

CRANMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CRANMORE,
ON 11th MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM

Present Cllr Grant Bolton (GB) Cllr Ann Crowcombe (AC) and Cllr Karen Mitchell (KM)

In Attendance Vickie Watts (Clerk) took the minutes. 8 members of the public attended.

1 **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

Cllr Crowcombe declared an interest in the agenda item 6.1

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Gallo and Cllr Van Dyk both sent apologies which were duly accepted by the Chair.

3 **Agreement of Minutes of Meetings held 13th and 27th April 2015 & matters arising**

All Councillors agreed that both sets of minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and were then signed by the Chair. All actions were completed or will be discussed later in the meeting apart from:

- Bus shelter – the Clerk confirmed that MDC are to investigate and repair the broken pane.
- Quarry Liaison meeting held on the 16/04/15 – Cllr Crowcombe attended and said that the spoil is going to be dumped on the left just before Cranmore Tower. Everyone seemed to be happy with the pre planning decision.
- Notice boards – David Dixon is to investigate what work is needed this week and will report back.
- Cllr Bolton is to get working party together to raise funds for the Cricket field – GB
- Clerk to contact Tom Killen re Sports Field valuation and Jill's Close – Carried VW
- Speed indicator devices – Adjourn until Cllr Van Dyk is present Ag
- Highways – insist that a line is marked to show where highway ends – Clerk to chase up Highways department. VW

All actions from the meeting which took place on the 27th April have been completed

4 **Meeting open to the public**

Cllr Bolton confirmed that the Community group would like to see a litter bin installed at Piers Road layby. The Clerk to obtain quotes for a cheap green or black litter bin. Agenda item for next meeting.

VW
Ag

A booking has come through from All Hallows requesting the hall from 9am – 4.30pm when they will be teaching pupils about nutrition. During the afternoon the pupil will be using the kitchen to cook healthy meals. Concerns were raised regarding the Village hall insurance cover for such an event. It was agreed that a letter would be sent asking for a copy of the insurance policy, a risk assessment along with confirmation of the pupil / teacher ratio. Cllr Crowcombe to help with the draft letter.

5 **Reports**

5.1 **PCSO** – PCSO Nicola Housley did not attend and no report had been received.

5.2 **District Councillors report** – No report had been received.

5.3 **County Councillors Report** – County Councillor Ham did not attend and no report had been received.

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6 Planning

6.1 2015/0691/FUL – Change of use and construction of one B2 industrial unit Transport Depot at Quarry Way Business Park, Waterlip, Shepton Mallet

Cllr Crowcombe had declared a personal interest (not a pecuniary interest). All Councillors had previously reviewed the plans. The applicant had refused access to the site prior to this meeting which is unfortunate. Cllr Crowcombe said that now that Cllr Van Dyk is a Ward Councillor the applicant was likely to want him to visit the site which raised the question as to whether Cllr Van Dyk would consider attending if he was to be invited, considering that he was refused as a Parish Councillor. The Chair will speak with Cllr Van Dyk regarding this matter.

GB

After much discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would make a general observation as follows:

The Parish Council are not able to recommend approval as they have been refused access to site and so are unable to answer the following concerns regarding the extent of:

1. Noise (Extractor fans).
2. Light pollution.
3. Pollution to the lake which is used as a reserve water supply.
4. Possible removal of spoil which could destabilise the spoil heap.
5. The Parish Council recommends that Aggregate Industries are consulted regarding the application.

Please note that the working hours need to be checked and double checked as Mendip District Council has on two occasions got this incorrectly listed on previous applications.

Vote taken 3 in favour 0 against 0 abstained

6.2 2015/ 0854/FUL – Demolition of existing stable and turnout area. Proposed stable with tack / storage room and turnout / exercise area. Change of use from agricultural to mixed equestrian and agricultural use. Land North of A361, Dean near Shepton Mallet.

Residents attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding the access from the field onto the A361. They asked "How can they seek permission to replace the stable block when it has never been given permission". They were also concerned that in the future an application will be put in for a dwelling to look after the animals.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Bolton that the application should be refused on the basis that:

1. Will be over development of a field.
2. Increased traffic accessing and leaving on a dangerous bend and accident black spot on the A361.
3. The track leading to the field is already subject to enforcement action.
4. Concern as to whether the security lighting will affect the neighbouring properties and users of the A361.
5. We are concerned that the cumulative effect will create a negative impact on the view to Cranmore Towers which is a tourist location.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Crowcombe. A vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of refusing the application for the abovementioned reasons. Clerk to notify planning office on both applications.

VW

Vote taken 3 in favour 0 against 0 abstained

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7 Planning updates

- 7.1 Review of Mendip's Planning Validation Requirements – Consultation
Cllr Crowcombe will read and respond if required and pass on to other Councillors.
- 7.2 2013/1785 Diversion of Footpath, SM4/1 – Land South of Old Wells Rd, Waterlip, Shepton Mallet. Footpath will be diverted.
- 7.3 2015/0826/NMA - Piers Cottage, Piers Road, Cranmore
Application for non-material amendment to application 2014/2552/HSE to alter the proposed south east
- 7.4 2015/0269/FOOT – proposed diversion of public footpath ref SM4/16, Withy Wood Lane, Cranmore. The application is to be withdrawn.

8 Finance

- 8.1 Agree Bank Reconciliation
This will be adjourned until the next meeting as the bank statement has not yet been received.
- 8.2 Review and agree Parish Council Insurance. (Final year of three year contract)
The Clerk explained that the renewal documents had included the option to extend the long term policy for a sum of £1510.57 until 31st May 2018. After discussion it was agreed that the long term agreement would be declined at this stage. The renewal premium due for the coming year is £1590.07. The Clerk to calculate how much is due from Community Group and Memorial Hall committee and to notify the groups. The cheque will need to be issued at the next meeting. Ag
- 8.3 Income
The Precept of £7811.33 & VAT repayment of £172.83 has been received.
The Clerk has requested the Cricket club rent for the period of 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 totaling £3.00.
- 8.4 Payments
The following cheques were agreed by all Councillors and duly signed by the Chair and Cllr Crowcombe:

Clerks salary April (Inc HMRC payment)	£236.39
Expenses	£ 50.64
C Brown Shepton Mallet Landscaping (Grass cutting)	£825.00
Harris & Harris	£ 30.00
Somerset Association of Local Councils - affiliation fees	£119.23

Vote: 3 For; 0 Against and 0 Abstained

9 Agree grass cutting contract for 2015

The Clerk had spoken with Chris Brown who agreed that he was happy to drop the cutting of Dallimore Lane on a regular basis and that it would cost £40.00 per cut if we needed it to be done. All Councillors agreed to drop the cutting of Dallimore Lane which would save a total of £120 per year and to instruct Chris Brown for the next 3 years at the agreed rate as follows:

- Jills Meadow - £750 per year
- Village Hall - £500 per year
- The Banana at Dean – £120 per year

Vote: 3 For; 0 Against and 0 Abstained

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- 10 Decision on Cricket field fence**
Adjourn to the next meeting Ag
- 11 Village Plan**
Adjourn to the next meeting Ag
- 12 Emergency plans**
Cllr Mitchell agreed to draft an emergency plan which she will then bring to a future meeting. KM
- 13 Highways Issues**
Speed Indicator Device scheme – It was agreed after discussion that the Clerk should contact Dave Grabham and give go ahead to join the scheme. VW
- Cllr Crowcombe asked if enquiries could be made with the Highways department regarding the open ditch on Dallimore Lane. Clerk to ask if a pipe could be installed and covered and to ask if the road has been. VW
- 14 Councillor Reports**
Community group – The village fair will take place on the 25th July. Currently looking for raffle prizes so if anyone can help with this it would be much appreciated. It is hoped that the Village groups will all have stalls.
- 15 Meetings attended/To be attended**
Mendip District Council Parish Forum will take place on Thursday the 4th June 2015 and will be geared towards the newly elected Parish Councillors.
- 16 Correspondence**
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| Wildlife Trust | Find out more about it & invite in couple of months if appropriate. | VW |
| Lloyds Bank | Confirmation of bank mandate changes | |
| Clerks & Councils Direct | Passed to GB | GB |
- 17 Date & Time of next meetings**
Full Council meeting Monday 8th June & Monday 13th July
- The meeting finished at 9.30pm
- It is agreed that this is a true and accurate record of the meeting
- Signed _____ Dated: _____