



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creting St Mary on **Monday, 25th February 2019 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes - Chairman
J Palmer – Vice Chair
K Barker
N Smart
P Scully
H Craggs
R Coton

In Attendance: County Councillor Matthew Hicks
District Councillor Suzie Morley
J Blackburn – Clerk

CSM160/18/19 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were 23 members of the public present.

CSM161/18/19 – APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

CSM162/18/19 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Haynes and Cllr Barker both declared an interest in item 10 of the Agenda.

CSM163/18/19 – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM164/18/19 – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2019.

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CSM165/18/19 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/19/00301 - Full Planning Application - Erection of a 'Mixed use Development' comprising; the erection of 3 detached residential dwellings and garages, the erection of 6 small industrial units (B1), and 1 main industrial unit (B2), all with associated parking, landscaping and boundary treatments - Land North East Of, Flordon Road, Creting St Mary, Suffolk

Alot of concern was raised within the meeting for this planning application between members of the public and Parish Councillors. Those concerns were as follows:

- There was no road structure to handle the extra traffic that would be created by the application, which would include large vehicles all of which would create a safety issue for all surrounding residents and other road users;
- The industrial units would be out of character for that part of the village and would be better suited on the Lion Bard Industrial Estate in adjacent Needham Market;
- Very noisy applications could be housed within the industrial unit;

- Hedges and trees would need to be removed in order for the development to go ahead;
- The site was elevated and therefore would be visible, causing an impact on the appearance of the area;
- There was no footpath within the proposed residential part of the site which was unacceptable from a health and safety point of view.
- There was not a nearby bus route;
- The application was all part of moving from a discreet community to a ribbon development with the road network being inadequate;
- There seemed to be no plans to widen Flordon Road to help with issues surrounding the application.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council objected to the application due to the points raised above. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/18/05621 - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Residential Development for up to 43 dwellings (14 affordable) - Land Off, Jacks Green Road, Creting St Mary, Suffolk

There were concerns raised in relation to the application as follows:

- The application would be over development of the village / area;
- The school was currently full and nearby doctor's surgery over-flowing, therefore making the application non-sustainable;
- Overhead power lines and flooding would be issues if the application went ahead.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council objected to the application due to the points raised above. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/19/00160 - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 4 dwellings and new access - Red House Farm, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PW

The following concerns were raised in relation to the application:

- More ribbon development;
- The application would increase the population of the village;
- The application was proposed on an ancient meadow.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council objected to the application due to the points raised above. **Clerk to Action.**

Ref: DC/19/00077 - Outline Application (Access to be considered) - Erection of 1no. dwelling and garage - Land East Of Highfield, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Suffolk IP6 8NG

Members raised concerns that the application did not comply with the 90 metre clear view in either direction from the access to the site. The current footpath had not had permission to be re-directed and the application was on a dangerous bend.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council objected to the application due to the points raised above. **Clerk to Action.**

Ref: DC/19/00731 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single storey extension following the demolition of the existing single storey extension, subdivision of ground floor living room, and associated works - 28 All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council supported the application. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/19/00732 - Listed Building Consent - Erection of a single storey extension following the demolition of the existing single storey extension, subdivision of ground floor living room, and associated works - 28 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council supported the application. **Clerk to action.**

CSM166/18/29 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hicks reported the following:

- **Green light to develop more specialist education placements in Suffolk** - On 29th January 2019, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet agreed recommendations to move forward with creating more specialist education places in Suffolk. Suffolk needed between 300 to 400 places for children with additional needs until 2020, and that figure was likely to continue to increase. The demand for specialist education places in Suffolk was rising rapidly due to the county's population growth, advances in medicine, and the increasing complexity of specialist needs. The recommendations included three new special schools and 36 specialist units attached to existing mainstream schools, which combined would create over 800 new specialist education places in the county.
- **Suffolk's roads warming to £300,000 thermal patching technology** - Suffolk Highways was celebrating road repair success following a £300,000 investment in Nu-phalt Thermal Patching technology. The investment, which had been funded from the extra £9.67 million received from central government in the autumn, had aided the county's Highways teams to carry out more effective, longer-lasting repairs to Suffolk's road surface. Over the last month, Suffolk Highways had deployed three thermal road repair machines which had repaired approximately 1,700 potholes county-wide.
- **10,000 Suffolk homes say 'no' to cold callers on their doorsteps** - Suffolk Trading Standards recently gave out its 10,000th No Cold Calling sticker, just four years after launching the campaign. The stickers were placed on a homeowner's front door to declare that the resident did not want uninvited traders to call at their property. The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008, state that traders who approached a resident after having seen the sticker, were committing an offence.
- **Places available for "life changing" Great East Swim programme** - The Great East Swim programme was ideal for anyone who would like to become more active and was ready to make that change in their life. There were 96 places available on the 2019 programme, which would start in March and culminates on the 22 June 2019 at the Great East Swim at Alton Water reservoir near Ipswich. The programme was open to individuals who were aged 18 years and over who were not currently physically active.

CSM167/18/19 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Morley reported:

- **Draft Budget to be considered at Full Council** - The Council would be considering a proposed budget for 2019/20 at their meeting on 21st February. The budget included proposals to offer discounts of up to 100% on council tax for care leavers, supporting the most vulnerable in society, while also proposing a Business Rates Relief policy for small retailers, including shops, cafes and restaurants.
- **New Parking Plan for Mid Suffolk to be Drawn Up** - Mid Suffolk's Cabinet had voted to go out to public consultation on a draft Joint Area Parking Plan with Babergh District Council. The plan, which did not include any proposals to increase car parking charges, set out eight parking policy objectives it intended to achieve. Those included establishing

standard on-street parking scheme operating hours, utilising off-street parking places to assist with traffic management and more.

- Councils Pay £549k to Infrastructure Projects in 2018 - In the 2018 calendar year Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils passed £549,674.93 from developers to local infrastructure projects. That brought the total over the last three years to over £1.2 million. It had funded a variety of infrastructure projects, from sports facilities to public transport, and was collected from developers who have brought forward developments, both residential and commercial, in the districts.
- Public Developers' Contributions Database Nominated for National Award - Mid Suffolk and Babergh's Exacom database – giving the public access to figures for developer contributions towards infrastructure all the way back to 1974 – had been nominated for the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) Awards for Planning Excellence. The database, which was the first of its kind in the country, was in the running for an award within the Excellence in Tech Within Planning Practice category. As it was the first such database to be published. Mid Suffolk, along with Babergh, had been designated Pilot Authorities by the developer.
- New Online Portal for Customers Launched - A new MyAccount portal had been launched, enabling residents to view bills, reminders and notices, apply for discounts and update personal details from home. The portal was run by the Shared Revenue Partnership, which consisted of Mid Suffolk District Council, Babergh District Council and Ipswich Borough Council.
- We want your views on our Communities Strategy - A consultation on the draft Communities Strategy had been launched by Mid Suffolk and Babergh, inviting feedback on how the councils planned to lead on the key challenges and opportunities facing the two districts. The consultation would close at noon on Friday 1st March.

CSM168/18/19 – PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/18/05620 - Application for Prior Notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed building. Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 6.- Erection of storage barn. Location: Riverside Barn, Kettle Lane, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8LL – **WITHDRAWN**

Ref: DC/18/05349 - Outline Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 1 No detached dwelling - Land North West Of, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PS - **REFUSED**

Ref: DC/18/05591 - Full Planning Application - Erection of garage serving plot 4 of dwellings under construction Land Adjacent To 54, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Suffolk – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/00043 - Full Planning Application - Erection of an agricultural storage building. Little College Farm, Creting Hills, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PX - **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/00183 – Removal of Condition 16 of planning permission 1998/15 to enable the approved 8 no. Holiday lets to become 8 no. Dwellings with unrestricted occupation – Riverside Farm, Kettle Lane, Creting St Mary, Ipswich, IP6 8LL - **GRANTED**

CSM169/18/19 – CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had received the Vertas Group Ltd contract for the next financial year with the cost being £950.11 plus VAT. **Agreed. Clerk to action.**

The Clerk also reminded members that if they wished to stand as Councillors at the forthcoming elections then they needed to complete their nomination papers before 3rd April 2019.

b) CLERK’S FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET MONITORING 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 14th February 2019 was £31,415.15 (of which £7,128.85 was CiL money, £182.15 was being held for future History Days and an additional £5,984.21 being earmarked for Blacksmiths Field.

c) PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

000036	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Feb)	£262.78
000037	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (Feb)	£33.29
000038	Ipswich Borough Council	Play Area Inspections	£213.78
000039	Herts Fullstop	Grit Bin (Green Lane)	£152.09
000040	George Peck	Grass Cutting (Triangle)	£70.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £731.94 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipts were also noted:

Creeping St Mary VHM	Firework Gate Money	£1,000.00
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CSM170/18/19 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) MONIES

Cllr Craggs circulated a report that showed the figures of what the Parish Council had received in CiL monies and what was expected to be received in the future. The sums of money were quite considerable and ways of how best to spend the money needed to be considered.

It was AGREED: That this item be put onto the next Agenda.

CSM171/18/19 – SPPEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

The Clerk reported that she was still awaiting the locations of the SIDs to be confirmed by Suffolk Highways.

CSM172/18/19 – DUNCHES LANE

Cllr Craggs stated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

CSM173/18/19 – NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk reported that she had a contact at the ‘Mens Shed’ in Stowmarket who she would be contacting in order to see if they could make a noticeboard to replace the one at Jacks Green. She would report back to a future meeting as to the progress made with this.

CSM174/18/19 – DEFIBRILLATOR / TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr Scully reported that he felt if a defibrillator was not going to be pursued for the red telephone box, then a way forward of using the box could be as an information point for walkers. He circulated information he had put together which explained how the box could be used, what notices could be installed and what information could be included, such as local walks. Members felt it was an excellent idea.

It was AGREED: That the red telephone box should be used as an information point for walkers, following a full refurbishment.

CSM175/18/19 – GRIT BINS / HEAPS

The Clerk confirmed to members that applications for grit bins to be housed at the junction of All Saints Road and Flordon Road, and Flordon Road with Coddensham Road have been refused. Suffolk Highways had stated that these were on the gritting routes and would not therefore warrant grit bins.

Cllr Haynes stated that Creeting Bottoms would benefit from a grit bin as the lane could become treacherous in bad weather.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk submit an application for a grit bin at Creeting Bottoms.

CSM176/18/19 – REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer had nothing to report.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that the next meeting was due to be held on 21st March 2019.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully had nothing to report.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes had nothing to report.

Sustainability (CiL) – Cllr Craggs had nothing further to report other than what had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

CSM177/18/19 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Hedging planted at Creeting Hills.

CSM178/18/19 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting was due to be held on Monday, 29th April at 7pm and the Annual Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 14th May 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.37pm.

Chairman:Dated: