

GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held at 7.00pm on 13 February 2025

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk
Cllr Stuart Ablett Four members of the public
Cllr Amanda Bussey
Cllr Emily James
Cllr Colin Spickett
Cllr David Whalley

24.108 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Smyth.

24.109 PUBLIC SESSION

A resident raised her concerns regarding the installation of two telegraph poles in Bridle Way. The clerk advised that generally no planning application was needed as this came under permitted development. However, when installation of apparatus was required in a conservation area the planning department would need to be consulted to consider the visual impact on the conservation area. It was agreed that the clerk would contact planning to ascertain if the correct procedures had been followed. **Action point JM**

24.110 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24.111 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD 9 JANUARY 2025

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

24.112 THREE CRANES

- i. An update on the Three Cranes was received from the proprietors. They reported that sadly they would be putting the pub up for sale later in the year, adding that they were in no rush to sell and it was important to find the right buyer. In the meantime, the pub would be open for drinks only and community events.
- ii. Following the update Cllr Bussey asked Councillors to consider whether the Parish Council should commence the process to nominate the Three Cranes as an Asset of Community Value. This was considered and a decision made to approve the process. **Action point JM/AB**

24.113 PLANNING

- i. There had been no new planning applications:
- ii. The clerk provided an update on the status of existing applications. There were no further updates on planning enforcement issues raised.
- iii. The Harworth Group application for industrial warehouse development 2024/0717 was discussed and it was agreed to send an objection to the application.

24.114 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Joanna Mowat provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan advising that the Consultant was responding to communications. Once these have been actioned it would be submitted to NNC. Following this the Parish Council would take ownership of the plan. Joanna was thanked for all her work on the plan.

24.115 NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There were no NNC Councillors present. Apologies had been received from Councillor Hakewill.

24.116 FINANCE

- i. The clerk reported on the current financial situation as at 7 February 2025. It was explained that the final instalment of the NNC grant had been received on 14 January.

Neighbourhood Plan account	£553.57
Treasurers account	£7,488.64
Contingency account	£4,540.31
Total	£12,582.52

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:
 - Clerk's January salary £435.18 and HMRC statutory deductions £109.00
 - Clerk's expenses for January £22.74
- iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:
 - Clerk's salary and HMRC statutory deductions for February
 - Clerk's expenses
- iv. NACRE £42.00 and SLCC £95.00 memberships for 2025/26 year were approved.
- v. The Parish Online invoice £258.00 for the new website was approved.

24.117 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i. Proposed maintenance work, painting/cleaning was on hold until the weather was better.
- ii. An update on grant application was received. It was agreed to source further funds by way of a grant to complete the car park resurfacing and to obtain further quotes for the work. **Action point AB**
- iii. Councillors were disappointed to learn that the paving issues outside 8 Loddington Road are still unresolved. Cllr Spickett had reported this to Kier and Councillor Hakewill.

24.118 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON COUNCILLOR'S SPECIFIC ROLES

- i. There were some outstanding highways issues requiring action; the long-awaited drainage work in Loddington Road, pot holes in Church Lane and lighting issues at the bus stop. In addition, 4 large boxes had been dumped on Cransley Hill. **Action point JM**
- ii. Work on the new website had begun. Councillors asked to view the website. **Action point JM**
- iii. It was reported that the defibrillator was in working order.
- iv. Cllr Spickett provided an update on his Police Liaison role, reporting that there was still no meeting arranged with the new Police Constable.
- v. Cllr James advised that there was a footpath problem. The landowner will be notified. **Action point EJ/JM**
Cllr Barnwell provided an update on the work required in Cransley Wood. He will write a piece in the Cransley Chronicle to raise awareness with residents. **Action point RB**
- vi. Cllr Barnwell advised that another resident had joined the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

24.119 VILLAGE MATTERS

- i. CVMHC update highlighted concerns with the work carried out on the hall floor.
- ii. The War Memorial land registration was still ongoing.
- iii. It was reported that there were no further volunteers to join the bus shelter/war memorial cleaning rota.
- iv. It was reported that Councillors were getting very frustrated with the long wait for the drainage work in Loddington Road. It was agreed to start at an online petition. **Action point RB/AB**
- v. It was agreed that the Cransley Hall archives would be best placed in Northants Records. **Action point RB**

24.120 TRAINING

Cllr James and Jane Mann had attended the election training.

24.121 TO CONSIDER HOW BEST TO PROMOTE CANDIDACY FOR THE MAY ELECTION

It was agreed that an article should be placed in the Cransley Chronicle. **Action point JM**

24.122 CRANSLEY CHRONICLE

Items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition: voting id; election; tree work in Cransley Woods.

24.123 DATE OF NEXT MEETING- 13 March 2025.

Items to be included: the election, Facebook and governance documents.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed Date