

# CRANMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CRANMORE,  
ON 13<sup>TH</sup> January 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present **Grant Bolton (GB, Chair), Ann Crowcombe (AC), Christine Smith (CS) and Jacqui Gallo (JG), Mark Snelson (MS), District Cllr Gloria Cawood,**

In Attendance **Vickie Watts (VW; Clerk) and 4 members of the public.**

1 **Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

2 **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

There were none.

3 **Agreement of Minutes of Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 & matters arising**

The minutes had been distributed to all Councillors and were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and were then duly signed by the Chair.

All actions were completed and will be mentioned later under agenda items apart from:

- AC to chase up on website AC
- DP to cut back trees at Gills Close. The Chair read out a letter which had been received, which requested that these trees in Gills Close be cut back. GB has replied explaining that this will be done as soon as weather permits.
- The stones have been moved back into the driveway at The Lodge, which now makes it possible for two cars to pass.

All other items are to be mentioned under the relevant Agenda items.

4 **PCSO Reports**

PCSO Nicola Hounsley attended and reported as follows:

15/12/13 – Power cables were down in East Cranmore.

03/01/13 - Car on roof in East Cranmore but no one injured.

AC asked about cars being parked on highway without tax. PCSO suggested that this be reported directly to DVLA. PCSO Hounsley will send out the dates for the community visits to be publicised.

5 **Meeting Opened to the Public**

It was reported that dog waste is being placed in the litter bin outside the hall. GB will place a sign on the bin requesting that dog waste be placed in the dog litter bin located near the garages. GB

6 **Container for the Cricket field and the fence**

The fence has been damaged by the wind and needs to be removed, which GB has agreed to do. A 4ft fence has previously been approved by locals so GB will obtain quotes. It was agreed that the Clerk will check insurance cover to see if it is covered for wind damage to the fence and establish who would be liable if a car was hit by a cricket ball. All aspects to be discussed at the next meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> with the cricket club. GB  
VW  
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The Parish Council and Cricket club have met and had fruitful discussions and it has been established that funding has been secured to enable a block building to be built to be used for storage rather than using a metal container.

It was proposed that a committee be formed which would call a minimum of four

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official meetings each year which would be minuted by a clerk. The committee would require 3 members of the public and 3 Councilors all with full voting rights. The Clerk would need to be paid to attend each meeting. GB proposed a committee be set up to be reviewed after a year. No meeting should last longer than 2 hours. This will be adjourned until next month for the Clerk to research further.

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## **Gloria Cawood arrived – 20.00hrs**

### 7 **Planning**

There was none.

### 8 **Planning update on recent decisions and planning applications**

Cllr Cawood confirmed she has been receiving emails from AC regarding Quarry Way, Waterlip but suggested that we now use [glorcawood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:glorcawood@yahoo.co.uk) as she has had some intermittent problems with existing email addresses. If Quarry Way was to go to the planning board on 5<sup>th</sup> February the agenda would be issued a week before. It would have to go through Gloria before that stage and she will of course let us know. Cllr Snelson attended the Doultling meeting who considered the Quarry Way, which was refused.

### 9 **County Councilor Cawood report**

Councilor Cawood has been away over Christmas. She reported that there is currently a big planning application for about 50 houses in the parish of Nunney, which looks like it might go ahead.

Both applications for solar panels at Doultling and Nunney have been refused.

The annual gypsy and travellers survey is to be completed on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. Mendip still has no policy on this which is unfortunate.

### 10 **Review of Village Plan: Drainage and Transport**

It was highlighted that the wall of the bridge over the railway has been damaged. The drains need clearing along the road from Village Hall towards All Hallows. GB to report both issues

GB

The Council ran through the drainage and transport part of the village plan and made several amendments which will be approved at the annual meeting. Clerk to amend.

VW

### 11 **Councilor vacancies**

Nothing to report this month.

### 12 **Finance**

#### 12.1 Financial Statement

The Chair ran through the current statement which was agreed by all Councilors as correct. The Chair duly signed a copy for the records.

#### 12.2 Precept and budget for 2014/15

Following on from last month's discussions regarding the proposed budget and precept, Cllr Bolton proposed that we raise precept to £7500. The CTS grant of £290.84 will also be passed on to the Parish. This was seconded by Cllr Snelson. A vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of the proposal. Clerk to complete and return the paperwork.

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## 12.3 Payments

The following cheques were agreed by all councilors and duly signed:

Clerks salary (December)	£115.33
Mendip Community Transport	£ 75.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 50.00
St Bartholomew's Church	£500.00
Methodist Church	£ 50.00

## 13 **Highway Issues** (Outstanding requests, etc...)

1. There is new damage to the wall on the bridge over the railway which will be reported by GB as mentioned in the above minute ref 10.
2. It was reported that the part of the hedges in Cooks lane has been cut. The Clerk to contact Mr Edmondson and Mr Ellis (Lives in Piers Rd cottage) to ask if they can cut the hedges that they own namely opposite the entrance Martins Paddock, which belongs to Mr Edmonson and the West side of Cooks Lane from the A361 to Martins Paddock is, which is owned by Mr Ellis. The hedge is causing a problem with visibility.

VW

## 14 **Update on Dog waste bin and litter bin**

Having gained consent from Highways, Dean Pitman will install the old bin that was outside the hall, which will be put into the layby on Piers Road.

We are still struggling to find an appropriate location for the new dog waste bin – GB to email photos and map locations of further locations. Clerk to seek approval.

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## 15 **Councilors Reports**

Cllr Snelson confirmed that the article regarding the neighbourhood watch will be in the next copy of Grapevine.

## 16 **Meetings attended**

Cllr Snelson attended Doulling Parish Council meeting and put forward the view of Cranmore Parish Council with regards to the planning application for Quarry Way, Waterlip. Decision refused.

The next planning meeting held by Mendip District Council will be held on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 at Wells Town hall 6 – 8.30pm when they will be discussing Enforcement.

## 17 **Correspondence**

Shaun Allen sent an email dated 31/12/13 regarding general state of Cranmore Village including the drains being blocked at Tansey, litter in Piers Road layby and concerns over tensions between residents and the cricket club. The Clerk will write to confirm that the drains will be reported, litter being cleared and the bin installed. The letter will also state that the Parish Council are working closely with the cricket club and residents with a committee being set up to help progress and improve the cricket club facilities.

VW

Nicola Fernandez-McEwan emailed the Chair with concerns over the flooding of her home at Crane Cottages which the Chair read out. GB will draft and send a reply. Clerk to continue to chase up Somerset County Council and County Cllr Philip Ham for support.

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County Cllr Philip Ham – Clerk to draft the letter to John Osman , Harvey Siggs & David Huxtable asking for their help to get better support from Cllr Ham.

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- 18 **Date & Time of next meeting**  
10<sup>th</sup> February 2014

It is agreed that this is a true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_