

Cranham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

3rd November 2015

Present: Chairman Mrs. Marcia Lynall, Councillors Mr. Mike Drake, Mrs. Teresa Clarke, Mr. Nigel Cooper, Mr. Nick Holyoake

Apologies: Councillor Mr. Charlie Overs

Public Attendance: 0

The Chairman paid tribute to John Barker, and expressed appreciation for the good work he achieved during his four years service (2008-2012) as a Parish Councillor.

Minutes of the meeting dated 1.9.15, previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

Affordable Housing: Following the Open Meeting where Affordable Housing and the Housing Needs Survey were explained and discussed, it was agreed that the standard survey will be used, with no amendments. This will be posted out in the next few weeks, and further information will be posted on the village email and Facebook.

Clerk Vacancy: The applicant for the position will be interviewed by the Chairman, with Councillor Teresa Clarke and the present Clerk, the date to be confirmed.

Waste Bin – Witches Tump Car Park: Natural England and the landowners have agreed in principle to a litter bin at the car park, on a trial basis for a year. Councillor Cooper will enquire at SDC regarding the purchase, and also whether normal waste can now be put in dog waste bins.

Loop Scorpio: Discussions are on-going regarding faster broadband via Loop Scorpio and the School.

Shepherd's Piece: Any further issues re the Common, will be monitored.

Tree Planting: Kelly Osborne from TCV has assessed the site at the side of the Playing Field, and planting of a hedgerow by TCV volunteers will take place on 26th November.

Finance: Balances: Business Instant Access Account : £7,324.02 (includes £3,958.70 grant), Treasurers A/C : £4,487.57. Chairman Marcia Lynall, as authorised councillor, completed the confirmation of the figures as called for under internal audit rules.

Budget Review: The budget review was approved, as attached, and progress was approved by the Council.

Precept/Budget Proposals: The clerk presented proposals for the 2016/17 financial year, as attached. An increase of 3% was agreed, proposed by Councillor Holyoake and seconded by the Chairman. The precept of 2016/17 is therefore set at £6,310. Councillor Cooper proposed a review of future expenses at the next meeting.

Planning: Plans for a new dwelling on land at Brackenhurst were discussed. There was concern that the new access to the existing house may not meet Highways current requirements. The Clerk to inform SDC Planning.

Permission has been granted for the alterations at The Old Rectory and Chestnut Grove.

Parish Magazine: Following a suggestion that the magazine could be put on the Web Site, it was agreed to pursue the idea. And the Chairman agreed to make some minor revisions to the Welcome Pack on the web site.

Dog Fouling: Councillor Drake brought to the meeting attention that dog walkers have been noted exercising their dogs, off the lead, in the Playing Field, despite the notice that they should be kept on leads. As has been advised in the past, there are health issues involved, especially for children. It was agreed that a firm view must be taken,

and if dogs are running free and fouling the field, there will be no hesitation in calling the Dog Warden. The Chairman will word a suitable communication.

Bench Repairs: The bench at Woodside is in need of some repairs. Peter Raine has offered to undertake the work, and the Council agreed an honorarium of £25 for the work.

Public Transport Review: A review and consultation of public transport is being carried out. Councillor Holyoake will review the details and comment.

Painswick Fire Station: The Council are concerned at the proposal that Painswick Fire Station be closed and future emergency response come from Stroud. It was agreed to circulate the details of the consultation survey to the village by email, so individuals can respond.

CPRE: The Council agreed to decline the offer of Associate Membership of the CPRE.

Jubilee Tree: Following some work done on the Jubilee Tree by the phone box, it has been found to be coming to the end of its life. Any further deterioration will be monitored.

Appeal: An appeal from the Stroud Valleys Project could not be supported by the Council this year, but may be included in the donations budget for next year.

AOB: The overgrown vegetation around the notice board and post box opposite the school has been trimmed.

Date of Next Meetings:

Planning Meeting – 1.12.15, 7.00pm, Village Hall Committee Room

Parish Council Meeting – 5.1.16, 7.30pm, Village Hall Committee Room

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Jane Shepherd
Clerk to the Council