



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on **Tuesday, 7th September 2021 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
 J Palmer
 R Coton
 N Smart
 L Plummer

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk
 County Cllr Hicks
 District Cllr Norris

CSM67/21/22 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were two members of the public present.

CSM68/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Scully and Cllr Craggs.

CSM69/21/22 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Haynes declared an interest in planning item DC/21/04555 and Cllr Smart declared an interest in planning item DC/21/04499.

CSM70/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM71/21/22 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th JULY 2021

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM72/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLRS NORRIS & CLLR PHILLIPS

Cllr Norris' report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the parish's website.

He reported that if the Parish Council, or any other local group or organisation, wished to apply for his locality budget funding then he would email a copy of the application form over to the Parish Clerk.

He explained that in relation to the Breheny footpath outcome, he had enquired but as yet had not received a reply.

CSM73/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks' report was circulated prior to the meeting and it would be published on the parish website.

He briefly talked through the following points from his report:

- Statement on behalf of all Suffolk councils regarding Afghan refugees
- Suffolk targets devolution talks with Government
- Suffolk homeowners can cut carbon emissions as successful solar panel buying scheme returns

Cllr Haynes asked Cllr Hicks about the Highways cutting schedule particularly for the pathway up All Saints Road towards the church and whether it would be possible to be given some notice in the future as to when it would be cut. Cllr Scully had cleared part of the pathway recently only for it to then be cut by Highways shortly afterwards.

Cllr Hicks stated that he would liaise with Highways regarding this.

Cllr Coton asked Cllr Hicks about the current Recycling Centre's booking procedure to which Cllr Hicks confirmed that many more appointments had been made available following the easing of Covid restrictions. Also, members of the public could visit the Recycling Centre more often than once a week is necessary.

CSM74/21/22 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/21/04499 - Householder Application - Erection of two storey rear and first floor side extensions (following demolition of outbuildings) - Primrose Cottage, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary

The applicant was present at the meeting and briefly talked the plans through with the Parish Council. He stated that he was aware of his neighbour objecting to the proposal but did not agree that it would impact on his neighbour's house. He showed the plans to members and explained the positioning of the proposed development and the distance from the neighbouring property.

Members asked about the closeness of the proposed building to the boundary with the neighbour to which the applicant confirmed that it was close to the boundary, but not to the neighbouring property itself.

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

Ref: DC/21/04657 - Householder Application - Erection of rear single storey flat roof extension with glass screen balcony above (replacing existing Juliette balcony) - 66 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/21/04696 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a two storey rear extension and single storey front porch (re-submission of DC/21/02923) - 37 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/21/04555 - Full Planning Application - Change Use of land and erection of 1No detached dwelling and double garage, including new vehicular access - Land South of Creeting Hills Farm, Creeting Hills, Creeting St Mary

Before leaving the room for the discussion and decision of this application Cllr Haynes explained that her current property, the bungalow, had six acres of land some of which sloped down towards the A14. As her and her husband became older they felt the land would be too much work for them, which had brought them to the proposal for a house to be built on some of the land and the bungalow and remaining land be sold.

Cllr Haynes left the room and Cllr Palmer took the Chair.

Following a brief discussion and Cllr Norris explaining to members about the Planning Policy and how the proposal would be looked at as a residence, not for any particular individual, members generally had no objections.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no objections to the application. **Clerk to action.**
Cllr Haynes returned to the room and to the Chair

Ref: DC/21/04768 - Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/20/00354 dated 26/03/2020. Town and Country Planning Act 1990. (Condition 2 Approved Plans and Documents) - Amended Block Layout Plan as per drawing PLNG 3-20-D removal of electric vehicle charging points - Shell Needham Market, Norwich Road, Coddenham

Members were confused as to why the electric charging points were to be removed as part of the application, especially taking into account that electric cars would be the way forward.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/21/04808 - Application for Listed Building Consent - 1) Re-roofing existing thatched porch with clay tiles, 2) altering thatched valley to leaded valley, 3) changing existing rear window to French doors - Fen House, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham

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

Ref: DC/21/04780 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 3 No dwellings, with access from All Saints Road, parking, landscaping and amenity space - Land to The North of All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/21/04821 - Householder application - Erection of a two bay cartlodge - Highfield, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

A brief discussion took place and concerns made in relation to the application would cause loss of visibility turning on and off All Saints Road.

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

CSM75/21/22 - PLANNING DECISIONS

It was NOTED: The following planning applications had been received:-

Ref: DC/21/03506 - Planning Application - Erection of extension to existing cattle building - Whissels Ground, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/02298 - Full Planning Application - Erection of six dwellings (in lieu of the approval of three dwellings forming part of planning permission DC/19/00301) - Land North East of, Flordon Road, Creting St Mary – **Refused**

Ref: DC/21/03014 - Planning Application - Erection of 1 no. two storey dwelling and detached garage (following grant of outline permission ref: DC/19/04441) - Land Adjacent to Highfields, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary - **Granted**

CSM76/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that following recent problems with her printer and following approval with her four Parish Council Chairs, she purchased a new printer and ink cartridges. She explained that she had received a refund for ink cartridges purchased earlier in the year for her old printer.

b) **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 1st September 2021 was £19,312.28.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Sept)	£299.78
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Sept)	£34.33
R Clint	Mower	£175.36
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Aug)	£6.00
All in One Office Solutions	Callout and part labour (printer)	£20.00
Great Bricett PC	Printer contribution	£91.85
Great Bricett PC	Ink Cartridges contribution	£139.56
PKF Little John	External Audit 2020/21	£360.00
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Sept)	£6.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,132.88 be approved.

No receipts had been received.

d) **EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

It was AGREED: That the External Auditor's Report be noted.

CSM77/21/22 – FIREWORKS PURCHASE

The Parish Clerk explained that the fireworks for this year's Firework Night were ready to be purchased if members agreed.

Cllr Palmer stated that the Social Club needed to ensure that a; Health and Safety aspects be covered this year including a tannoy system.

It was AGREED: That fireworks be purchased by the Parish Council. **Clerk to action.**

CSM78/21/22 – CUT THE GRASS / LEAVE IT FOR THE BEES

Prior to the meeting the Parish Clerk circulated the results of the recent survey that had asked residents to express their views on whether they would like to see the Village Green and Jacks Green cut short or whether they preferred to leave the areas to grow wild.

Many comments had been received and members felt that whilst there were more for leaving the areas to grow wild the comments to cut the grass showed a strong argument for doing so.

Mixed views had also been received which stated that whilst Jacks Green had looked acceptable the Village Green had been felt to look messy and unkempt.

Members took in account all comments received and a vote was taken by a show of hands, which resulted in three to cut the grass and two to not cut the grass.

Members also discussed the possibility of adopting the Village Green and Jacks Green to which the Parish Clerk was asked to look further into this option.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council will keep the Village Green and Jacks Green cut.
That the Parish Clerk obtain a quote from Vertas for the cutting of these areas.

That the Parish Clerk look into adoption of these two areas.

CSM79/21/22 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CiL) MONIES

Cllr Haynes reported that she had been speaking with the owners of Creeting House who had expressed a possible interest in selling some of the land at the rear of Creeting House. She added that if some land were to become available whether the Parish Council could purchase some land for the school using CiL money. The school could then use the land as a wild area or for parking.

CSM80/21/22 – INSTALLATION OF STEPS AT THE FRONT OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Haynes reported that she had received three quotes for the installation of steps up the grassed bank at the front of the Village Hall. Also, the concreting underneath the bottle bank. The quotes received were for £4,000, £5,000 (DAB Construction) and £2,850 (TJB Construction).

It was AGREED: That the quote for £2,850 from TJB Construction be accepted.

CSM81/21/22 - HANDY MAN / ODD JOB MAN

The Clerk reported that she had had an offer of help from a resident for any jobs throughout the village, which members were really pleased about. The Clerk had thanked the volunteer for his offer and informed him that she would be in touch in due course.

CSM82/21/22 – BENCHES IN THE VILLAGE

Members discussed the replacement of the bench on the Village Green and also the one on All Saints Road. Consideration was taken as to whether to replace the slats or the whole bench, wood or recycled plastic.

Following a vote by way of a show of hands four members voted for recycled plastic and one for wood.

The Clerk asked about the concrete plinth under the present bench on the Village Green and it was suggested that she enquire as to whether Mark Euston would be able to lay a plinth.

A new bench location somewhere between Jacks Green Road and Needham Market was discussed further with an exact location being difficult to decide due to eligible criteria.

Cllr Haynes stated that she would liaise further with certain residents to which suggested locations were adjacent to, to seek their views.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk obtain quotes for two recycled plastic benches.
That the Clerk liaise with Mark Euston in relation to laying a plinth

CSM83/21/22 – PATHWAY FROM ALL SAINTS ROAD TO BLACKSMITHS FIELD

Cllr Palmer reported to members that as previously stated in recent emails the newly laid pathway from All Saints Road to Blacksmiths Field was showing cracks. She had been in touch with the company who had laid the pathway who had confirmed that they would repair any cracks but the best approach would be to leave the path to settle for six months and they then would return to correct any areas.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council wait six months before DAB Construction would return to correct all cracking.

CSM84/21/22 – PROPOSED FOOTPATH – BREHENY

This item was covered earlier in the meeting during Cllr Norris' report.

CSM85/21/22 – COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH / SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

The Clerk reported that a training session was due to be held the next day where the Speedwatch Team would be made familiar with and obtain the relevant equipment.

CSM86/21/22 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer reported that Sovereign had agreed to look at the broken trim trail equipment week commencing 20th September 2021.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that the next SALC meeting was due to take place via Zoom on 22nd September and that SALC had asked Parish Councils for any comments on the Boundary Reviews.

Footpaths – There was nothing to report.

Village Hall – There was nothing to report.

Sustainability – There was nothing to report.

CSM87/21/22 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Corrugated barn erected at Creeting House, which felt looked unsightly.

CSM88/21/22 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting would be held on Monday, 18th October 2021.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm.

Chairman: Dated: