

CRANMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CRANMORE, ON 21st September 2015 AT 7.30PM

Present Cllr Grant Bolton, Cllr Ann Crowcombe, Cllr Alan Price and Cllr David Van Dyk

Attendance Vickie Watts (Clerk) took the minutes. 6 members of the public attended.

1 Declaration of interests and dispensations

There were none.

2 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Jacqui Gallo, Cllr Karen Mitchell and PCSO Nicola Hounsley sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

3 Agreement of Minutes of Meeting held on 10th August 2015 & matters arising

All Councillors agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting so were signed by the Chair.

Vote 4 For, 0 Against & 0 Abstained

All actions had been completed and will be discussed later in the meeting under the relevant agenda heading apart from:

- The Clerk to chase up Highways regarding the request for dropped kerbs at A361 to allow wheelchair access to the village. VW
- Clerk to print a hard copy of the village plan for Cllr Price for the next meeting. VW

4 Meeting Open to the Public (no more than 10 minutes in total)

Last year the Parish Council agreed to a request from Jill's Close committee to fell the 2 evergreen trees in Jill's Close, which are beginning to interfere with electric cables and obscure light to neighbouring residents. It was agreed that it would make sense for work to be completed on the TPO trees at the sports ground as recently agreed by MDC at the same time as the work at Jills Close. Hi-Line have previously quoted for felling the 2 trees. Cllr Crowcombe will obtain a quote from Mr Parrot and the Clerk will forward the details of All Seasons Tree and Garden services of Leigh on Mendip who may also be able to provide a further quote. Jill's close committee need to confirm that they still want it done prior to initiating the work. A decision needs to be made as to whether the Parish Council will fund the work.

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5 Reports

5.1 PCSO report

A report had been received which read:

- 15/08/2015 - Cattle in the road in East Cranmore

5.2 District Councillor report

District Cllr Van Dyk reported that it had been a busy summer. Devolution is the buzz word with Devon and Somerset County Councils expressing interest in working together. They have submitted a notification of intent which it hopes will be successful.

Mendip District Council are talking to South Somerset Council regarding working together to save money. Lots of meetings are taking place and considering whether it could work. This would not be an amalgamation of services. On the 22/10/15 there will be a presentation to show if it is feasible and if it transpires to be worthwhile then it will happen quite quickly.

Somerset Rivers Association have been granted powers to raise money to maintain rivers and prevent flooding. This will be as a precept with each household paying approximately £10 per year.

Planning enforcement have agreed to fund 2 extra members of staff which we hope will see an improvement in the service which enforcement is currently providing.

Government are talking of planning needs in rural communities. It will be interesting to see how this filters down through to our community.

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County Councillor Report

- 5.3 County Cllr Philip Ham did not attend and did not provide a report.

6 Planning

- 6.1 2015/1839/HSE – Extension from the rear elevation Paradis, Piers Road to Turnpike Lane, Cranmore

All Councillors considered the plans prior to any discussion. No letters of complaint or support have been received. It was proposed by Cllr Bolton that the decision be left to planning officer which was seconded by Cllr Van Dyk.

Vote 4 For, 0 Against & 0 Abstained

- 6.2 2015/0977/FUL – Conversion of redundant commercial garage to a residential dwelling and the construction of a domestic garage building. Dean Garage, Dean, Shepton Mallet.

All Councillors considered the plans prior to any discussion. Lee Wright from Pointcloud attended and represented the applicants. He explained that the application was to convert the garage and add a contemporary extension to the rear which will create a 4 bedroom dwelling. It falls within the category of DP22 "reuse of rural buildings".

A letter of objection has been received from Pawelski Close Community Ltd on behalf of the three residents. It raised concerns regarding the sewage package treatment plant which will need to be accessed at all times. They are not objecting to the renovation of the building but do think that it is large build for the plot and are unhappy at the large flat roof, which is not in keeping with surrounding properties and will be visible from neighbouring homes. Concern was also raised regarding the fuel tanks which were underground from years ago when it was a garage. Cllr Crowcombe reported that she had spoken with John Reakes who recalled that this had been removed and filled in some years ago.

The Parish Council recommend both parties get together to discuss services etc and legal issues. Objections to the application include the size, access, change of character of the building, sewage disposal and drainage.

Cllr Crowcombe proposed that the application be approved subject to the planning officer giving consideration to the proposed size of dwelling, access, change of character of the building, sewage disposal and drainage. This was seconded by Cllr Van Dyk

Vote 4 For, 0 Against & 0 Abstained

2015/1888/FUL - Renewal of planning permission Ref 2011/1553 for the installation of a temporary (up to 12 months) tubular steel wind monitoring mast (up to 50 metres in height) with sensors at various heights, data loggers and guys. East Cranmore Shepton Mallet BA4 4SQ

- 6.3 All Councillors considered the plans prior to any discussion. There was no comments to be made other than to say that the maps provided were very vague.

Vote 4 For, 0 Against & 0 Abstained

7 Planning updates

- 7.1 Discussion about the letter from Willmotts DJB re Quarry Way Business Park, Waterlip and any action or response required.

The Chair read out the original letter dated 13th August received from Mr Stott which explained that they have begun the process to add the Quarry Way Business Park as an Operating Centre for Willmotts Transport Ltd and DJB Haulage Ltd to give us flexibility for parking for the fleet. Peter Green Haulage Ltd has surrendered the site as an Operating Centre for 40 vehicles and 40 trailers and the application is for 20 vehicles and 20 trailers. It goes on to say that a letter has been sent to the Traffic Commissioner to confirm that they are prepared to accept and abide by the conditions as imposed on Operator' that currently use the site.

Cllr Crowcombe explained that during the lead up to this year's elections, Mr Stott had asked if she would be in support the work going on at the Quarry Way site which she confirmed she would be as it

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was now light industrial use. This current application is for 40 vehicles and 40 trailers on to be held on site. Ultimately this is an issue for neighbouring residents and not an issue for Cranmore Parish Council. Mr Stott has planning permission in place for various builds and if they were to be built he wouldn't have the room to accommodate the vehicles and trailers. It is noted that he will have to work within the hours previously agreed with the license.

- 7.2 2015/1227/FUL Land South East of 55 Dalimore Lane, Dean, Shepton Mallet
Conversion of barn top dwelling including addition of extension and minor amendments to current approved plans (2014/0339/FUL)
Approved with conditions
- 7.3 2015/1405/PAH Erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.9m with a max height of 3.5m and an eaves height of 2.9m
Prior approval is refused
- 7.4 2015/1370/CLP Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed change of use agriculture building and associated land to residential (C3 use)
Hone Farm, Southill House to Brottens Road, West Cranmore, Shepton Mallet
Refused
- 7.5 2015/0854/FUL Demolition of existing stable and turnout/exercise area. Proposed stables with tack/storage and turnout area. Change of use from agricultural to mixed equestrian and agricultural use as amended by revised plans received on the 1st June 2015.
Approved with conditions
- 7.6 ENF/2014/0214PCN Planning contravention Notice
Served on Stotts Transport Services Ltd, Quarry Way Business Park

8 Finance

- 8.1 Agree Bank Reconciliation
The bank reconciliation was completed by the Clerk and was checked by Councillor Van Dyk who confirmed that it was correct.
- 8.2 Review of Financial Statement
All Councillors had received a copy of the statement prior to the meeting and it was agreed that everything was in order as expected.
- 8.3 Payments:
The following cheques were agreed by all Councillors and duly signed by the Chair and Cllr Crowcombe:
No invoice was received from TQ Excel as yet.
It was noted that the cheque written for the Clerks salary and expenses should have been 204.93 but had incorrectly been written for £205.93. It was agreed that the amount claimed next month will be reduced £1.

Vote 4 For, 0 Against & 0 Abstain

Clerks salary August (Inc HMRC payment)	£145.65
Expenses	£ 59.28

9 Sports field

- 9.1 Agree purchase of Cricket field fence
It was agreed that Cllr Price felt that the cost of material could be reduced if purchased from Mole Valley Farmers. It was agreed that Cllr Price and Cllr Bolton would visit MVF on the 6th October to gain an accurate price which will then be brought to the next meeting for approval by full Council.
Agenda item for next month to agree new quote. Ag
- 9.2 Discuss tenancy agreement
Cllr Van Dyk will liaise with Somerset Playing Field association and Cllr Price will approach another village to see if they can help with the tenancy agreement – Agenda item. Ag

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9.3 Local Legacy Grant

Cllr Van Dyk confirmed that October 16th is close for applications. Jill's Close are working on an application. It was agreed that the Cricket Club would be next in line as we are already investing in work of the field.

9.4 Agree purchase of sign for sport field entrance

Sign Efex Ltd have supplied 2 samples of a signs for the sports field. It was agreed that it should be 600 x 900 and landscape in black font on silver/grey beyond. Clerk to place the order.

VW

10 **Village plan**

It was agreed that this would be adjourned until the next meeting.

Ag

11 **Emergency plans**

It was agreed that this would be adjourned until the next meeting.

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12 **Highway Issues** (Including update on the transfer of SIDS, Speeding & outstanding requests, etc...) SID Scheme – Cllr Crowcombe confirmed that we needed to purchase reflective clothing –for three people which was appropriate for use on A road use or high speed use. The Clerk to contact Somerset Highways who may be able to advise. Clerk also needs to activate insurance for Speed Indicator Device.

A meeting will be arranged with Dave Grabham for Thursday the 5th November at 10am at Cllr Crowcombe's home. Mr Grabham will bring the Risk assessments, show how to download the software and also show how to remove and install the device.

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Speedwatch – Sarah Goff of Doultling Speedwatch has confirmed they are looking to activate Doultling again soon. They will be hosting a meeting for all Doultling and Cranmore volunteers to attend. Cllr Bolton to inform the Cranmore volunteers.

GB

13 **Councilors Reports** (Community group, Footpaths; Speed Watch; SALC; Quarry) **Community Group – The Chair reported**

The SALC AGM will take place on the 26th September 2015. Clerk to attend.

14 **Meetings Attended / To be Attended**

- Rural Forum 23/09/15 – Mendip District Council Chambers.
- Somerset Association Local Council AGM to take place on 26/09/15 at Somerton – further details to follow.
- Part 2 Local Plan 16/09/15 at Well 10-8pm 12 – 8pm at Shepton and 19/09/15 @ Coleford. Advisable to attend.

17 **Correspondence**

Rural Broad band – Cllr Van Dyk to research
Clerks & Councils Direct – Clerk to read.

18 **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Full Council meeting 12th October and 9th November 2015

The meeting closed 21.04pm

The minutes were agreed as a true representation of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

Signed _____

Dated _____