents to receive the Newsletter by email. The aim is to build up a Residents data base over time which will refer them to the newsletter and other events on the website.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED/- That the next Newsletter be published when there is something significant to publish or later on in the year.</b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS –SUMMARY OF 2013-14</b></p> <p>Councillor Lewis reported that the main issue has related to the cessation of the brown fin collection. The collection times have now been tweaked.</p> <p>Fly tipping continues to be an on-going problem.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>STREET LIGHTING – SUMMARY OF 2013-14</b></p> <p>Councillor Twiss reported on the highway matters as follows:</p> <p>The eleven footway lights owned and maintained by this Parish Council are now all working again.</p> <p>The storm earlier in the year damaged two of these.</p> <p>The first light nearest to McCracken’s Corner supplies the next light down Slaughter Hill, but following a fir tree in the garden of Duchy owned Apple Tree Cottage blowing over, the wire was brought down. The wire has now been renewed by the Electricity Board.</p> <p>The second light near Slaughter Hill Green bus stop failed during the gales and this has now been repaired by Cheshire East. This was the light that was repaired last year and Councillor Twiss has queried with Katie Henshall, CEC Senior Lighting Technician whether this lamp (bulb) has any guarantee. It is unclear whether the PC will get a bill for this.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Questions from the Public</b></p> <p>There were no members of the public in attendance.</p>