

CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Crewe Green Parish Council held at Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.00 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Rev Anne Lawson (St Michael’s Church, Crewe Green)
PC Nick Moore (Cheshire East Police) – for part of the meeting
Cheshire East Councillors J Hammond and D Marren

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE No apologies were received.
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST No interests were declared.
3.	REPORTS FROM CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY PC Moore reported the minimal crime and Anti Social Behaviour in Crewe Green for November and December 2013 which were received and noted.
4.	PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN FORUM No members of the public wished to address the Council.
5.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 3RD NOVEMBER 2013 Members considered the minutes of a meeting held on 3 rd November 2013. RESOLVED/- That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2013 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.
6.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 1ST JULY 2013 6.1 - Councillor Lewis agreed to investigate another electricity supplier quotation. RESOLVED/- Clerk to forward a copy of the two recent electricity bills to Councillor Lewis.
7.	CHAIRMAN’S REPORT The Chairman reported that he was disappointed on the lack of progress with the new website and thought we had forwarded enough information to the designers for a viable site to have been uploaded.
8.	REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS Councillors Marren and Hammond reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The programme of grass cutting is due to start again in February/March. • The gully emptying programme is still being determined. The details should be published by April. • Assistance from a community charge gang is available for small community maintenance jobs. The contact for enquiries is Phil Growcott. Councillor Lewis asked about the cutting back of the large oak tree. It was suggested that the cutting back of the tree may be the responsibility of the Duchy. RESOLVED/- Councillor Lewis to follow up with the Duchy. • HS2 Consultation – CEC is supporting the proposed new high speed rail line (HS 2) and hub station in Crewe. • LAP Minor Works Programme – Barthomley Road – Warning signs are to be installed between Top End Farm and B5077. • The creation of arms lengths companies for Bereavement Services and highways should be set up by 1st April 2014. • Connecting Cheshire – over the next 18 months Connecting Cheshire will be rolling out high-speed fibre broadband. 95% coverage of fibre broadband to Cheshire by 2015.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leader of the Council has met with the Secretary of State to discuss CEC's 5 year housing supply. • Long queues of traffic at Crewe Green roundabout – this is being followed up by officers in highways <p>The Chairman reported that at 7.00 am there is no street lighting on near to the pelican crossings on University Way and the university roundabout.</p> <p>RESOLVED/- Clerk to follow up with CEC Highways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sad news of the recent passing of Councillor Peter Nurse and Julie Gilbert.
9.	<p>NEW WEBSITE</p> <p>A temporary new website has now been set up. PC members CVs and photographs are awaited. It was agreed that the site should go live as soon as possible. Once it is live the Newsletter and the PC vacancy should be added.</p> <p>RESOLVED/- Clerk to liaise with Upper Bridge Enterprises to get the website up and running as soon as possible.</p>
10.	<p>PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Twiss reported that the timetable that had been published for the collections of bins in December was inaccurate. • Councillor Lewis reported receiving complaints about the ceasing of the collection of the brown bins.
11.	<p>PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES</p> <p>There are currently 3 parish councillor vacancies.</p> <p>Two of the vacancies are following the resignation of 2 parish councillors in November.</p> <p>CEC had confirmed that the other vacancy can now be filled by co-option as no demand for an election had been received following the Notice of Vacancy advertisement in June 2013.</p> <p>It was agreed that details about the co-opted vacancy should be put in the Newsletter and on the website and that the notice of the 3 vacancies should be advertised.</p> <p>RESOLVED/- Clerk to arrange for the Notice of the 3 Vacancies to be advertised.</p>
12.	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The following correspondence had been received since the previous meeting in November, which had been circulated and noted:</p> <p>From CEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheshire East Council Local Plan: Pre-Submission Core Strategy Consultation: 5th November to 16th December 2013. • Connecting Cheshire Event <p>From CEC – Councillor John Hammond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Services Bulletin. • VRDS DISABILITY NEWS FLASH. • CVS Cheshire East's E-Bulletin - November and December 2013. • Fire at Crewe Hall Enterprise Park. • RSN Seminar Programme 2014-2015. • Households can use black bins for their green waste for next two collections - news from Cheshire East Council. • Cheshire Living Well, Dying Well Training & Community Workshops. • Post Office Crown Branch Transformation Proposals: Crewe Town Branch - Customer Forum - Monday 16th December - Crewe Library. • CVS Cheshire East - Training News December 2013. • Leisure Developments New Year Learn to Ride course. • Staying warm, safe and well this winter. • Christmas Newsletter from Cheshire East Council Countryside Ranger Service. • Plus Dane Group December Update. • YMCA Crewe Foyer Worker. • Cold Weather Schemes & Initiatives - Bid for Funding

	<p>From Chalc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Seminar – 6th December 2013. • Invite to meet with Police and Crime Commissioner. • The Environment Agency’s Challenges and Choices Consultation. • Council Tax Benefit Support. • Cheshire East Highways- Travelling on our Roads in winter. 						
13.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>The following were approved and signed:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Room Hire for the January 2014 Parish Council Meeting at Crewe Hall</td> <td>£30.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black Printer Cartridge</td> <td><u>£32.03</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk’s Expenses – Mrs G Hawthornthwaite</td> <td>Total <u>£62.63</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>PRECEPT FOR 2013/2014</p> <p>Cheshire East Council have confirmed that the Council Tax Support Grant for 2014/2015 for Crewe Green Parish Council as £88.00.</p> <p>The Parish Council is required to set a precept and submit a precept request form to Cheshire East Council by no later than 17th January 2014. After considering the budget and precept at the PC meeting on 3rd November 2013, it was agreed that the precept for 2014/15 should remain at £3000.</p> <p>RESOLVED/- That the precept for Crewe Green Parish Council remains at £3000 for 2014/15. Clerk to return the completed Precept 2013/2014 to CEC.</p>	Room Hire for the January 2014 Parish Council Meeting at Crewe Hall	£30.60	Black Printer Cartridge	<u>£32.03</u>	Clerk’s Expenses – Mrs G Hawthornthwaite	Total <u>£62.63</u>
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14.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>The PC had submitted comments on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications at Crewe Hall (Ref: 13/4707N & 13/4708N): - The PC supported both of these developments. • A CGPC response to the Cheshire East Council Local Plan: Pre-Submission Core Strategy Consultation 						
15.	<p>NEWSLETTER REPORT</p> <p>It was agreed that once the new website is live, the newsletter will then be published. The aim is to set up a Residents data base over time which will refer them to the newsletter and other events on the website.</p>						
16.	<p>CHURCH MATTERS</p> <p>Reverend Anne Lawson reported that following her appointment as Vicar of Acton, Church Minshull, Wettenhall and Worleston, this will be her last Crewe Green PC meeting.</p> <p>Reverend Anne agreed to forward on to the PC details of her final service.</p> <p>The Chairman congratulated Reverend Anne on her new appointment and thanked her for all her support as Reverend of St Michael’s Church, Crewe Green.</p>						
17.	<p>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION</p> <p>None Received.</p>						
18.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting to be held on Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.00 pm.</p> <p>Councillor Spruce sent his apologies for this meeting.</p>						

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed Date

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