



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on **Monday, 22nd July 2019 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
 J Palmer
 R Coton
 H Craggs
 P Scully
 N Smart

In Attendance: J Blackburn – Clerk
 B Mackintosh – Tree Warden

CSM59/19/20 – PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

CSM60/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Hicks and District Cllr Norris.

CSM61/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM62/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM63/19/20 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2019

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM64/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

CSM65/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks was not present at the meeting but his report was circulated prior to the meeting.

CSM66/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLRS NORRIS & CLLR PHILLIPS

Cllr Norris was not present at the meeting but his report was circulated prior to the meeting.

CSM67/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had circulated prior to the meeting, consultation documents in relation to the Ipswich Northern Route.

Following a brief discussion, members felt that the best option would be for the Orwell Bridge and Copdock area be improved. Their second option would be for the route to go around Ipswich.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk submit comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

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 15th July 2019 was £46,890.94.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (July)	£291.72
	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (July)	£35.83
000061	David Squirrell	Concrete reimbursement (installation of noticeboard)	£15.00
000062	Swarco	VAS Radar Sign	£3,277.09
000063/64	Paul Scully	Expenses – Strimmer line and petrol	21.30
	MSDC	Bin Emptying	378.00
	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Aug)	£291.72
	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Aug)	£26.33

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £4,336.99 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

It was noted that no receipts had been received.

CSM68/19/20 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/19/03390 – Erection of Replacement dwelling – Riverside Farm, Kettle Lane, Creeting St Mary

From the paperwork / plans provided members felt it was unclear as to what building was being replaced.

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

CSM69/19/20 - PLANNING DECISIONS

It was NOTED: That the following planning decisions had been received:

Ref: DC/19/02443 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a Two Storey Rear Extension Paddock View, Jacks Green Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NA – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/02454 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing outbuilding - The Red House, Norwich Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PF – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/02671 – Planning Application – Erection of a new dwelling and garage – Grange Farm, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary - **GRANTED**

CSM70/19/20 – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The Clerk reported on the various teething issues she was experiencing with the new VAS machine. Whilst the sign was in situ and working, collecting the data from the sign had been problematic and she was awaiting the engineer to call her back.

The Clerk also reported that the batteries only lasted approx. eight days before they needed to be re-charged. Members felt that perhaps a solar paneled sign would be a more suitable option and therefore asked the Clerk to look into the costs of such.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk obtain a quote for a solar paneled sign.

CSM71/19/20 – DUNCHES LANE

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

CSM72/19/20 – PLAY AREA / FUNDRAISING EVENT

Cllr Palmer reported that the recent play area inspections had flagged up either low or medium risk issues, so some time could be taken in order to move the play equipment forward, with another inspection being carried out by MSDC towards the end of the summer.

Some of the pegs for the football nets had gone missing so other ways in which the nets could be weighed down were discussed. Cllr Palmer would liaise with the resident who provided the nets to see what could be done.

Cllr Palmer informed Members that the Play Equipment Committee wished to hold a one-off event, a car boot sale, on Blacksmiths Field, provided the Parish Council gave their permission.

It was AGREED: That permission be given for the field to be used for the fund-raising event, provided that the insurance policy covered such an event (**Clerk to Action**), and that a limited number of cars be allowed onto the field.

CSM73/19/20 – FIREWORK NIGHT

Cllr Craggs suggested that the number of fireworks be increased at the next Firework Nigh event, in order to make the event a larger one. Usually £1,000 would be the budget for the purchase of fireworks and Cllr Craggs suggested that rose to £1,200.

It was AGREED: That £1,200 be spent on fireworks. **Cllr Craggs to action.**

CSM74/19/20 – NOTICEBOARDS

Cllr Scully reported that the metal legs and frame for the old noticeboard on Jacks Green Road remained in situ but he planned to remove them in the near future. He explained that following liaison with the Clerk, the Men's Shed had been approached to see if they could re-use the legs. A reply was yet to be received.

The new noticeboard on Jacks Green had let rain water in during recent rainy weather so the doors needed to be modified. The Clerk confirmed she had approached the Men's Shed about this and was awaiting their reply.

Cllr Scully and D Squirrell were thanked for their work on the installation/removal of the noticeboards.

CSM75/19/20 – TELEPHONE BOX

The Clerk had received a quote from The Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) for a defibrillator and cabinet for the telephone box which was £2,320 (net). Once measurements had been obtained in relation to the circular cabinet and checks were made as to whether it would fit within the telephone box, then the project could be taken forward.

CSM76/19/20 – TREES IN THE PARISH

Cllr Craggs reported that the 'free trees' had been ordered and would arrive in December 2019. Locations for the trees were still being looked into.

Mr Mackintosh, Tree Warden, reminded members that the trees would need to be looked after and their growth monitored. He added that whilst himself and Mrs Mackintosh would be happy to help with this project they were going to pass on their Tree Warden positions to other volunteers.

Cllr Hayes thanked Mr Mackintosh for all his help and stated that she would 'advertise' in the next village newsletter for anyone who would be interested in taking on the role of Tree Warden in the future.

CSM77/19/20 – TREES ON BLACKSMITHS FIELD

It had been reported that a resident who lived adjacent to the field, had contacted the Clerk to ask about the trees that lined the field which backed onto the gardens of certain properties. The resident felt, as did other residents, that the trees were becoming too large, were blocking out the sun, were overhanging the gardens and could be dangerous in high winds.

Members felt that the overhanging issue could be resolved as it was the resident's right to cut back any overhang and throw the cuttings onto the field. As for the height of the tree's members felt that were not of a dangerous height and at the moment they did not need to be lopped.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk reply to the resident making the above comments.

CSM78/19/20 – MAINTENANCE OF FOOTWAYS

Cllr Scully reported that himself and two other volunteers had cleared various footways within the village. Members thanked them for their hard work.

Cllr Haynes confirmed that quotes had been sought for contractors to take on the work in the future and once the quotes had been received a more permanent way forward could be planned.

CSM79/19/20 – IMPLEMENTATION OF FOOTWAY ON PART OF ALL SAINTS ROAD

Following an on-site meeting between 'Rights of Way', the owner of 'Highfields', Cllr Palmer, Cllr Scully and Cllr Coton, Cllr Palmer reported that the diversion of FP19 had been discussed and submitted. The owner confirmed that he would be fencing along the FP and that the County Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the FP.

In relation to the possible implementation of a footway in front of the planned new development adjacent to 'Highfields' the owners would need to be spoken to, to see if they could incorporate it into their plans.

CSM80/19/20 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer reported that the Play Equipment Committee had monies to give to the Clerk from the last fund-raising event. Completion of a questionnaire to gain the village views on a fitness trail or hard-court service had been extended to the end of August.

There had been no evidence of dog fouling.

The meadow was in full flower with little evidence of ragwort. It would be decided if it could be baled and used in the autumn, or stacked at the bottom of the field. The whole area around the Saplings and Lisa's cops was also completely overgrown and care should be taken when cutting the meadow that those areas were not mowed.

SALC – Cllr Coton had nothing to report. The next meeting was due to be held on 5th September 2019.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully had nothing to report.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that the AGM had taken place and the new Constitution agreed and had been published online. Next meeting was due to be held on 29th July 2019.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs had nothing to report.

CSM80/19/20 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Whether Social Media (Facebook) should be used to circulate planning applications, news etc.

- Junction with Flordon Road / Coddenham Road – white lines faded and hedgerows needed maintaining.

CSM81/19/20 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 10pm.

Chairman: Dated: