



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creting St Mary on **Thursday, 19th January 2023 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
J Palmer
R Coton
L Plummer
H Craggs

In Attendance: J Blackburn – Clerk
M Hicks
M Norris

CSM133/22/23 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Smart, Cllr Scully and Cllr Gordon.

CSM134/22/23 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM135/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM136/22/23 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th DECEMBER 2022

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM137/22/23 – PUBLIC FORUM

Three members of the public were present.

One member of the public wished to propose that a skate park on Blacksmiths Field be considered using the CiL money, whilst others suggested adult fitness equipment.

Members agreed to consider such items and asked that prices be sought and brought back to a future meeting. **Clerk to put on next Agenda.**

CSM138/22/23 - 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 village website.

He briefly went through his report about the following issues:

- Devolution deal
- Council charges
- New names for Bin Lorries

- £2.8m carbon-cutting solar investment
- New tenancy policy
- Successful bid for housing pot
- New wellbeing hub in Stowmarket
- Liaison Meetings

Cllr Craggs asked Cllr Norris about the proposed large warehouses on Gateway 14 and the use of those roofs for solar panels, to which Cllr Norris stated that he would look into it and reply to Cllr Craggs via email.

CSM139/22/23 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/22/06401 - Planning Application - Conversion of an existing stable block to form 1no dwelling in lieu of extant permission DC/22/03743 - Field Adjacent Hill View, Green Lane, Creting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/23/00082 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Removal of Condition 12 (Limit On Number of Storeys) of Outline Planning Permission DC/19/04868 dated: 31/01/2020 - Severance of garden and erection of 2No dwellings (some matters reserved- access and layout to be considered) - Orchard Haven, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/23/00024 - Application for approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline Planning Permission DC/19/04868 - Appearance, Landscaping and Scale for Severance of garden and erection of 2No dwellings - Orchard Haven, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/22/05980 - Full Application - Change of Use of annex to holiday guesthouse - The Elms, Green Lane, Creting St Mary

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

CSM140/22/23 - PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/22/05116 - Full Application - Erection of 3No dwellings (in lieu of previous applications for 3No dwellings and 6No dwellings respectively) - Land North East Of Flordon Road, Creting St Mary – **Refused**

Ref: DC/22/05465 - Planning Application - Erection of detached annexe. Oakhill Nurseries, Flordon Road, Creting St Mary – **Refused**

Ref: DC/22/02924 - Submission of Details (Reserved Matters Application) under Outline Planning Permission DC/18/05621 for the Appearance, Scale and Layout of up to 43no

dwellings (14 affordable), Landscaping thereof and Access thereto - Land Off, Jacks Green Road, Creeting St Mary - **Approved**

CSM141/22/23 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that she had received the figure for the Speed Signs Gold Maintenance Plan, which was £599.46 (inc. VAT). An invoice would be waited for before arranging payment.

b) **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was reported that the Council's current financial position and movements since the last meeting. It was reported that the balance in the accounts on 13th January 2023 was £38,875.84.

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

The following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Dec)	£360.20
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Dec)	£34.33
HMRC	PAYE to 5th Jan	£143.80
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Jan)	£6.00
Vertas Group	Grass Cutting (Jan-Mar 2023)	£335.02
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jan)	£360.40
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Jan)	£47.72

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,287.47 be approved.

It was noted that no receipts had been received

d) **BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was AGREED: That the Bank Reconciliation be approved.

e) **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

It was AGREED: That the Budget Monitoring report be noted.

f) **FINAL BUDGET 2023/24**

It was AGREED: That the Final Budget be approved.

g) **PRECEPT 2023/24**

It was AGREED: That the Precept for 2023/24 of £11,686 be approved. **Clerk to action.**

h) **DONATIONS 2022/23**

It was AGREED: That donations of £50 each be made to Citizens Advice Bureau and Needham Market First Responders. **Clerk to action.**

That the donation to the Village Hall's Insurance renewal be revisited at the next meeting – **Cllr Haynes to obtain a figure.**

CSM142/22/23 - 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 noting the following issues:

- Budget – Government stated 5% increase in total
- More investments to be made in Adult and Children's Services and Special Educational Needs
- Pavement verges would no longer be sprayed
- County Deal
- Libraries – Warm Spaces

CSM143/22/23 – SPEEDING

Members of the public were present and shared their concerns with the speed and dangerous driving of motorists along All Saints Road especially during school pick up and drop off times.

A safer route for parents and children was needed or road calming measures to be taken to ensure the safety of all pedestrians.

Cllr Palmer asked Cllr Hicks for an update in relation to the request that the whole of All Saints Road be made a 30mph zone. Cllr Hicks reported that it had been investigated but would not meet the criteria as there weren't enough houses along the road to warrant the speed limit of 30mph.

Cllr Palmer stated whether road calming, such as a red road surface, could be a way forward to which Cllr Hicks explained that Highways would not be allowed to introduce something that was not in the Highway Code.

Cllr Hicks suggested that the Clerk email him with the details of the issue with motorists and he would liaise with Josh White, Community Liaison Engineer, who could investigate further and work with the Parish Council to see what could be done. **Clerk to action.**

CSM144/22/23 – VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Cllr Haynes confirmed that the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) would rather the Car Parks at the Hall would not be tarmacked but a porous surface would be more effective.

The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with the CiL department over the project and it had been confirmed that a CiL Funding Enquiry form would need to be completed in the first instance. **Clerk to action.**

Cllr Haynes agreed to obtain a quote for the front and rear car parks from the contractor who was due to carry out the works to the french drain.

CSM145/22/23 – BENCH ON ALL SAINTS ROAD GREEN

The Parish Council had been approached by residents to ask if the bench on the Green could be moved from under the tree as it currently was unusable due to birds sitting in the tree messing on it.

It was AGREED: That the bench be moved. Cllr Haynes to obtain a quote from the contractor who was due to carry out the works on the french drain.

CSM146/22/23 - FRENCH DRAIN AT THE SIDE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Haynes confirmed that the works to the french drain was due to be carried out week commencing 13th February 2023.

CSM147/22/23 - UPDATE ON PATHWAY ON FLORDON ROAD / SITE MEETING

A site meeting between Cllr Hicks, Highways, Cllr Craggs and Cllr Scully had been arranged for Monday, 6th February 2023 at 2.30pm.

CSM148/22/23 – EXTENDABLE HEDGE TRIMMERS

Cllr Palmer reported that she had a price for the agreed purchase of the extendable hedge trimmers, which was £158. **All agreed.**

CSM149/22/23 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer had circulated her report prior to the meeting. She had nothing further to report.

SALC – Cllr Coton had nothing to report.

Footpaths – There was nothing to report.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that a fund had been applied to for works to the lounge, the pool table was also now able to be moved if required and a Business Plan was being put together by the VHMC.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs reported that following permission from the relevant land owners he had planted the 2,000 daffodil bulbs.

CSM150/22/23 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Closure of Mill Lane

CSM151/22/23 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the date of the next meeting would be Thursday, 9th March 2023.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm.

Chairman: Dated: