



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on **Monday, 28th June 2021 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk
County Cllr M Hicks

CSM28/21/22 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were three members of the public present.

CSM29/21/22 – CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

This item was deferred to a future meeting as the prospective co-optee was not present.

CSM30/21/22 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Emmins.

CSM31/21/22 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Craggs declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 on the Agenda (DC/21/03030 / DC/21/03014).

CSM32/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM33/21/22 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2021

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM34/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

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

He briefly went through his report as follows:

- A multi-agency team from Lincolnshire would carry out an independent review into SEND provision. The review would be carried out by a senior professional with no links to, or direct involvement with, Suffolk's provision and would focus on the processes, communication protocols and family-facing elements of SEND services within SCC. The report, with any recommendations, would be published on County Council's website, shared with those who contributed to it and also scrutinised, in public, by the council's Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee. The review team from Lincolnshire would consist of two senior officers from Lincolnshire County Council, performance analysts and the chair of the county's parent carer

network. Lincolnshire had excellent SEND provision and the team had kindly agreed to review certain elements of the service and would make recommendations based on their findings.

- 'The Hold' a large archives building on the Waterfront in Ipswich had opened for all to visit.
- Dunches Lane works were planned.
- Highways – would be following their cutting programmer and would cut relevant verges – 1.2 metres along the roadside.

Cllr Plummer reported to Cllr Hicks that potholes seemed to be taking a long time to be filled, once the yellow paint had been sprayed around them.

Cllr Hicks explained that there was a backlog on pothole works. He added that there had been many reports of sitting water at the side of roads which had caused problems with potholes and drainage. Funding had been increased which was hoped to improve the situation and complete all the works needed.

CSM35/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLRS NORRIS & CLLR PHILLIPS

Cllr Norris nor Cllr Philips were present at the meeting but Cllr Norris' report had been circulated prior to it and would be available to view on the village website www.creeting-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk

CSM36/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that it would be beneficial for another Cllr to be put as a signatory on the bank accounts to which Cllr Plummer said she would be happy to be that Cllr. **Clerk to action.**

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 22nd June 2021 was £33,876.10.

c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jun)	£299.78
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CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Host (Jun)	£6.00
Paul Scully	Reimbursement of Container Expenses	£20.49
DAB Construction (East Anglia) Ltd	Pathway Deposit	£5,670.00
T & R Harrison	Village Hall Fence Removal	£350.00
T & R Harrison	Erection of Side Fence to Village Hall	£1,174.00
T & R Harrison	Erection of Village Hall fencing	£2,950.00
T & R Harrison	Village Hall Electrical Duct work	£700.00
T & R Harrison	Hedge Cutting in Village Hall Car Park	£40.00
Paul Scully	Container timber	64.42

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £11,309.02 be approved.

The following receipts were also noted:-

HMRC	VAT Reclaim for 2020/21	£6,828.60
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CSM37/21/22 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/21/03030 - Planning Application - Erection of 1no. bungalow (following demolition of existing building) - Land Near Highfield, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

Members of the public present expressed their concerns in relation to this application and stated that they would be submitting their objections. One of the concerns was the relocation of the public right of way.

Cllr Scully confirmed that a site meeting had taken place sometime ago in relation to the relocation of the footpath with a new location being agreed by all parties.

Cllr Palmer stated that the applicant had yet to cut down the hedge by the entrance to the site of an adjacent application of which was a condition of the permission.

Members felt the development was on a dangerous bend in the road and the needed visibility to and from the site would be insufficient.

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

Ref: DC/21/03014 - Planning Application - Erection of 1no. 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

As stated in the application above, Members shared the same concerns in relation to the visibility of the splays in and from the site. The site also being on a dangerous bend in the road.

The cutting down of a tree that was included within the application Members felt concerned as it was not the applicant's to remove. The tree was in the pond and was of unknown ownership.

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

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

Cllr Scully pointed out that whilst he had no objections to the application, when the cattle shed at the site was first installed there had been concerns in relation to noise from the cattle. The extension of the shed would increase the noise coming from it.

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

CSM38/21/22 - PLANNING DECISIONS

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

Ref: DC/21/01741 - Planning Application - Change of use and creation of manege and associated work for use of land as equestrian, for personal use in connection with the property known as 'Five Acres' only - Land Adjacent to Five Acres, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/02041 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey rear and side extensions (following demolition of existing conservatory and detached outbuilding) including alterations and associated works - The Almonds, Flordon Road, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/01448 - Full Planning Application - Severance of gardens and erection of one pair of two bedroom semidetached dwellings including a detached double garage (Plot 1) with new vehicular access from Jacks Green Road - 33 And 34 St Marys Gardens, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/02178 - Application for Listed Building Consent - Conversion of and extension to barn to form 1No dwelling (alterations as per covering letter/report) - Creting House, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/01179 - Planning Application. Change of use of land for the keeping of horses. Construction of a 30M x 30M ménage with perimeter post and rail fencing - Land to Rear of 13, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/02099 - Planning Application - Erection of agricultural storage building (part retention of) - Riverside Barn, Kettle Lane, Creting St Mary - **Granted**

CSM39/21/22 – PLANTING AROUND VILLAGE AND CUTTING OF GRASSED AREAS

A general discussion took place in relation to the grassed areas of the village being left to grow wild.

Cllr Scully felt that it looked untidy and he had received complaints from residents around the Village Green about how it looked and that because it had been left to grow children were unable to play on the Green.

Cllr Haynes explained that it would be cut in September to which Cllr Craggs confirmed.

CSM40/21/22 – FINGERPOST PLAQUES

Cllr Scully confirmed he had replied to the email from Suffolk County Council in relation to plaques being installed on fingerposts.

CSM41/21/22 – BUS ROUTES

Members made suggestions in relation to possible bus routes within the area in response to an email the Clerk received from Mid Suffolk District Council.

The suggestions included a bus from Creting St Mary to Creting St Peter, as part of a route, and also the detour of a bus along the A140 to drive through the village with stops at All Saints Road and Flordon Road.

The Clerk would pass on the suggestions to the District Council.

CSM42/21/22 – HANDY MAN / ODD JOB MAN

Cllr Scully raised the possibility of an Odd Job Man who could undertake odd jobs around the parish for a fee, as there seemed to be many jobs that needed completing.

The Clerk informed members that such a person, to be paid, would need to become an employee of the Parish Council including them on the payroll system for HMRC. Therefore, any jobs to be carried out in the parish ideally would need to be on a voluntary basis.

Following a general discussion, it was felt that an advert should be placed in the next Newsletter asking for volunteers.

It was AGREED: That an article be placed in the next Newsletter. **Clerk to action.**

CSM43/21/22 – BENCHES FOR THE PARISH INCLUDING A MEMORIAL BENCH

The Clerk had received an email from the daughter of a past resident of Creting St Mary who loved to walk the footpaths around the village and around Needham Lake. The lady expressed a wish to contribute towards one of the benches the Parish Council were due to purchase and asked if a small plaque could be put onto the bench in memory of her mother.

It was AGREED: That the lady contribute towards one of the benches.

CSM44/21/22 – UPDATE ON LILLEY’S WOOD

There was nothing further to report and the benches were discussed in the previous item.

CSM45/21/22 - COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Clerk explained that once all the volunteers had watched the video sent from the Speed Management Team at the Police, then the trainer could meet the team in order to give training on the equipment. All volunteers needed to confirm to the Clerk once they had watched video.

CSM46/21/22 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Phil Piper, a resident in the village, was present at the meeting and had research possible replacement goal posts and nets. He shared products with members, with the favourite being a portable goal at the cost of £1,316.70 per pair.

Cllr Palmer reported about the problem of litter on Blacksmiths Field and the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing a wheelie Bin. Members asked the Clerk to look into this. **Clerk to action.**

Cllr Palmer also mentioned the Basketball hoop that was in the Container. Members wondered if the School could make use of it. **Clerk to enquire.**

Cllr Palmer reported that one of the logs on one of the equipment pieces had rotted and needed replacing. The equipment was purchased from Sovereign but was installed by Breheny and therefore was unsure where the Parish Council stood in replacing the item. Members suggested Cllr Palmer contacted Sovereign in the first instance. **Cllr Palmer to action.**

It was noted that the works adjacent to Blacksmiths Field by Mr Barton to clear out the ditch had commenced and the ground would be leveled out once the work had been completed.

It was AGREED: That grass be laid either side of the new pathway from All Saints Road to the Play Equipment.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that the next SALC meeting would be held in September.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully had nothing to report.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes’ report had been circulated prior to the meeting. She had nothing further to report.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs had nothing to report.

CSM47/21/22 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Key Safe for container keys as a way forward – Clerk to keep a Register as to who borrows what.
- Suffolk Festival – Platinum Jubilee – Put onto next Agenda.

CSM48/21/22 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting would be held on Monday, 26th July 2021.

The meeting finished at 9.55pm.

Chairman: Dated: