

CRANMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CRANMORE,
ON 14th July 2014 AT 7.30PM

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

Also present District Cllr Gloria Cawood.

In Attendance Vickie Watts (VW; Clerk) and 15 members of the public.

1 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Mark Snelson, Cllr Jacqui Gallo, District Councillor Philip Ham and PCSO Nicola Housley all 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 9th June 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.

4 **Meeting Opened to the Public**

Concern was raised over the newly built stable block adjacent to the Lodge (Which is a listed building) on East Cranmore Lane. It is built from concrete blocks which are now partially painted. The Clerk to find the planning application to see what permission was granted and whether there were any conditions. VW

There is a large pot hole in the middle of Dean which is deteriorating. GB suggested that anyone who spots a highway issue should report directly to the highway department on 0845 345 9155. GB will report the pothole. GB

It was asked why the Cricket club members were not invited to the meeting on the Cricket Field recently. The Chair explained that it was an impromptu meeting to discuss the fence and no offence was meant.

5 **The Cricket field and the fence**

A request was made to see a copy of the deeds to the Cricket Field, which are held at Lloyds bank, Wells. Mr Lee Wright kindly offered to download the deeds from the Land registry site if it has been uploaded. If not the Clerk to obtain a copy from Lloyds bank. VW

The Chair described how a temporary fencing system could be used to edge the Cricket field at Tansey to cover a longer area than the original fence at half the cost of the quote received earlier this year. A vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of purchasing the temporary fence using the funds received from Somerset County Councils Health and Well Being grant received in April. GB

A request was made to cut back some low branches on the trees which edge the cricket field. As they are registered as protected trees permission will need to be sought. Clerk to contact Bo Walsh on 01749 341534 or bo.walsh@mendip.gov.uk who will be able to help. VW

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

5.1 PCSO reports

Nicola Housley had emailed her apologies along with a note stating that there was nothing to report.

5.2 **County Councillors report**

No report was received.

5.3 **District Councillors report**

Gloria Cawood reported that the new system of dealing with planning applications has brought confusion and chaos. Ward Councillors are meant to be notified of all new applications. Parishes and other consultees **must** respond within 21 days. Ward Councillors **must** respond within 28 days with planning reasons as to why they feel the matter should go to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a decision on whether the application should go to Board. District Councillor Cawood said she had been notified by Mendip of 4 applications, when there was at least. There is a concern that the new system takes away the democratic in-put of the local Ward Councillor and more of the decision making purely in the hands of officers.

Bath and West Enterprise Area Local Development Order (LDO) is on the agenda for July 7th. Cabinet with the intention of agreeing to go to consultation and obtaining planning permission. The LDO grants detailed planning consent for future commercial development to come forward without the need for further individual planning applications. Business rate relief will be provided on new buildings in order to promote and speed up new investment and commercial development of new high grade business premises. It is intended that the draft LDO document will go out for consultation over the summer with the aim of it going to Planning Board in September for approval. There is already concern from other parts of Mendip, including the Chamber of Commerce, about whether establishing such a Zone here is in the best interest of business growth in other parts of Mendip, the fairness of giving specific rate relief for this site only, the impact on the Bath and West Showground's future, traffic issues and particularly from Prestleigh's point of view the impact on the quality of life for the people who live there.

Don't lose your right to vote: The Government is changing the way people register to vote. Instead of each household filling in a registration form, each person in the household will have to do this. Everyone will have to give their date of birth a National Insurance number. With 2015 the General Election (and Mendip District Council elections) it is important to respond to the letters which should be delivered in Mendip in July/August.

6 **Planning**

6.1 Ref: 2014/1036/OTA – Land SE of Mullins, Tansey, Cranmore, BA4 4RP

Outline planning for a single dwelling house

All Councillors had had an opportunity to consider the plans for the application. Lee Wright spoke on behalf of the applicant and explained that the application was for a small bungalow which would be in keeping with the neighbouring properties. After discussion and consideration the Council voted unanimously in favour of approval for the following reasons:

- The proposed bungalow is in keeping with the neighbouring properties
- No objections from the neighbours have been received.
- It is good use of the land.
- It is encouraging to see a smaller lower value property being built which are in high demand.
- We support the fact that this is a bungalow which could easily offer disabled access.

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We would also ask that good soak away systems are used within the parking area.

- 6.2 Ref: 2014/1006/FUL - Southill House, West Cranmore Shepton Mallet BA4 4QS
Installation of a biomass boiler system comprising a wooden clad shipping container boiler room
All Councillors had had an opportunity to consider the plans for the application and after consideration a vote was taken with all Councilors unanimously in favour of recommend approval for the following reasons:
- The location of the boiler room will not be over looked by neighbouring residents.
 - Sympathetically designed and sited.
 - The Parish Council encourages finding environmentally friendly systems to heating the house.
 - No objections had been received from neighbouring residents.
- 6.3 Ref: 2014/1022/CNT - West Cranmore Quarry, Doultling, Shepton Mallet
S.96 Application for First Periodic Review of Mineral Permissions 036297/002, 036297/004 and 036297/005
- 6.4 Ref: 2014/1025/CNT - West Cranmore Quarry, Doultling, Shepton Mallet
Section 73 Application for Development without Complying with Conditions 3, 12, 25 and 26 of Planning Permission 036297/007 to enable Permanent Operation of the Stone Products Facility

With both of the above Quarry applications the Parish Council gave consideration and was happy that both should be granted as it encourages employment in the area. It was agreed that the Clerk would state in the response that the time in which we were allocated to respond was tight.

VW

- 6.5 **Planning updates**
2014/0356/TPO – Land South of Quarry Way Business Par, Waterlip, BA4 4RN
Proposed tree works including pruning felling and planting
Approval with conditions
- 7 **Village Plan** Agenda
This was adjourned until next month.
- 8 **Mendip Local Plan Consultation on Main Modifications** Agenda
It was agreed that this be adjourned until after the Mendip Rural Forum being held on the 21st July 2014 at 6.30pm.
- 9 **Somerset Mineral Plan**
No action required.
- 10 **Rural Housing Review**
The Chair has already completed the survey
- 11 **Local Audit and Accountability Act**
No action required.
- 12 **Finance**
- 12.1 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.

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12.2 Payments

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

Clerks salary & HMRC	£116.12
Clerk expenses	£ 12.33
SALC – Chairman training	£ 25.00

13 **Website/Facebook/Twitter**

13.1 Website

Mr Dixon confirmed that the website now has a note on the home page which shows any changes made along with date so that it is obvious to visitors. The calendar is now up to date and the June and July Grapevine is now linked and will be held on the site for 6 months.

13.2 Facebook & Twitter

It was agreed that the SALC policy should be amended and adopted next month. All Councillors agreed that a Cranmore Facebook page should be set up and should be closed so that “friends” need to ask to become part of the group. A vote was taken unanimously in favour of adopting the policy and setting up the Facebook page. Cllr Mitchell to progress.

Agenda

KM

14 **Update of Flooding at Crane Cottages**

The Clerk confirmed that FWAG have arranged 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

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15 **Highway Issues:**

The PCSO confirmed that the permanent enforcement cameras requested last month are not currently being used in this area but she did say that Waterlip has been noted as an area for concern and that the mobile enforcement teams will be active.

The ineffective grass cutting along the highway at Dean has been raised as a concern again. The Clerk will report to highways. It was also mentioned that the grass at the Banana at Dean also needed cutting

VW

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A temporary road closure notice had been received for Quaperlake Road, Bruton, which would be placed on the village notice board.

KM

13 **Councillors’ Reports**

There was nothing to report.

14 **Meetings attended/To be attended**

Mendip Rural Forum is being held at Kilver Court, Shepton Mallet on the 21st July 2014 at 6.30pm

ALL

15 **Correspondence**

Grapevine distribution. - A letter has been received from the Friendship Circle stating how concerned they were to hear that the Grapevine would no longer be available as a paper copy or be delivered. The Chair explained that it was going to be available online in PDF format for easy download/printing along with hard copies being available in The Strode and Memorial Hall. However it will be publicised that if individuals still require a hard copy to be delivered to their door then that will be arranged. Clerk to write and respond to the Friendship Circle.

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SCC Highways department, Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders – Will now be emailed rather than posted to the Clerk

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David Heath MP Tour. Will be visiting Cranmore on the 31/07/14. Poster to be placed on the notice board.

Parker's Wholesale catalogue – No action required.

16 **Any other business**

Nothing was raised.

17 **Date & Time of next meeting**

Monday 11th August and 8th September 2014 at 7.30pm

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

Signed _____ Dated: _____