

CRANMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CRANMORE,
ON 9TH June 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present Grant Bolton (GB, Chair), Mark Snelson (MS), Ann Crowcombe (AC),
Christine Smith (CS) and Karen Mitchell (KM)

Also present County Cllr Philip Ham (Part) and District Cllr Gloria Cawood.

In Attendance Vickie Watts (VW; Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

1 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Jacqui Gallo and PCSO Nicola Housley both sent apologies which were duly accepted by the Chair.

2 **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

There were none.

3 **Agreement of Minutes of Meetings held on 12th May 2014 & matters arising**

The minutes had been distributed to all Councillors and were agreed as accurate records of the meetings which were then duly signed by the Chair.

All of the actions mentioned within the minutes were completed and will be mentioned later under agenda items apart from:

4-3.12 GB has checked the white lining throughout Waterlip and it does need doing, which has been reported to Highways.

4 The lighting recently installed for the riding arena the property at the junction of Piers Road and the A361 has caused concerns. The planning department stated that there was a lighting schedule at the time the planning was passed but a copy had not been sent to AC with the other related documentation. Clerk to write to MDC and request a hard copy of the planning conditions including the lighting restrictions.

VW

4 **Meeting Opened to the Public**

A resident raised concerns over the recently erected building at the Lodge, West Cranmore as it appears to be built from concrete blocks when in the past there has been a concern with the proximity with historic buildings. GB said that this may be the inner walls and hopefully it the outer walls would be more sympathetic. Monitor the progress of the build.

There are also concerns at the entrance to the Lodge over the position of the large stones obstructing the layby. They had been moved back for a while but seem to have crept forward closer to the carriage way recently, which could cause a problem if a car was to collide with them. The Clerk to write a letter to highways regarding the layby.

VW

It was also reported that the "No through road sign" at Dean has been misplaced along with a missing reflector which had been fixed to the lower part of the post. GB to report to highways.

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5 **The Cricket field and the fence**

Cllr Bolton proposed that the Cricket Club fence could be replaced using posts and netting to prevent the balls straying rather than the fencing which had been previously quoted for. This would be a cheaper option and could be removed at the end of the season. GB to investigate and get quotes.

GB

The signed copy of the agreement has been received from the Cricket Club. A new location has been proposed namely between the road and the tennis court but this will need to be agreed with local residents and the Cricket club prior to the installation.

GB

5 **PCSO reports, County & District Reports**

5.1 PCSO reports

Nicola Housley had emailed her apologies along with a note that there were no issues to report.

The Community group has confirmed that the Village Fair will take place on Saturday 26/07/14. The Clerk to request that cones might be provided to be positioned outside the pub and the close vicinity to stop cars parking on the carriageway causing an obstruction for the buses. Clerk to also write to the bus company notifying them that the event will be taking place.

VW

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5.2 **County Councillors report**

Philip Ham is hoping to attend later.

5.3 **District Councillors report**

Gloria Cawood reported that she attended full council meeting last month when it was agreed that the number on the planning committee will be reduced to 15. GC agreed to the reduction but asked them to consider allowing substitutes in line with Somerset County Councils practice. This will be introduced in August.

GC stated that with the new planning process District Councillors should be informed of planning applications within their area but GC has concerns as she has not been informed of some quite important matters. She will continue to investigate and monitor.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will be up for further consultation soon and GC encouraged all to read and comment.

6 **Planning**

6.1 Ref: 2014/0339/OTS – Conversion of building to a residential dwelling (amendment to application type from 'outline' to 'full' application) 55 Dean, Shepton Mallet

Councillors raised concerns over the fact that this application is not showing on the MDC planning website – how can people view or comment? Clerk to bring to the attention of MDC.

All Councillors have had an opportunity to consider the plans for the above-mentioned application and after much consideration it was proposed by GB that the application be approved which was seconded by AC. A vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of approving the application on the basis that it will improve the appearance of the building. However in the response to Mendip District Council planning department we will request that during work on the development, loading and unloading should be sympathetic to the local residents. Also contrary to the application the Parish council can confirm that there is currently no mains sewerage system in Dean.

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- 6.2 2014/0884/HSE – New Single storey double garage and 3 roof lights.
Dallimore Lodge, 53 Dean, Shepton Mallet.

All Councillors have had an opportunity to consider the plans for the above-mentioned application and after much consideration it was proposed by MS that the application be approved which was seconded by GB. A vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of approving the application on the basis that it is a natural development of the area & doesn't change vehicular access or usage of the area.

- 6.3 **Planning update on recent decisions and planning applications**

2014/0251 – 3 Pawelski Close, Dean – Single Storey Side Extension.

2014/0363 – All Hallows Prep School – Erection of single storey cricket pavilion.

Both applications were approved with conditions

2014/0325 – Millstones Waterlip, Shepton Mallet – Prior determination under the Town and Country planning (General permitted development) order 1995 (As Amended) Mendip District Council has decided that pursuant to legislation that prior approval is not required.

Quarry Way application – AC raised concerns that Cranmore PC & Doultling PC along with District Council GC all objected to the application, however it did not go to the planning board. What is the point of us being consulted? Clerk to write to the Planning officer and Chair of planning board to question the action that was taken.

VW

7 **County Councillors report**

Philip Ham attended and said that there was little to report but that the new Health and Well-being grants and Road Improvement scheme would be available for applications soon so the Parish Council should think about appropriate projects.

After much discussion it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged between Councillors and County Councillor Ham to discuss the many Highways issues and concerns that the Parish Council have. Date to be agreed.

PH will continue to look for action from the highways department to repair the culvert and wall in Waterlip.

8 **Grass cutting**

Chris Brown Landscaping has made a first cut of the Banana and has confirmed that they are holding a written log of all cuts made.

The Clerk to request that the grass be cut in Jill's Close in preparation for the Village Fair on Saturday 26/07/14.

VW

A Parishioner reported that Highways grass cutting team has cut the hedgerow opposite the Banana but the width of cut was not adequate to allow clear visibility of the highway and a local resident had subsequently cut it back further.

9 **Finance**

9.1 Financial Statement

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

John Reakes provided a cheque for £497.10 from the Cranmore Community group's contribution towards the insurance. A cheque from the Memorial Hall group for the same amount will follow soon.

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9.2 Payments

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

Clerks salary (inc £12.00 tax rebate	£193.22
HMRC	£ 0.00
Clerk expenses	<u>£ 59.63</u>
Total	<u>£252.85</u>

10 **Website/Facebook/Twitter**

Website

Mr Dixon confirmed that the website will be restructured and go live on Saturday 14th June. Many new pages will be included. There are a few glitches but these are being worked on. A disclaimer will be included. The web address is www.cranmore-somerset.co.uk Spread the word!

Facebook & Twitter

The Clerk has emailed SALC policy information for Twitter, Facebook and Website for consideration. It was agreed that this be digested over the next few weeks and be on the Agenda for the next meeting when it will be decided whether to adopt.

11 **Update of Flooding at Crane Cottages**

The Clerk confirmed that FWAG are arranging a meeting with the land owner this week. A report with the recommendations will be provided to the landowner, residents of Crane Cottages and the Parish Council. Agenda item

Ag

12 **Highway Issues:**

Speed indicator devices:

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Doulling to discuss the sharing of SID (probably with another Parish) and the management of such a scheme. Clerk to investigate the Insurance cover for volunteers maintaining and installing the SID.

VW

Deano and Jacqui Gallo have emailed expressing concerns over the speed at which road users are traveling through Waterlip and Tansey in particular from the 30mph gateway up to the entrance of Scania. They have been liaising with Dean Brewis of Camera Enforcement and Highways department who have identified that most vehicles are driving in excess of 50mph. They have experienced people tailgating them when they have driven at 30mph and have witnessed irate drivers who have overtaken gesturing their annoyance at the 30mph speed they are driving at.

They would like to see speed camera installed and feel that this is the only way to reduce the speed on this section of road. The Clerk to write to Avon & Somerset to request a camera.

VW

As mentioned previously in these minutes the Councillors and PH will arrange a meeting to review the highways issue and see if a plan can be made to improve the highways within the Parish.

13 **Councillors' Reports**

13.1 Footpaths: Nothing to report.

13.2 SALC – Policy information received regarding Twitter, Facebook and Websites. This will read and discussed at the next meeting.

13.3 Quarry – Complaints received about a Wainwright lorry with a particularly noisy exhaust. This was dealt with by Wainwrights immediately.

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14 **Meetings attended**

Clerk attended the HEART OF WESSEX Local action group on 5th June 2014. Clerk VW
to scan information for consideration.

15 **Correspondence**

The Wildlife Trust – No action required
Mendip Community Transport – Request to advertise. Mr Dixon to place on website
Policing Newsletter – Handed to Councillors – No action required.

16 **Any other business**

Clerk to book Chair Training with SALC for GB VW

17 **Date & Time of next meeting**

Monday 14th July & 11th August (Short) 2014 at 7.30pm

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

Signed _____ Dated: _____