



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on
Thursday, 20th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
 P Scully
 R Coton
 N Smart
 H Craggs
 L Plummer

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk
 County Cllr Hicks

CSM130/21/22 – PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

CSM131/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Palmer and District Cllr Norris.

CSM132/21/22 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM133/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM134/21/22 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM135/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

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

He briefly went through his report stating the following:

- The Budget would be approved in February with the main areas of expenditure and provision going to Children's Services and Adult Care. To achieve the budget the Council Tax would be increased to 1.99% and Social Care 1%.
- Drainage - to ensure all poor drainage be improved thus ensuring water would not appear at the side of roads which in turn could cause roads to break up. £10 million was being put into the project.
- Road Signs - £1 million was being put towards road signs. In the past road signs had been a low priority with many fading, breaking and collapsing. A project had now been approved to ensure all road signs in the County that needed attention would receive it.

- Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - £1 million pounds was being put into SEND to ensure the county's provision was appropriate.
- Street Lights – 10,000 street lights had currently be replaced with LED lighting. It was part of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and in time would save money.

Cllr Haynes informed Cllr Hicks that the Parish Clerk had reported the missing 'Creeting St Mary; directional sign on the A140 opposite the entrance to Creeting Bottoms. It was a sign that was very useful for people turning into Creeting Bottoms especially during the darker evenings. With the A140 being a very busy and dangerous road and the fact that accidents had taken place at the junction in question, it had been a surprise that Highways had stated the replacement of the sign was "not a priority".

Cllr Hicks asked that the Clerk forward him the email along with the reference number and he would enquire further.

CSM136/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLRS NORRIS & CLLR PHILLIPS

Cllr Norris was not present at the meeting. His report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the parish's website.

CSM137/21/22 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from someone outside the village who was setting up a new venture and had asked for funding.

Members agreed that they were not the correct body to grant such funding and that Mid Suffolk District Council would be a more appropriate body to ask. **Clerk to reply informing of such.**

The Clerk also informed members that two people had resigned from volunteering on the Community Speedwatch Team which would leave six volunteers, which was the minimum required.

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 7th January 2022 was £25,555.27.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jan)	149.89
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Jan)	£34.33
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Jan)	£6.00
NBB Recycled Furniture	Bench (Green - All Saints Road)	£582.00
NBB Recycled Furniture	Fixing Kit for Bench (Green - All Saints Road)	£25.92
TJB Construction	Concrete pad - removal of old bench and fixing new one	£920.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,718.14 be approved.

d) **BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was AGREED: That the Bank Reconciliation to approved.

e) **FINAL BUDGET 2022/23**

It was AGREED: That the Final Budget for 2022/23 be approved.

f) **PRECEPT**

It was AGREED: That the Precept for 2022/23 of £11,130 be approved. **Clerk to action.**

g) **DONATIONS**

It was AGREED: That donations of £900 for the Village Hall's Insurance, £50 for Needham Market First Responders and £50 for Stowmarket's Citizen's Advice Bureau be made. **Clerk to action.**

CSM138/21/22 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/21/06947 - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act for DC/21/03030 for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) to introduce a single storey rear extension - Land Near Highfield, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary

Members were confused as to what the access road that continues through the plot will be used for and asked that the Clerk enquire about it. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/21/05353 - Planning Application. Erection of detached dwelling and garage. New vehicular access to highway. Installation of sewage package treatment plant. Associated landscaping. - Land Adjacent Red House Farm, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary

Members felt that the access to the development would be problematic and dangerous onto All Saints Road at that point.

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

Ref: DC/22/00079 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No detached single storey dwelling and garage (amended scheme to approved 4617/16) - The Laurels, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/22/00250 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No Dwelling - White Oaks, Coddendam Road, Creeting St Mary

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

CSM139/21/22 - PLANNING DECISIONS

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

Ref: DC/21/05419 - Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/19/00160 dated: 16/05/2019 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 4no. dwellings and new access - Land Adjacent Red House Farm, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – **Approved**

Ref: DC/21/05649 - Householder Application - Erection of extension, replacement windows/doors. Erection of poolhouse building. Four Winds, Sally Woods Lane, Creeting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/05917 - Householder Application - Erection of two storey rear and side extensions (following demolition of outbuildings). Primrose Cottage, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/02507 - Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved, access to be considered) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of 5No dwellings, associated landscaping and new vehicular access to All Saints Road - Land North East of Broadgates, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – **Refused**

Ref: DC/21/06487 - Application for Permission in Principle Town and Country Planning Act 1990. (Amendment) Order 2017 - Erection of 1-2no dwellings - Land at Longacres, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary - **Refused**

Cllr Haynes reminded members that the Parish Council had been approached by the Street Naming Department at the District Council in relation to the naming of the new development proposed for land adjacent Red House Farm, All Saints Road.

The developers had suggested The Meare and Mid Suffolk were asking for either confirmation that that name would be acceptable or if the Parish Council felt they had another suggestion.

Following a brief discussion members felt that either Dunches Close or St Olave's Close would be more appropriate due to the site being near to Dunches Lane and also the historic St Olave's Church site a little further away.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with the Street Naming Department and make the suggestions as above.

CSM140/21/22 – LILLEY'S WOOD UPDATE

Members had a brief discussion on the amount of signs needed for the Lilley's Wood site, the wording and anything else to be included.

CSM141/21/22 – REPAIR OF PLAY EQUIPMENT PARTS

Cllr Palmer had emailed members prior to the meeting in relation to repairs that were needed to parts of the play equipment which had included a handle that had rusted and needed replacement or repair and the traversing hold for the climbing frame.

Members were happy that these items be repaired and/or replaced by a volunteer in the village.

CSM142/21/22 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer was not present at the meeting but had circulated her report prior to the meeting.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that there had not been any recent meetings of SALC and the Area Forum was due to take place in March.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that FP 54 – Creeting Hills to Sally Woods Lane – the railings had collapsed which he had reported to Highways Rights of Way for a second time. Also, at the beginning of that footpath there was also a broken fingerpost.

An issue with the footpath past the Highway Man had also been reported.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that the next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee was due to be held the following week. She added that bookings were on the increase.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs reported that he felt the hedges along parts of Flordon Road and All Saints Road could be cut back which would result in cars not being scratched when passing each other. If the hedges were cut back two feet it would help make the road at those points wider, which would be a lot better for motorists.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Craggs and Cllr Haynes speak with the hedgerow land owners in relation to this suggestion.

It was confirmed that Cllr Craggs was the Tree Warden for the village.

CSM143/21/22 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Drains on Flordon Road (adjacent junction with St Mary's Gardens) would flood each time there was heavy rainfall. The issue had been reported on many occasions with no end result.

CSM144/21/22 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the date of the next meeting would be Thursday, 3rd March 2022

The meeting finished at 8.55pm.

Chairman: Dated: