

CRANMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH
HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CRANMORE, ON 28TH April 2014 AT 7.00PM

Present **Grant Bolton (GB, Chair),**

In Attendance **Vickie Watts (VW; Clerk) and 16 members of the public.**

1 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Philip Ham, Cllr Gloria Cawood, Cllr Christine Smith, Cllr Mark Snelson, Andy Stott, Cobi Snelson, Gwenda Brock and Diana Reader had sent apologies.

2 **Agreement of the minutes held on 15th May 2013 and matters arising**

The minutes had been distributed and it was agreed that they were an accurate record of the meeting and were then duly signed by the Chair.
There were no matters arising.

3 **Mr Andy Stott re Quarry Way Business Park.**

Mr Stott did not attend but provided a detailed report, which was read out to those present, and a copy of which is attached.

4 **Parish Council report – including the review of the Village plan.**

Grant Bolton, Chair of the Parish Council confirmed that the last year had seen some Councillors leave and new co opted. Sandrine Valliant also resigned as Clerk with Vickie Watts appointed. He went on to thank all current Councillors and past for their commitment and hard work.

The defibrillator was installed and he thanked everyone for the fundraising which made it possible. There has also been new dog waste bin installed on Piers Road and it is hoped that another suitable location will be found within the year for a third bin. A litter bin will also be installed in the lay-by on Piers Road.

The road markings at the junction of Piers Road and East Cranmore Lane have been improved which offers safer access for pedestrians. Alterations have also been undertaken at the junction of Piers Road and the A361 which again has improved access for pedestrians but it is questionable as to whether it could be further improved. The Council will continue to monitor.

Speed-watch continues to be active and the information gleaned is key to getting support and changes from the highways department.

The Parish Council is working closely with the Cricket Club to raise money to replace the boundary fence beside the road, storage and facilities at the ground. We have been successful in obtaining a grant for £700 from Somerset ounty Councils health and well-being grant and are hoping to hear that a further grant from a local business will also be successful.

The Parish Council is aware that the information currently on the village website is not up to date. Discussions have started to ascertain what should be available on the site and it is hoped that this will be addressed soon.

It is unfortunate that the bus service to village has been halved due to a reduction in funding.

The Parish Council agreed to an increase in the precept for the first time in many years. This is to accommodate the loss of grants which have been reduced from both District and County and to ensure that future village projects are protected.

In order to safeguard the Memorial Hall a fund has been started this year to help with any future repairs.

Flooding has been an issue again at Crane Cottages and the Parish Council has liaised with the residents, the neighbouring land owner and the local authorities to try to come up with an appropriate remedy.

Grant confirmed that during the coming year he hoped the Parish Council will continue to improve the village. It is hoped that the telephone box can be relocated

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to outside the village hall and that the trees in Jill's Close will be cut back. It was also noted that closer links with the Community group are hoped to be achieved as Grant will now Chair the meetings prior to the Parish Council meetings for the time being.

The Village Plan has been printed and displayed on the village notice boards for residents to read. The Chair explained that over the past few months the Parish Council have been reviewing and updating the plan. He asked if anyone had any questions about the document. David Dixon confirmed that there is now NO bus to Salisbury which means that there are no buses that serve Dean. He also noted a spelling mistake both of which will be updated.

There were no questions, so Grant confirmed that the Parish Council would continue to update the document which will then be available on the website.

5 Meeting opened to the public

A resident noted that the small 30mph reminder signs that were located within the village have been removed. Grant explained that they had been noticed by a representative from the highways department when he stated that it was illegal to have both 30mph signs and lighting. The Clerk will speak with the PCSO to ensure that they have been lawfully removed rather than stolen.

VW

The new tenant at the Strode Arms attended earlier and confirmed that the pub was undergoing some internal decorating along with a review of the menu and will be reopening this Friday at 6pm when canapés will be served - everyone welcome. They confirmed that they are keen to become a key part of the community and explained how they are hoping that in the future they might like to open a shop in the garage to the rear of the pub subject to the usual planning permission. They were invited to attend the next Community group meeting on the 12th May starting at 6.30pm.

6 Reports from:

6.1 Jill's Close committee

A report was provided which was duly read out. A copy of which was attached.

6.2 Memorial Hall committee

John Reakes attended and read the report on behalf of the committee. A copy of which is attached.

VW

6.3 Community group

John Reakes attended and read the report on behalf of the committee. A copy of which is attached.

6.4 Friendship circle

A report was provided which was duly read out. A copy of which was attached.

6.5 Cricket club

No report had been provided.

6.6 Tennis club

Marie Pitman attended and read the report on behalf of the committee. A copy of which is attached.

6.7 Cranmore pre school

No report had been provided.

6.8 St Bartholomew's church

Joan Dixon attended and read the report on behalf of the committee. A copy of

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which is attached.

- 6.9 Neighbourhood watch
No report had been provided.
- 6.10 Strawberry Line Women's Institute
A report was provided which was duly read out. A copy of which was attached.
- 6.11 Police Community Support
No report had been provided.
- 6.12 District Councillor report
A report was provided which was duly read out. A copy of which was attached.
- 6.13 County Councillor report
A report was provided which was duly read out. A copy of which was attached.
- 6.14 Website
David Dixon attended and confirmed that the village website is now up and running! www.cranmore-somerset.co.uk It covers the following areas:
- History
 - News
 - Gallery
 - Refuse & recycling
 - Parish Council
 - Info section – which includes Methodist Chapel, St Bartholomew's, Community group, Pre School, WI and the Cricket club.

David encouraged people to forward information to him for the website in particular news and forthcoming events for the google calendar. The contact email address for such information is dldixon@lineout.net

The website will be publicised within the Grapevine but David was keen for everyone to spread the word.

- 7 **Date & Time of next meeting**
12th of May 2014 for Parish Council meeting

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

Signed _____ Dated: _____