



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creting St Mary on **Tuesday, 13th June 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance: District Councillor S Morley
 J Blackburn – Clerk

CSM29/17/18 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

CSM30/17/18 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Craggs.

The Clerk reported that Cllr H Smith had not attended a meeting for a period of 6 months and therefore was disqualified from holding office as a Parish Councillor. Therefore, the Clerk indicated that she would liaise with Mid-Suffolk District Council and would publish a Notice of Casual Vacancy.

CSM31/17/18 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM32/17/18 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM33/17/18 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH MAY 2017

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2017 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CSM34/17/18 - MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Haynes reported that she had had a reply from the owner of the field next to Hollow Lane in relation to part of it being used for a car park for the school. Unfortunately, the answer was no.

The Den Building poles had been delivered to Blacksmith's Field and it was confirmed that children were already using them.

Cllr Scully confirmed that he currently had 16 interested villagers for copies of the Antique Map of the village.

The Clerk confirmed she had completed the transfer form for the telephone box outside the village hall to become the ownership of the Parish Council.

CSM35/17/18 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

CSM36/17/18 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR S MORLEY

Cllr Morley reported the following:-

- There was a new Planning System in place as the software had not been updated for a number of years. All planning applications were 'frozen' whilst the new software was installed. Babergh and Mid-Suffolk had now been merged;
- The Boundary Commission were due to carry out a Boundary Review in order for each ward to have the same amount of people within in for each District Councillor. Due to the Boundary Review it was thought that 6 Councillor places would be lost within Mid-Suffolk and 12 lost within Babergh. That would take place during the 2019 elections; and
- The Tour of Britain was due to come through Mid-Suffolk on 8th September.

Cllr Palmer asked Cllr Morley about a previous conversation at a previous meeting in relation to a Grant for Listed Buildings, as later on in the meeting there was an item on the Agenda where Listed Building Consent had been refused to a resident in the village who wished to replace 4 windows. Cllr Morley suggested the resident in question contact her to enquire.

CSM37/17/18 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

CSM38/17/18 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk raised the issue of parking at the school and what course of action the Parish Council wished to take in order to move things forward. Following a brief discussion, and the fact of the owner of the field's refusal the Parish Council felt they could do no more to help.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk inform the School that the Parish Council had looked into all available options but to no avail. Unfortunately, they could help no further.

The Clerk reported that the fencing in the rear car park of the village hall would be 'altered' once she had received a telephone call from Vertas as to the size of gap needed to enable their mower to enter the grassed area at the side of the hall.

i) TO RECEIVE THE 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 13th June 2017 was £26,301.98.

It was NOTED: That Members felt the funds in the Blacksmith's Field account should not be part of the 'available' balance on the Clerk's Financial Report as that money was earmarked for the Play Area/Field.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk separate the two amounts in future reports.

ii) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

| <u>Cheque No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Out</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 100789 | Jennie Blackburn | Clerk's Pay (June) | £253.31 |
| 100790 | Jennie Blackburn | Clerk's Expenses (June) | £40.25 |
| 100791 | CSM Village Hall | Insurance Contribution | £900.00 |

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,193.56 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

CSM39/17/18 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: 1778/17 – Erection of a Garage – 4A St Mary's Road, CSM

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

CSM40/17/18 - PLANNING DECISIONS

It was NOTED: The following planning application had been granted:-

Ref: 0026/17 – Re-roof main property with handmade plains tiles and lean to roof with slate, including new guttering – 6 All Saints Road, CSM

Ref: 4617/16 – Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 1689/16. Access appearance, scale and layout and landscaping – Land to the rear of The Laurels, Flordon Road, CSM.

Ref: 4968/16 – Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class CS) and for associated operational development – Land to the rear of 1 Red Houses, All Saints Road, CSM.

It was NOTED: That the following planning application had been refused:-

Ref: 1124/17 – Replacement of 4 windows – 6 All Saints Road, CSM.

CSM41/17/18 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer informed members that there were a lot of weeds coming up around the base of the climbing wall. She felt the best way forward would be to lift up the apparatus, put a membrane down in order to deter weeds and put the frame back down again.

SALC – Cllr Coton confirmed that the next SALC meeting was due to be held on 22nd June.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that he had written to ES Farms (Mr Deacon) to ask if FP20 could be cut as the grass was very high.

Village Hall – Cllr Smart reported that quotes were still awaited upon for the sound proofing of the double doors between the hall and lounge area.

CSM42/17/18 - UPDATE ON THE NEW BENCH FOR ALL SAINTS ROAD / JACKS GREENS ROAD

Following a brief discussion:-

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with 'Realise Futures' as to whether the bench would need to be fixed to the ground or whether it would need a concrete plinth.

That **Cllr Scully** would put a small stake into the ground so all Councillors could see the exact location of where the bench would go.

CSM43/17/18 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Haynes suggested whether a service of volunteers be put together to transport people in the village to doctor/hospital appointments or similar. **Clerk to put on next Agenda.**

Cllr Reed informed members that she had recently got married and from now on would be called Cllr Stevenson. Members congratulated her on her marriage.

Cllr Palmer expressed her concern for the increasing amount of lorries passing through the village to/from Poundfield Products.

Cllr Haynes suggested that the flooding from a suspected water leak at the bridge should be put onto the next Agenda.

CSM44/17/18 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 18th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9pm.

Chairman: Dated: