

**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**  
**held at 7.00pm on 11 July 2024**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk  
Cllr Stuart Ablett NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill  
Cllr Emily James Two members of the public  
Cllr Colin Spickett  
Cllr David Whalley

**24.35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Amanda Bussey and Richard Smyth, along with NNC Cllr Cedwien Brown.

**24.36 PUBLIC SESSION**

The owner of Squire Lodge Farmhouse addressed Councillors regarding planning application, 2024/0248. It was explained that GCPC had already made their comments to NNC Planning on the application and these comments could not be changed.

**24.37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ablett declared an interest in planning application 2024/0384.

**24.38 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD 13 JUNE 2024**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

**24.39 PLANNING**

- i. New planning applications were reviewed:
  - 2024/0285 The Oaks, Church Lane-supported
  - 2024/0384 7 Bridle Way-supported
  - 2024/0268 Silverhills Farm-no comments made
- ii. The clerk provided an update on the status of existing applications. There were no updates on planning enforcement issues raised.
- iii. No decision has been made yet on the appeal for the Church Lane development 2022/0543.

**24.40 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

The Regulation 14 stage would begin in September with open days taking place that month. A decision on how the tote bags would be distributed would be made at the next meeting. **Action point JM**

**24.41 NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Hakewill had tried to follow up on planning issues for Church Lane Development and Cransley Road but no further information was forthcoming. He was also looking at the cycle route, which was covered in vegetation. He was also asked to follow up with Highways on the promised drainage work on Loddington Road by 9 July.

**Action point JM/JH**

**24.42 FINANCE:**

- i. The clerk reported on the current financial situation as at 11 July:

Neighbourhood Plan account	£1,826.12
Treasurers account	£9,185.21
Contingency account	£12,379.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>£23,391.24</b>

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:
  - Clerk's June salary £402.87 and HMRC statutory deductions £100.80
  - Clerk's expenses for May and June £45.48
  - NCALC training £50.40
- iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:
  - Clerk's salary and HMRC statutory deductions for July
  - Stationery items £8.08
- iv. ICO fees of £35.00 were approved.

#### 24.43 GOVERNANCE

The following policies were reviewed and approved:

- Standing orders
- Financial Regulations
- Scheme of Delegation
- Internal controls procedure
- NNC Code of Conduct policy
- Publication Scheme

#### 24.44 Progress reports from previous meetings:

- i. Following a training event the clerk had contacted Parish Online for a quote, which had been circulated to Councillors that afternoon. Further detail was required to ensure that this was a direct comparison with the Cuttlefish quote. A decision was made to proceed with the .gov.uk domain and the cheaper website and email option. **Action point JM**
- ii. GCPC were still awaiting quotes for the church clock work. A quote for maintenance work, £776 from John the Paint and Sons was approved. **Action point RB**
- iii. Cllr Bussey had liaised with the Village Hall Committee and a grant application for Community Support Funding had been made with a view to improving access and lighting to the village hall.

#### 24.45 To receive an update from Parish Councillors on their specific roles:

- i. The outstanding highways issues were being actioned. The light on Loddington Road has been replaced. Light number 4 on Bridle Way was still outstanding. Potholes that have been reported have now been fixed. Verges and bridle way access around the village need to be looked at. Concerns were also raised about verges on Church Lane and overgrown bushes on the speed sign. **Action point JM**
- ii. The website had been previously discussed.
- iii. The defibrillator was in working order.
- iv. Cllr Spickett reported that he had attended the Police Liaison AGM with the new Commissioner.
- v. It was reported that there was a footpath issue on Loddington Road with vegetation being overgrown. **Action point JM**
- vi. Cllr Barnwell advised that there were no updates on Neighbourhood Watch.

#### 24.46 To receive an update on village matters:

- i. Concerns were raised regarding GDPR issues with the CVMHC information. It was hoped that this would now improve with the purchase of the new laptop.
- ii. The War Memorial land registration was still ongoing. Work was required on the war memorial to clear the moss and trim back some of the shrubbery. Request to be made for help in the Chronicle.
- iii. Celebrations for the church window were still being discussed with the new Curate. **Action point RB**
- iv. The purchase of a new waste bin was approved. **Action point JM**
- v. It was reported that overgrown trees outside Loddington Road bungalows were causing root issues. This would be followed up with Highways. **Action point JM**

#### 24.47 To consider Councillor's training needs

Cllr James would be attending a Community Engagement course.

#### 24.48 Cransley Chronicle

Items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition- request for volunteers to join the bus shelter rota; communicate all websites; volunteers to help with the cleaning of the memorial and progress on reviewing the website.

#### 24.49 Date of next meetings- 8 August. No meeting to be held in September.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed ..... Date .....