



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillors: H Craggs (Chair)
 J Palmer
 R Coton
 P Scully
 P Piper
 L Plummer
 D Cage

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk

CSM90/23/24 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Haynes and District Cllr Lawrence.

CSM91/23/24 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM92/23/24 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM93/23/24 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2023

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM94/23/24 – PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present, who was interested in item 20 of the Agenda.

CSM95/23/24 – 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.

CSM96/23/24 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lawrence was not present at the meeting.

CSM97/23/24 – UPDATE ON PROVISION OF SKATE PARK AND SURVEY RESULTS

The Clerk reported that she had received 44 responses to the survey circulated to all residents in the Parish. 35 of the responses were against the Skate Park and nine were in favour.

A general discussion took place about the survey, its results and also suggestions made as to what equipment could be considered for the Blacksmiths Field and also suggestions that should be considered as to how the spend the CiL money in other areas of the parish.

Members discussed the suggestion of a Youth Club, but it was felt that all the rules and regulations that would come into play would mean it would be hard to find volunteers to take on the Club.

Many of the survey results had stated that Blacksmiths Field was “lovely as it was” and so this would be another consideration.

Members felt that the consultation for additional equipment for the Field should remain open until the end of the year.

The Clerk stated that she would put together a summary of what she had received so far and members felt that should be published in the next Newsletter and also on the website.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk put together a summary for the Newsletter and Website.
That the consultation to remain open until 31st December 2023 with all responses going directly to the Clerk.

CSM98/23/24 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERKS REPORT**

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

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 16th October 2023 was £63,171.46.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

HMRC	PAYE to end 5th Oct	£112.80
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Oct)	£360.20
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Oct)	£34.33
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Oct)	£6.00
MSDC	Bin Emptying (New bin - Creeting Hills)	£37.25

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £437.78 be approved.

The following receipt had been received:

MSDC	CiL payment	£17,324.97
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CSM99/23/24 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/23/04674 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1no. single storey detached dwelling including parking and construction of new vehicular access from Jack's Green Road - 18 St Marys Gardens, Creeting St Mary

Members were concerned that the revised application had not dealt with the dangerous access to the site and had not taken into account the refusal of the Planning Department of the last application.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council Object to the application for the above reason. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/23/04755 - Householder Application - Erection of storage outbuilding - Meadow View Barn, Kettle Lane, Creeting St Mary

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

CSM100/23/24 - PLANNING DECISIONS

None had been received.

CSM101/23/24 – FIREWORK NIGHT

The Fireworks had been delivered. The insurance for the evening was currently being arranged.

CSM102/23/24 – A140 JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

Members noted that the junction of All Saints Road, at Creeting Bottoms, with the A140 had not been considered in the recent consultation.

CSM103/23/24 – SPEEDING – JACKS GREEN ROAD

Cllr Scully reported that the speeding of vehicles, including larger vehicles, along Jacks Green Road was becoming worse and suggested that a larger, brighter speed sign might be beneficial.

The Community Speedwatch Team was discussed and Cllr Scully stated that he would like to join as a volunteer.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk would send Cllr Scully the relevant information and application form to complete.

CSM104/23/24 – PARKING ON FOOTPATHS

Cllr Scully reported that people had been parking their vehicles on the footpaths in the village, but the problem had since ceased.

CSM105/23/24 – POND ON BLACKSMITHS FIELD

Cllr Craggs had discussed the pond with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and a two-year plan had been suggested which included clearing the trees, scraping away the silt to revitalise the pond. Costs had yet to be determined.

Cllr Cage suggested that safety fencing might be needed at certain points around the pond, and also an orange ring for any possible incidents.

Cllr Plummer suggested that the small pond on All Saints Road could also be maintained in the same way.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Haynes had also spoken with Roger Beecroft, who had initially built the pond on Blacksmiths Field, about the maintenance of it and he had offered to look at the pond and meet with Councillors to discuss the best way forward.

CSM106/23/24 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BENCHES AND TABLE TENNIS – BLACKSMITHS FIELD

It was AGREED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

CSM107/23/24 – NOTICEBOARD – CREETING BOTTOMS

There was nothing to report.

CSM108/23/24 – BOOK SWAP CABINET

The Clerk reported that Cllr Haynes had informed her the Village Hall Management Committee had agreed that they did not wish for the Book Swap Cabinet to be at the Village Hall.

CSM109/23/24 – LILLEY’S WOOD – BENCHES

There was nothing to report.

CSM110/23/24 - AMENITY LAND – JACKS GREEN DEVELOPMENT

Some members were not in favour of taking over the responsibility of play equipment at the amenity land on the Jacks Green Development.

Cllr Palmer reported that following telephone conversations it had been confirmed that the developer would need to provide five pieces of play equipment.

Cllr Craggs stated that he would contact the relevant people and ask whether the Parish Council could suggest which items be provided, without having the responsibility of maintaining the items/area.

CSM111/23/24 – UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL FRONT CAR PARK RESURFACING

The works to the front car park had been completed.

CSM112/23/24 – REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer had nothing to report.

SALC – Cllr Coton had nothing to report.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully stated that he had reported the weak riverbed on the footpath near to Alder Carr Farm and also nettles on the two paths near Ravens Farm.

Village Hall – There was nothing to report.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs reported that 5,000 daffodil bulbs had been planted with Bluebell bulbs to be planted over the coming weekend.

CSM113/23/24 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

No matters were raised.

CSM114/23/24 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 30th November 2023.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.

Chairman: Dated: