



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creting St Mary on **Thursday, 8th December 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
 P Scully
 R Coton
 J Palmer
 L Plummer
 D Cage
 C Gordon
 H Craggs

In Attendance: J Blackburn – Clerk

CSM113/22/23 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Smart, Cllr Norris and Cllr Hicks.

CSM114/22/23 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Craggs reported that he had a non-pecuniary interest in item 9 on the Agenda.

CSM115/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM116/22/23 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2022

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM117/22/23 – PUBLIC FORUM

Two members of the public were present. Applicants of DC/22/05465.

CSM118/22/23 - TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks was not present at the meeting. His report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

CSM119/22/23 - 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 village website.

CSM120/22/23 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council supported the application. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/22/05603 - Submission of details (Reserved Matters in part) following Outline Planning Permission DC/20/03721 dated: 08/12/20 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 2no. dwellings and garages (following demolition of existing storage building) Plot 2 Only. Discharge of Conditions 8 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) and Condition 9 (Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design Scheme) Plot 2 Only (amended scheme and re-submission of DC/22/00354) - Land at Grange Farm, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

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

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) – Ref: DC/22/05784 - Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/22/03462 dated 13/09/2022 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 1no. dwelling and use of existing dwelling as ancillary domestic storage- To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents), Condition 3 (Cycle Storage), Condition 4 (Electric Vehicle Charging Points), Condition 6 (Refuse and Recycling Bins), Condition 7 (Landscaping Scheme), Condition 9 (Incidental Use to Storage Building) and Condition 10 (Implementation of Landscaping Scheme) - to allow changes to roofing material, parking and turning area and condition details - Riverside Barn, Kettle Lane, Creting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/22/04981 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1no. single-storey dwelling and garage (following demolition of existing outbuildings) - 3 All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

Members felt that the application was overdevelopment of the site and also not appropriate as the site was close to a Listed Building.

Members felt that should the Planning Officer approve the application then the large trees at the front of the site should be preserved. Also, the provision of a pathway should be incorporated into the application along the front of the site.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council OBJECT to the application for the reasons stated above. **Clerk to action.**

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - DC/22/05985 - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans and Documents) and Condition 8 (Visibility Splays) of Reserved Matters Approval DC/21/05419 dated 07/12/2021 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 4no. dwellings and new access - Land Adjacent to Red House Farm, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

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

Cllr Palmer reported that she had seen another planning application on the planning portal, Ref: DC/22/05981 - Application for a Non Material Amendment relating to 4188/15 and subsequent conditions – Revision to footpath link – Creting Works, Flordon Road, Creting St Mary.

It was confirmed that this application had not been sent to the Parish Clerk for the Parish Council's consideration as a Consultee and the Planning Department and it should therefore be raised.

It was also noted that the new footpath, at the driveways of the two houses, was very steep and it was concerning that wheelchair users or pushchairs could topple over when using the footpath.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk contact Cllr Hicks and Cllr Norris about the application.

CSM121/22/23 - PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/22/04777 - Full Planning Application - Conversion and extension of stable buildings to form 1no. dwelling - Creeting Hills Farm, Creeting Hills, Creeting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/22/04744 - Householder Application - Erection of ancillary annexe for dependent relatives - White Oaks, Coddenham Road, Creeting St Mary – **Refused**

Ref: DC/22/04676 - Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of Conditions following grant of DC/21/04780 dated 27/08/2022 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 3 No. dwellings. To vary Condition 2 (approved plans and documents) to enable amended design for dwellings - Land to The North of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary - **Granted**

CSM122/22/23 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report other than what was already on the Agenda.

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 1st December 2022 was £40,261.17.

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

The following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Nov - including backpay)	£505.80
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Nov)	£34.33
Jennie Blackburn	Poppy Wreath Reimbursement	£19.99
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Nov)	£6.00
Great Bricett PC	Contribution to box of paper (Clerk)	£6.49
William Crocker	Noticeboard re-paint (Village Hall)	£65.00
Glasdon	Dog Bin (Creeting Hills)	£153.82
	Works to side of Village Hall	
T & R Harrison	(levelling/reseeding/rolling)	£230.00
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Dec)	£6.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,027.43 be approved.

It was noted that the following receipts had been received:

MSDC	CiL Money	£4,053.11
William Barnes	Firework Gate Money	£1,665.00

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) **DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24**

It was AGREED: That the Draft Budget be approved.

CSM123/22/23 – ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Editors of the Newsletter asking for financial help towards the printing costs. The Editors had explained that many photographs taken around the Parish and also of events that had taken place had been sent to be included in the Newsletter and it would be nice to be able to have a colour centre spread each time so some of the photographs could be included.

Members discussed the newsletter and felt that any photographs would be more appropriately placed on the village website by way of a gallery.

They felt that the newsletter should remain black and white and once all the new housing in the village was completed resulting in more newsletters needing to be printed then they would be happy to review the request.

It was AGREED: That funding should not be given at this time but could be reviewed in the future following the completion of new homes.

CSM124/22/23 - TREES ON ALL SAINTS ROAD GREEN

Members noted that a tree on the small green on All Saints Road had recently fallen down. A nearby resident had very kindly make the area safe and cut up the fallen tree to use as den building materials on Blacksmiths Field.

It was AGREED: That a Tree Surgeon be arranged by Cllr Craggs to check over the tree(s) on the Green to ensure all was safe.

CSM125/22/23 - FRENCH DRAIN AT THE SIDE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Haynes reported that herself and William Barnes had met with a contractor in relation to the French Drain at the side of the Village Hall. It had been explained that the drain was not deep enough. The contractor talked through what was required to pipe the drain. This meant that the fence could be taken down and access to the hedgrow would be easier. The quote for the works came to £5,021.20.

A general discussion took place in relation to Mid Suffolk District Council's CiL pot of money being able to be accessed for this project, but it was felt the timescale meant the Parish Council's CiL pot should be used on this occasion. Cllr Craggs strongly disagreed and stated that whilst the project was good, pressing ahead accessing the District Council's CiL pot should be the course of action.

Cllr Haynes confirmed that the planned re-surfacing works on the pathway had been postponed until the Spring.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Haynes accept the quote.

CSM126/22/23 - UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE HALL FRONT CAR PARK

Cllr Craggs reported on the CiL briefing he had attended and that an application could be made to completely upgrade the car park (front and back) at the Village Hall.

Members felt that safety improvements could be made, visibility improvements, car space lines, disabled bay(s) and the inclusion of EV charging points could all be included in the application.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk contact the CiL Department at the District Council in relation to an application being made.

CSM127/22/23 – LILLEY’S WOOD UPDATE

The update from William Barnes on the Working Party’s maintenance work that was received by email was noted.

CSM128/22/23 – PATHWAY ALONGSIDE VILLAGE HALL

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

CSM129/22/23 – PATHWAY ALONG FLORDON ROAD

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

CSM130/22/23 - REPORTS

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

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that SALC meeting were due to return to face to face. At the last meeting discussions had taken place on buses, how the District Council planned to work more closely with Parish Councils and street lighting and who owned them amongst other things. The next meeting was due to take place in March.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that new sign posts had been put back up at Creeting Hills and Fen Lane.

Cllr Palmer stated that FP19, which was supposed to being re-located as part of a previous planning application had still not been carried out. The new planning application on the site had commenced so it needed to be flagged up with the Planning Department. **Clerk to action.**

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that the new toilets had been installed and the lounge was due to be refurbished. Member asked Cllr Haynes to seek costings for the lounge’s refurbishment in order for the Parish Council to consider funding.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs reported that he had bought the 2,000 daffodils and asked for volunteers to help plant them.

CSM131/22/23 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Speed sign on Jacks Green only working intermittently
- Speedwatch – sessions to take place more often

- Poor state of road at junction with A140

CSM132/22/23 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the date of the next meeting would be Thursday, 19th January 2023.

The meeting finished at 9.46pm.

Chairman: Dated: