



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on **Monday, 13th January 2020 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
 J Palmer
 P Scully
 C Emmins
 N Smart

In Attendance: J Blackburn – Clerk
 M Hicks – County Councillor

CSM164/19/20 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

CSM165/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Plummer, Cllr Craggs, Cllr Coton and District Cllr Norris.

CSM166/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM167/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM168/19/20 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2019

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM169/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

CSM170/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks reported the following:

- **Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service rated "Good" in Government inspection** - Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service had been rated "Good" for its effectiveness, efficiency and how well it led and managed its staff. The findings came from a report published on 17 December by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), who inspected Suffolk's service earlier in the year. Inspectors reviewed every aspect of the service, from how they responded to 999 emergencies, to looking at policies and interviewing a wide range of firefighters and staff. The report praised many aspects of the service, particularly how well it collaborated with other emergency services and agencies, how it responded to fires and other emergencies.

- **New SEND provision identified – ready to offer 168 additional spaces from September 2020 -** Suffolk County Council was now in a position to provide further information regarding the development of new Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) units attached to mainstream schools in the county. The authority was pleased to announce that, following a thorough evaluation process, a number of suitable schools had been identified to develop: Two Generic Key Stage 1 Units – Pipers Vale Primary Academy and Burton End Primary Academy
Three Communication and Interaction Key Stage 2 Units – Murrayfield Primary Academy, Houldsworth Valley Primary Academy, and Causton Junior School
One Cognition and Learning Key Stage 2 Unit – Clements Primary Academy
Three Communication and Interaction Key Stage 3/4 Units – Copleston High School, Ixworth School, and Newmarket Academy
One Cognition and Learning Key Stage 3/4 Unit – Castle Manor Primary Academy.
In total, it meant an additional 168 new specialist placements would be available for children and their families in Suffolk from September 2020, on top of existing specialist provision.
- **David Waters jailed for 2 years and 8 months for misleading vulnerable customers -** On 19 December, Suffolk businessman David Waters (of Manwick Road, Felixstowe) received a 32-month custodial sentence. He had also been banned from being a company director for 10 years and been made the subject of a criminal behaviour order, which prevented him from selling any products in a person's home and any involvement in a mobility aid company. His company, Anchor Mobility Ltd, was also fined a total of £15,000 for 15 counts of unfair commercial practice, following a successful prosecution by Suffolk County Council's Trading Standards.

Cllr Palmer raised the issue of places on high school buses and how one child received a place but a sibling may not also receive a bus place. Cllr Hicks explained that the whole system was still being reviewed and was aware that issues such as available places needed to be looked at.

Cllr Haynes explained to Cllr Hicks about the flooding near to the hump back bridge at Watering Farm. The flood had been there since November 2019 and it was believed to be the result of blocked drains. The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the issue but had received nothing back from Highways. Cllr Hicks asked the Clerk to email him the reference number and he would chase it up.

Cllr Haynes also questioned which roadside verges Suffolk County Council actually cut in the parish. Cllr Hicks was unsure but would be able to find out. A brief discussion took place on roadside nature reserves and the criteria in which such verges could be left for this. Cllr Hicks confirmed he would email the criteria to the Clerk.

CSM171/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Norris was not present at the meeting but his report was circulated prior to the meeting and could be viewed on the village website.

CSM172/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with a gentleman of the parish who owned a two-acre piece of land on Flordon Road. He wished to donate the piece of land to the Parish Council as he felt he was becoming too old to continue to maintain it.

The land was used as a Community Woodland and required mowing and maintaining.

Members were interested in taking on the piece of land but felt that they should know the legalities of such a transaction.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with SALC in relation to how the process should commence.

b) **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 9th January 2020 was £53,883.20.

c) **TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS**

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jan)	£291.72
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Jan)	£26.33
Swarco	Solar Panel for VAS machine	£498.52
MSDC	Annual Play Inspection	£60.22
Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£50.00
Needham Market 1st Responders	Donation	£50.00
CSM Village Hall	Contribution to Insurance for VH	£900.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,876.79 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

No receipts had been received.

d) **FINAL BUDGET**

It was AGREED: That the Final Budget be approved.

e) **PRECEPT 2020/21**

It was AGREED: That a Precept of £9993 be approved. **Clerk to action.**

CSM173/19/20 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/19/05861 - Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered all other matters reserved) - Erection of 1no. dwelling and cartlodge - The Elms, Green Lane, Creeting St Mary, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5DS

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council have no objections to the application. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/19/05926 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of ancillary storage building – Riverside Barn, Kettle Lane, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8LL

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council have no objections to the application. **Clerk to action.**

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - **DC/19/05867** - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for planning permission 0936/02 without compliance with Condition 3 (Hours of operation) – Poundfield Products, Grove Farmhouse, Mill Lane, Creeting St Peter, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8QG

Members discussed the application and whilst they were not consultees in relation to it they fully supported the objections from neighbouring parish, Creeting St Peter. They felt that reading through the documents the previous planning application for extended hours had been refused by the Planning Authority and therefore the company were in Breach of the conditions of that decision. So for another application to be brought forward for the same extended hours when they had already breached the previous application was not to be supported. They felt that the breach should be dealt with before considering the new application.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk confirm to neighbouring Creeting St Peter that they support their objections.

CSM174/19/20 - PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/19/04740 - Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission DC/17/04743 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of detached dwelling and garage - Land Adjacent To 1 Red Houses, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk – **Approved**

Ref: DC/19/05256 - Application for Permission in Principle Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Town and Country Planning (Permission in Principle) (Amendment) Order 2017 - Erection of 2No Dwellings Land To The North Of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/04836 - Full Planning Application - Change of use of stable building to residential use (C3) Land North West Of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/04831 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 4no.dwellings, including access, landscaping and associated garaging/parking - Land North Of Lyndale Lodge, All Saints Road, Creeting St. Mary, Suffolk IP6 8PU – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/05166 - Full Planning Application - Change of Use of land and erection of Visitor Centre and Cafe, with outside decked seating area and bicycle racks - Needham Lake , Coddenham Road, Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8NU - **GRANTED**

CSM175/19/20 – BOSCH TOOLS

Cllr Haynes reported that she would seek a quote for a 20ft container from a company in Bacton.

The Clerk confirmed that the recommendation of a company from District Cllr Norris, whom she had contacted, had not returned her call and therefore suspected that they did not provide 10 ft containers, which was what was originally asked for.

The Clerk reported that she had liaised with the insurance company who had confirmed to her that the Parish Council would not be covered for public liability for the tools to be used by just anyone in the village. Cover would only be acceptable when the Parish Council were supervising an 'activity' with the tools, that training had been provided and a risk assessment carried out.

A Disclaimer Form could be used, but it would not stop an individual making a claim against the Parish Council should a personal injury occur.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with a legal representative for more advice on the matter.

CSM176/19/20 – ROADSIDE VERGES

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

CSM177/19/20 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The Clerk reported that she had still received no reply in relation to the possible new location of the post for the speed sign on All Saints Road.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk chase Speed Management and copy Cllr Hicks into the email.

CSM178/19/20 – FLOODING

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

CSM179/19/20 – FEN LANE

Cllr Emmins raised his concerns over Fen Lane, and issues such as excessive traffic being diverted along Fen Lane on an occasion when the A140 was shut. He explained that Fen Lane was too narrow for two-way traffic during such busy times and sought the views of the Parish Council for anything that could be done to stop it happening again in the future.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk contact Cllr Hicks to ask for any suggestions.

CSM180/19/20 – DUNCHES LANE

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

CSM181/19/20 – FREE TREES

It was noted that the free trees had all now been planted. Cllr Haynes expressed her thanks for those who had undertaken the planting.

CSM182/19/20 – NOTICEBOARDS

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

CSM183/19/20 – RED TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr Scully reported that the information boards had now been installed inside the telephone box. He explained that he had sought a quote for a sign saying 'Information on Walks' to be installed at the top of the telephone box.

Cllr Scully also reported that the small 'defibrillator this way' sign located on the village sign on the grassed triangle, which originally was to direct people to the defibrillator located at the village hall, now needed to be turned to point the opposite direction in order to point to the new defibrillator as it was now the nearest.

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator needed to be checked once a fortnight to ensure it remained in a 'ready state' with the green tick on the defibrillator illuminated. She explained that she had to submit an online report every fortnight so the regular check was important. Cllr Scully had agreed to carry out the fortnightly inspection of the defibrillator and inform the Clerk, via email, that all was ok, or if there was a problem.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Scully accept the quote for the 'Information on Walks' sign.

CSM184/19/20 – SOCIA MEDIA

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

CSM185/19/20 – REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer reported that there was a Play Equipment Committee meeting due to be held the following week where a decision would be made to possibly replace the swings and frame.

Cllr Palmer also reported that the ditch outside the front of the hall was full and open to a child possibly falling in. Cllr Haynes stated that she would try to get it dealt with.

SALC – There was nothing to report.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that in relation to FP58 he and three other parishioners had cleared it of leaves which had caused it to be slippery under foot.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that the next meeting was due to be held in a fortnight’s time. The Village Hall Management Committee continued to apply for grants for replacement of the heating system.

Sustainability – There was nothing to report.

CSM186/19/20 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Pothole needed reporting on junction of All Saints Road and Jacks Green.

CSM187/19/20 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 24th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm

Chairman: Dated: