

CRANMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CRANMORE, ON 14th August 2017 AT 7.30PM

Present Cllr Crowcombe (Vice Chair) Cllr Grant Bolton, Cllr Gallo and Cllr Alan Price

In attendance: County Cllr Ham, Vickie Watts (Clerk) took the minutes. 5 members of the public attended.

1 Declaration of interests and dispensations

There were none.

2 Apologies for Absence

Cllr David Van Dyk, Cllr Karen Mitchell and PCSO Nicola Housley all sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

3 Agreement of Minutes for the Parish Council meeting which was held on 10th July 2017 and matters arising

All Councillors had received the minutes prior to the meeting and agreed they were an accurate record of the meeting held on the 10th July and were therefore signed by the Chair.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against & 0 Abstained

All matters arising had been actioned or will be discussed under a later agenda item apart from:

- County Cllr Ham will source an additional concrete pipe to use as a bin on Piers Road.

4 Meeting Open to the Public.

Mr Blaker raised concern as to why the Parish Council were listing a presentation by Mr Nick Haskins on behalf of the Residents Group regarding the Wainwrights Quarry planning application. He confirmed that Wainwrights were holding a presentation at Stoke St Michael on the 31st August 2017, which would allow anyone to attend and view the proposed application and ask questions if required.

The Chairman explained that the Council was happy to hear what Mr Haskins had to say.

5 Planning applications

5.1 Mr Nick Haskins from the Residents Group regarding Wainwrights Quarry planning application 2016/0665/CNT - Construction of three Replacement Tips at the Moons Hill Quarry Complex at Stoke St. Michael, Shepton Mallet

Mr Nick Haskins introduced himself and said that the reason for his visit was not to give a presentation but to ensure that everyone was clear about the date for responses to be submitted. There has been much confusion. The original date for responses was the 31st July 2017 but this was before the date of the Open meeting arranged by Wainwrights to be held on Thursday 31st August 2017 at Stoke St Michael Village hall. After much communication by many, Somerset County Council has agreed that the consultation response date be pushed back until the 20th September which allows for the Parish Councils to consider the application at their monthly parish meetings. Mr Haskins was concerned that due to the confusion they were keen to ensure that everyone was aware of the changes in date.

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The Chairman thanked Mr Haskins for attending and reassured him that the Cranmore Parish Council will be considering the application at the September meeting on the 11th September when everyone will be welcome to attend.

County Cllr Ham explained that each neighboring council usually sends a resident and a Councillor to the Quarry Liaison meetings. Cllr Crowcombe attends as the Councillor representative for Cranmore however no resident was currently attending. This was something that the Council may wish to address.

Post meeting note - Mr Haskins does not live in Cranmore and would therefore be unable to take up the position of Cranmore resident representative.

5.2 **Planning updates**

There were none.

6 Reports

6.1 Somerset County Council

County Cllr Ham attended the meeting and apologized for the lack of attendance over the last year but said that the Monday meeting date clashed with Mendip District Councils Cabinet meeting.

Recently Councillors were allocated their new roles. County Cllr Ham continues with Policy and Place, Scrutiny and is now on the Corporate Parent committee, which is a very interesting role and oversees the welfare and care of the 500 children in care (now called looked after children). He also sits as a Governor on the virtual school. There is lots to learn around the new role with Audit, with a new IT strategy on EU rules which is all very complex along with the pension funds. He is also part of the HR policy committee and continues to be part of the Somerset Rivers Authority, which has provided a very detailed report recently which all Parish Councils should have received.

County Cllr Ham explained that he had recently been invited to visit Hinkley C which was overwhelming in its proportions. There are now 1700 people working on site which will rise to approx. 9000 at its peak. There is twice as much work going on underground as there is above. The 1st train will be leaving Whatley to deliver stone into Hinkley in about 4-5 months. They have built housing and a park and ride – the infrastructure surrounding the scheme is amazing. The Somerset larder is providing locally sourced produce for the canteen.

A new road (the 358) is being considered which will join the M5 (Jct 25A South) South of Taunton and will head towards Wellington. It is hoped this will be in place for 2020.

Cllr Ham said that he felt that Hinkley C will have a very positive impact on the economy of Somerset.

The security which is in place is immense. Passports had to be submitted 2 weeks prior to the visit for checks to be made and the process of checking in on the day took an hour.

County Cllr Ham is part of the Scrutiny team who are working hard to stop the sale of the County farms.

There is £18million savings to be made in the next financial year, which will be a challenge.

6.2 Mendip District Council

District Cllr Van Dyk had sent his apologies but no report was provided.

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6.3 PCSO Report

PCSO Nicola Housley reported that during the last month the following incidents were reported:

30/07 - A road traffic collision outside Torr works quarry

02/08 - A break into a unit at East Somerset railway, various valuable items taken.

18/07 - Two suspicious males were seen removing scrap from Dean

It was also reported that as of next week PCSO Nicola Housley will no longer be the PCSO covering for Shepton Rural as she is moving over to the Wells Rural Beat. PCSO 7586 Sheila Thompson will take on the Shepton Rural Beat. She will continue with Beat Surgeries and meetings.

7 **Finance**

7.1 Financial statement

The Clerk had circulated the financial statement for consideration. All Councilors agreed that the report was as expected and was therefore signed by the Chair.

7.2 Agree Bank Reconciliation

This had not been completed but will be carried forward to next month.

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7.3 Income

The payment from the VAT claim for the financial year 01/04/16 to the 31/03/17 had been received and totaled £2527.66

7.4 Pension update – staging date 1st July 2017

The Clerk confirmed that she had completed the declaration of compliance online on the 26/07/17.

7.5 Payments:

The following cheques were read out for payment:

Clerks salary for July of £161.07 & expenses of £23.72	£	184.79
SLCC membership – paid by Coleford PC	£	34.75

It was agreed that the cheques should be signed by Cllr Crowcombe and Cllr Bolton.

Vote 4 in favour; 0 against and 0 abstained

8 **Discuss and agree repair of the notice board at Dean.**

Cllr Price quoted approximately £246.96 for the repair of each notice board (Dean and Cranmore). He provided a diagram which showed the design and explained that the boards would have sliding doors and toughened glass. All Councillors agreed that the new notice boards should be made at the cost of £246.96.

Vote 4 in favour; 0 against and 0 abstained

9 **Memorial for David Dixon**

Councillors and Mrs Dixon had been asked to give consideration to a fitting memorial which would have been appropriate for David. After discussion, it was agreed that the new notice boards may be a fitting memorial as David was at the heart of the village and was instrumental in spreading the word for forthcoming events and information around the village. The Clerk to write to Mrs Dixon to suggest this idea as a tribute to David.

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10 **Discuss updating the Village Plan**

It was agreed that the first Section – Highways would be discussed by the Traffic Advisory group (made up of representatives of Cranmore and Doultong). The Clerk will make an index for the Village Plan. Agenda item for the next meeting.

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11 Discuss and agree Parish website administrator

Clr Crowcombe explained that she now had the login details to edit the website. It was agreed that she would meet with the Clerk to investigate the site and ascertain how easy it is to update the information. Agenda item for the next meeting.

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Clr Crowcombe explained that the Chair of the Douling Social Committee wanted to link into the Cranmore E-chat. Clr Crowcombe to liaise with Clr Mitchell with contact details.

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12 Update on potential purchase of field adjacent to Jill's Close & funding options.

Clr Crowcombe and the Clerk have met up and put together an initial application to Sport England which was submitted online and acknowledgment has been received but no further response as yet.

13 Update on Sports field

1. Installation of the border fence – The fencing material has been purchased and delivered. Simon Dyke has agreed to install the posts in preparation for Clr Price and Clr Bolton to then install the fence.
2. Entrance signage – This is to be installed by Clr Price.
3. Dog fouling and signage – To be installed at the Tennis courts and the Cricket field by Clr Bolton.

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14 Highway Issues (Inc SIDS, Speeding & outstanding requests, etc...)

Highways – Concern was raised over the foliage which has grown to restrict the vision of the signage approaching the cross roads when travelling from Shepton Mallet towards Piers Cross. Clerk to report to the Highways department.

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SIDS – The SID is currently installed at Dean. The new post has been installed ready for the device at Waterlip. Information has been downloaded from the other sites with the help of Johan Smit. It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to both Johan Smit who regularly helps with downloading of all the SID software data recordings. And to David Grabham who has supported us in providing SID software data processing and analysis of vehicle count and speed recordings.

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15 Councilors Reports (Community group, Footpaths; Speed Watch; SALC; Quarry)

15.1 Community group – There was no meeting this week following on from the Summer Fayre weekend. Clr Van Dyk emailed all the volunteers to say thank you for their help and that the Fayre was a great success in bringing the community together on what was a lovely sunny day. The total raised is not at this stage known but it was generally agreed that it was a success.

15.2 Jill's Close – The metal work for the seats have been powder coated and enquiries are being made to replace the woodwork with either new timber or a recycled material. The Chairman thanked Clr Price who provided the marine ply for the recent repair to the play boat.

15.3 Memorial Hall – County Clr Ham is to provide a template risk assessment for the village hall to work with for the Hallmark award. Clerk to email request.

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16 Meetings Attended / To be Attended

Wainwrights Quarry Planning application – Open meeting at Stoke St Michael village hall on Thursday the 31st of August 2017 from 2pm til 8pm. Notices to be placed on the notice boards.

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17 Correspondence

Somerset County Council Joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) – Ageing well. Emailed to all Councillors for review and comment as individuals if they wish to.

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Mendip District Council Consultation on proposals for introducing Public Space Protection orders within Mendip. – The Clerk to respond and ask that they consider including Parish Council owned land.

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18 Date & Time of Next Meeting

11th September 2017 at 7.30pm – Monthly Parish Council.

The meeting ended at 9pm