



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on
Thursday, 20th July 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
 J Palmer
 R Coton
 P Scully
 L Plummer
 P Piper

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk
 T Lawrence

CSM48/23/24 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cage and Cllr Craggs.

CSM49/23/24 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Palmer declared a non-pecuniary interest on item 9 on the Agenda.

CSM50/23/24 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM51/23/24 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th JUNE 2023

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM52/23/24 – PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

CSM53/23/24 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lawrence briefly went through his report, which had yet to be received by Councillors. The full report would be published on the village website. The areas raised were as follows:

- Electric Charging Points
- Tour of Britain
- National Grid – Pylons Consultation
- Gateway 14
- Mid Suffolk District Council and CARE Suffolk joint statement on solar farm application
- Anti-Social Behaviour

CSM54/23/24 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. He briefly went through the main areas as stated below. The full report would be published on the village website.

- Suffolk Fire Service to bring control back to the County
- Help for Suffolk Pre-payment Meter Customers

- £100m broadband investment in Suffolk under government's Project Gigabit
- Council to consider new chapter for library services

Cllr Scully asked Cllr Hicks about the cutting of the footpath on All Saints Road up the hill towards the church. It had become very overgrown making it difficult to walk, especially for parents and children walking up to the school. He stated how important it was that it was cut.

Cllr Hicks explained that the resources to cut the footpaths also had other jobs to undertake and it was therefore very difficult to cut all of the verges and pathways at the same time.

He stated that as it was used by parents to get to the school he would look into whether it could be a priority each year to ensure it is accessible at all times to walk the children along.

Cllr Coton asked Cllr Hicks about all the potholes that were still present in the area, to which Cllr Hicks explained that all potholes should be completed by the end of August.

Cllr Hicks reported that the contractor would be changing from 1st October and the way works were reported would be changing and should be more efficient.

Members reported to Cllr Hicks that flooding occurred, due to a broken gully, near to the junction of Jacks Green Road / Flordon Road / St Mary's Gardens. Cllr Scully confirmed that he had reported the problem but nothing had been done about it.

Cllr Hicks asked the Clerk to email the details and he would investigate. He stated that there was currently a backlog with gully work.

CSM55/23/24 - 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**

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 14^h July 2023 was £45,489.28.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

HMRC	PAYE to end 5th Jul	£112.60
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jul)	£360.20
Hugo Craggs	Sumer Bulbs	£34.33
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Jul)	£6.00
Vertas Group Ltd	Grass Cutting	£375.23
Material Change	Playground Bark	£823.44
ICO	Data Protection	£35.00
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Aug)	£6.00
Glasdons UK	Dog Bin (Creeting Hills)	£153.82

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,906.62 be approved.

No receipts had been received.

CSM56/23/24 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/23/02373 - Application for Outline Planning Permission (all matters reserved) - Phased development for the erection of up to 5No two-storey detached self-build dwellings, including individual

culverted access from All Saints Road and hardstanding - Red House Farm and Land On South Side of All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary

Members were concerned about the application and stated that it would be on agricultural land and would be overdevelopment of the site. They were also concerned that some developments were being left unfinished due to the rise in material costs and living costs.

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

Ref: DC/23/03150 - Full Planning Application - Severance of garden and erection of 1no. single storey dwelling and detached double garage, including new vehicular access to Jack's Green Road - 18 St Mary's Gardens, Creeting St Mary

Members were concerned about the application due to the proposed access of the site. Jacks Green Road was becoming a very dangerous road especially when the new development of 43 hours would be completed. Adding another access to a dangerous point on the road would be adding to the danger.

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

Ref: - DC/23/03180 – Householder Application - Erection of cartlodge and storage Location: River Cottage, Kettle Lane, Creeting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/23/03056 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - DC/23/03056 Proposal: Application under S73a for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/21/01178 dated 14.05.2021 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 1no 4 bedroom chalet bungalow and cart lodge with accommodation above (Condition 2 Approved Plans and Documents) - To re-position cartlodge to avoid main sewer - Fen Valley View, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/23/03307 - Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/21/02618 (allowed under Appeal Decision APP/W3520/W/21/3280030 dated 28/01/2022) - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 3No dwellings with detached garages and vehicular access (re-submission of DC/23/00538 - Plot Adjoining The Oaklands, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary.

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

CSM57/23/24 - PLANNING DECISIONS

Ref: DC/23/00460 - Householder Application - Erection of Detached Garage with Office Above Merton, Jacks Green Road, Creeting St Mary - **Granted**

CSM58/23/24 – BENCH AND TABLE TENNIS – BLACKSMITHS FIELD

Cllr Haynes reported that a suggestion had been made for a bench to be installed at the entrance to Blacksmiths Field on the left hand side, which would be in the shade and could be used to watch children playing football.

Members thought this would be a good idea and agreed to two benches being installed on concrete plinths. It was also suggested that a concrete Table Tennis Table be installed for children to use on the field. Members also thought this would be a good addition to the field and would also be good to position it on the left of the field's entrance.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council purchase two benches for Blacksmiths Field.

That the Parish Council purchase a concrete table tennis table.

CSM59/23/24 – NOTICEBOARD – CREETING BOTTOMS

Following the suggestion of a noticeboard to be positioned at Creeting Bottoms a location had been investigated. It was agreed that the best location would be on the piece of grass next to the post box.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk contact Highways to gain permission for the noticeboard.

CSM60/23/24 – SPEEDING – JACKS GREEN ROAD

Cllr Scully reported that the amount of speeding vehicles along Jacks Green Road was increasing.

The Clerk confirmed that the next session of the Community Speedwatch Team could be held on Jacks Green Road to observe any speeding and collect necessary information to take this further. A date in September would be arranged.

CSM61/23/24 – FOOTPATH CONDITION

This was discussed earlier in the meeting with Cllr Hicks.

CSM62/23/24 - AMENITY LAND – JACKS GREEN DEVELOPMENT

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

CSM63/23/24 – UPDATE ON PROVISION OF SKATE PARK AND EQUIPMENT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Cllr Piper reported that he had met with Helen Cufley from the District Council to discuss the best location for any proposed Skate Park. She had concluded that the best location would be alongside the play equipment.

He confirmed that an article would be included in the next Newsletter in order to gain views of residents before any decisions were made.

CSM64/23/24 – UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL FRONT CAR PARK RESURFACING

Cllr Haynes informed members that part of the proposed resurfacing works for the front car park was for two kerbs to be dropped to widen the access.

Following further investigation, it would seem that planning permission would be needed and members felt the cost and process of the permission would be too much for little addition.

CSM65/23/24 – REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – There was nothing to report.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that the AGM took place on 19th July with the speaker being the Chief Executive for Libraries who spoke about libraries not only being places to rent books, but also places for coffee mornings for parents and children and used as an information hub.

The rejuvenation of Area Forums was also discussed.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that the hedge was overgrown at the entrance of Alder Carr Farm and the bridge.

Cllr Palmer also reported that the Gipping could not be walked due to the footpath being blocked off.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that a meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) was held on 19th July where the refurbishment of the lounge was discussed. She explained that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) money application had been halted due to the long process of quotes going out of date during the lengthy process.

The VHMC therefore asked if the Parish Council would consider spending some of their CiL money on the expansion of the double doors between the lounge and pool room.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council spend some CiL money on the double doors.

Sustainability – There was nothing to report.

CSM66/23/24 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Book Swap Cabinet – next Agenda
- Lilley’s Wood – Benches – next Agenda
- Mud on Road – Jacks Green Development

CSM67/23/24 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 14TH September 2023.

The meeting finished at 9.12pm.

Chairman: Dated: