

**GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**  
**held at 7.00pm on 10 October 2024**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk  
Cllr Stuart Ablett  
Cllr Amanda Bussey NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill  
Cllr Richard Smyth  
Cllr Colin Spickett Two members of the public

**24.64 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Emily James.

**24.65 PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no items received.

**24.66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Richard Barnwell declared an interest in the agenda item related to the Diversion application.

**24.67 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD 8 AUGUST 2024**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

**24.68 PLANNING**

- i. There were no new planning applications since the last meeting.
- ii. The clerk provided an update on the status of existing applications. There were no further updates on planning enforcement issues raised.

**24.69 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

A report was received from Joanna Mowat. The Regulation 14 stage had now begun and would run for the period 27 September to 8 November. It was reported that there had been a good turnout with over 50 attendees over the two days. There had been some good discussions with sensible comments and suggestions made. All comments would be published and responded to at the end of the six-week period. Also, the goody bags had been well received

Cllr Bussey reported resident's concerns regarding how to make comments without online or printing facilities. A discussion arose on how this issue could be resolved. It was decided to use the paper distribution list for the Cransley Chronicle. Cllr Smyth would arrange printing of the comments form and Cllr Bussey would arrange distribution. **Action point RS/AB**

**24.70 NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Hakewill provided an update on NNC matters, in particular the proposed warehousing at junction 3 of the A14 near Rothwell. Councillors raised their concerns on the proposed development and the clerk was tasked with sending a response from the Parish Council. **Action point JM**

A discussion arose regarding the flooding and drainage issues in Loddington Road, along with the heavy-handed approach by Highways in dealing with the overgrown right of way to Loddington. Cllr Hakewill would follow up on these issues. **Action point JH**

**24.71 FINANCE:**

- i. The clerk reported on the current financial situation as at 9 October 2024. It was explained that the first grant payment of £7,074.50 for the village hall had been paid into the Treasurer's account. Approval was received for these funds to be transferred to the Contingency account until payment was required. In addition, funds of £1,167.12 would require transfer from NP to Treasurer's account, which would leave a balance of £664.25. This action was approved.

Neighbourhood Plan account	£1,831.37
Treasurers account	£13,399.08
Contingency account	£12,415.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£27,645.95</b>

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:
  - Clerk's August and September salaries £402.87 and HMRC statutory deductions £100.80

- Clerk's expenses for August and September £22.74
- Neighbourhood plan expenditure £1,167.12
- SLCC £71.20

iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:

- Clerk's salary and HMRC statutory deductions for October
- Clerk's expenses
- Neighbourhood plan expenditure £44.70
- Wreath for Remembrance Day

#### **24.72 Progress reports from previous meetings:**

- GPCPC were still looking for a further quote for the church clock work. John the Paint and Sons had not yet started the maintenance work. **Action point RB**
- Cllr Bussey provided an update on the grant application for funding to improve access and lighting to the village hall. The first payment of the grant was received on 28 August. The construction company were able to start work fairly soon but some tree work was required in the car park first. Expenditure was approved to remove the tree and it was decided to use the timber for village projects. Cllr Bussey would arrange a quote for the work. **Action point AB**  
Cllr Barnwell congratulated Cllr Bussey for organising this exciting project.
- NNC had now provided a new litter bin for Church Lane.
- The overgrown vegetation on right of way had now been cut back however Cllr Bussey had felt that this had not been handled well by Highways, whose approach was seen as heavy handed.
- Councillor visibility would be carried forward to the next meeting due to Cllr James's absence.

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

- There were some outstanding highways issues requiring action; the long-awaited drainage work in Loddington Road and a light on Bridle Way.
- Work on the new website had not yet started.
- The defibrillator was in working order. Cllr Ablett had taken over Guardianship of the Circuit.
- Cllr Spickett provided an update on his Police Liaison role.
- Cllr James had previously advised that there were now no problems with footpaths.
- Cllr Barnwell advised that there were no updates on Neighbourhood Watch.

#### **24.74 To receive an update on village matters:**

- No further updates from CVMHC as matters had already been covered.
- 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 before the Remembrance service.
- Diversion application 338 GG9 was discussed following correspondence from NNC. Councillors objected to the application on the grounds that the route is less convenient and would cause confusion for residents.
- Drainage work in Loddington Road had already been covered.

#### **24.75 To consider Councillor's training needs**

Cllr James would be attending a Community Engagement course.

#### **24.76 To consider plans, budget and arrangements for local elections 2025**

Election date 1 May 2025. The window for the first meeting is 7 May to 27 May so our planned meeting on 8 May can proceed. This will be the annual and ordinary meeting. It was agreed to hold the annual parish meeting on 10 April alongside the ordinary meeting. Election costs to be included in budget.

#### **24.77 Cransley Chronicle**

Items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition: Fireworks, Warmth for Winter scheme and Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **24.78 Date of next meetings- 14 November. No meeting to be held in December.**

Items to be included the budget and the election.

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.**

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