



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creting St Mary on **Tuesday, 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chairman
 J Palmer
 R Coton
 D Stevenson
 P Scully
 N Smart

In Attendance: County Councillor Matthew Hicks
 J Blackburn – Clerk

CSM129/17/18 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

CSM130/17/18 – APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Craggs.

CSM131/17/18 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Clerk declared an interest in item 10 (Ref: DC/17/06258) on the Agenda.

CSM131/17/18 – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM132/17/18 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th NOVEMBER 2017

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 28th November 2017 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CSM133/17/18 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. He briefly reported the following:-

- Home to school transport was being reviewed with a two-and-a-half-month consultation period in progress. Currently £21 million is being spent per year on getting children to school. Various options were being looked at in order to make savings. The County Council was subsidising 2,400 children's transport to and from school than was legally required. Further information could be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel
- Fully funded first-time central heating systems for Suffolk residents – the local authority was able to provide the above to 514 fuel poor households across Suffolk over the next three years. Around 4 million UK households are in fuel poverty, unable to affordably heat their home to the temperate needed to stay warm and healthy. The project would enable the County Council to make a practical, long lasting difference to improve their living conditions and to make their homes more affordable to heat. Anyone who did not have a central heating system and found it a challenge to afford energy bills should contact Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People on 03456 037686.

CSM134/17/18 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR S MORLEY

Cllr Morley’s report was circulated prior to the meeting. She briefly reported that the District Council had agreed to sign up to the Woodland Trust’s Charter for Trees, Woods and People. It was an initiative by the national charity, which set out people’s rights to the benefits of trees, woods and forests. The charter’s ten principles include planting more trees, a commitment to protecting irreplaceable trees and woods, sustaining landscapes rich in wildlife and using trees as the inspiration for cultural projects.

Options Parishes might like to suggest would be a tree planted for every child born, or every person that dies. The Parish Council were asked for any suggestions. It was agreed that it would be put onto the next Agenda for a further discussion to take place. **Clerk to Action.**

Cllr Coton asked Cllr Morley for an update on the possible merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk to which Cllr Morley replied that a referendum would not take place as it would cost in the region of £50,000 to £100,000. Mid Suffolk had already received a mandate for a merger to take place and a recent telephone survey had resulted in 72% in favour of a merger happening, so Mid Suffolk were in favour also.

CSM135/17/18 – POLICE REPORT

The Police were not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

CSM136/17/18 – CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk’s report was circulated prior to the meeting and had given the Parish Council an update on items from the previous meeting. She had nothing further to report.

ii) CLERK’S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported on the Council’s current financial position and movements since the last meeting. It was reported that the balance in the accounts on 4th January 2018 was £19,021.43 (of which £2,966.71 was CiL money and £620.55 was being held for future History Days) and an additional £5982.51 being earmarked for Blacksmiths Field.

iii) PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

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| 100823 | Macmillan Cancer Support | Donation | £100.00 |
| 100824 | Jennie Blackburn | Clerk’s Salary (Dec) | £253.31 |
| 100825 | Jennie Blackburn | Clerk’s Expenses (Dec) | £160.37 |
| 100826 | Ipswich Borough Council | Play Area Inspections | £207.55 |
| 100827 | SALC | CiLCA Training (Clerk) | £100.00 |
| 100828 | Jennie Blackburn | Clerk’s Salary (Jan) | £253.31 |
| 100829 | Jennie Blackburn | Clerk’s Expenses (Jan) | £26.33 |

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,100.87 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

iv) Final Budget 2018/19

It was AGREED: That the Final Budget for 2018/19 be approved.

v) Precept for 2018/19

It was AGREED: That the Precept, in the sum of £9,500.00 (approximately £32.36 per Band D property) be approved.

CSM137/17/18 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/17/06258 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of one and one half storey rear extension (following removal of existing balcony and stairs) and insertion of window to side elevation - 1 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF

The Clerk was asked to remain in the room in order to briefly explain the proposal.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no objections to the application. **Clerk to Action.**

Ref: DC/17/06270 - Reserved Matters Application relating to submission of details under Outline Planning Permission 0090/17 - Erection of a single-storey dwelling - Site To The North Of The Willows, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary, IP6 8NH

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no objections to the application. **Clerk to Action.**

CSM138/17/18 – PLANNING DECISIONS

The following Planning decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/17/04995 - Householder Planning Application - Householder Planning Application - Erection of two single storey front extensions and garage conversion; Modifications to conservatory structure at rear - Meredith House, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NF – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/17/05092 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of rear and side conservatory - 5 Creeting Bottoms, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8PH – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/17/03494 - Condition 3 - Scheme of Hard and Soft Landscaping - Highfield, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG – **APPROVED**

The Chair agreed to vary the order of business so that Item No. 22 could be taken at this point of the meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

It was AGREED: That the public be excluded from the following item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

CSM139/17/18 – RED TELEPHONE BOX – (LAND OWNERSHIP ADVICE)

Members of the Parish Council considered informal legal advice that had been sought in respect of a land ownership issue within the village. The consensus of the meeting was that an asset owned by the Parish Council should remain in its present location on the land, in the absence of clear evidence being provided that the land was owned by another party.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk actions the matter in accordance with the advice received and the views expressed at the meeting.

(Councillors Scully and Smart did not take part in the voting on the matter as they knew the other party and this could be deemed to be a prejudicial interest in the matter).

CSM140/17/18 - ASPHALT AREA ON BLACKSMITHS FIELD – BASKETBALL HOOP

The Clerk reported that she had no further update at this stage.

CSM/141/17/18 – SPEEDING

It was AGREED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

CSM142/17/18 – NOTICEBOARD

Cllr Scully reported that the noticeboard on Jacks Green Road near to the post box had suffered badly to being splashed by passing traffic due to the lack of road drainage. A new noticeboard needed to be sought and possibly be re-sited to prolong its life.

Members felt that a possible site would be next to the new bench.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk put an article onto the noticeboards and in the next newsletter advertising for a volunteer from the village, who may have some odments of wood to make a new noticeboard.
That the Clerk liaise with Highways over the re-siting of the noticeboard to the new bench adjacent to the grassed triangle.

CSM143/17/18 – OVERHANGING TREES – BOUNDARY OF VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Palmer reported that the resident at number 49 All Saints Road, adjacent to the village hall, had reported overhanging trees which were leaning against the fence. It was confirmed that the fence was the responsibility of the Parish Council.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Scully would seek to action this matter.

CSM144/17/18 – GRIT BIN – GREEN LANE, STONHAM

The Clerk reported that she had been approached by a resident on Green Lane during the recent snowy weather, who had informed her that the lane had been come so icy cars were sliding towards the junction with the A140, something which the resident felt was very dangerous. The resident had enquired about a grit bin being provided for the lane.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with the resident to enquire whether there would be someone available, during bad weather, to distribute the grit from the bin when needed.

That the Clerk look into the cost of a grit bin and also to liaise with Highways over the siting of one once purchased.

CSM145/17/18 – PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT

Cllr Palmer reported that the Clerk had forwarded the findings from the inspection carried out in December 2017. The findings had not greatly changed in terms of risk from the previous inspection carried out a year earlier.

One finding, missing bolts from the goal posts, would be actioned.

CSM146/17/18 – COMMUNITY SURGERY

Cllr Stevenson updated members on the Community Surgery trial which would commence this month for three months. She had liaised with Richard Hyde over the bookings for the room and had been informed that it would need to be raised with the Village Hall Management Committee.

It was AGREED: That if the three month trial was a success then the Community Surgery would need to be reviewed financially to move it forward on a more permamnent basis.

CSM147/17/18 – DEFIBRILLATOR

It was **AGREED**: That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

CSM147/17/18 – COMMUNITY PAYBACK

The Clerk gave an update on the recent visit by the Community Payback people. They had successfully trimmed and made tidy the boundary hedging of the village hall, but unfortunately had not had time to complete all the tasks given. The Supervisor had confirmed that they could return on a future date in order to complete the works originally specified.

CSM148/17/18 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer had circulated her reports prior to the meeting and had nothing further to report. In relation to the Village Green she informed members that the sapling needed the main trunk taking out as it was dead. That would then allow the two offshoots to grow. Also, large ruts had appeared on the Green where people had been parking or going up the curb when driving around it. An option for posts to be installed could be discussed in the future.

SALC – Cllr Coton stated he had nothing to report.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully updated members on the memorial sign that was to be put up in memory of a resident. It had not yet been bought by the WI but once it had been the owner of the field would arrange for its installation.

Village Hall – Cllr Smart informed members that the sound proofing works at the village hall had again been postponed.

Sustainability – There was nothing to report.

CSM149/17/18 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Palmer raised the issue of the annual Litter Pick. An article needed to be placed in the next edition of the newsletter to advertise the event once a date had been agreed. **Clerk to Action.**

CSM150/17/18 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 19th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.50pm

Chairman: Dated: