



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on
Monday, 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes - Chairman
J Palmer
R Coton
N Smart
P Scully
K Fulcher
H Craggs

In Attendance: County Councillor Matthew Hicks
District Councillor Suzie Morley
J Blackburn – Clerk

CSM71/18/19 – PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

CSM72/18/19 – APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

CSM73/18/19 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM74/18/19 – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM75/18/19 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd JULY 2018 AND THE PLANNING MEETING ON 21ST AUGUST 2018.

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2018 and the Planning meeting held on 21st August 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CSM76/18/19 – POLICE REPORT

The Police were not present at the meeting and a report had not been submitted.

CSM77/18/19 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hicks reported the following:

- **Suffolk students celebrate improved GCSE achievements** - Self-reported statistics from Suffolk schools, released on 23 August, showed that more students in Suffolk had achieved expected levels of GCSE attainment in English and Maths this year with Debenham High School receiving the best results.

- **Another year of outstanding results for Suffolk students** - Self-reported A-level figures, released on 16 August, showed that Suffolk pupils had once again performed well with the number of A*-E grades awarded above the national average.
- **Suffolk's tourist trade booming as economy hits £2bn mark** - Suffolk's tourism trade had seen its biggest boom for a decade – with the visitor economy reaching the £2 billion mark for the first time. Interim figures released on 8 August by Visit Suffolk showed that tourism grew by at least five per cent in 2017, more than double the year before. Overnight visits and lengths of stay for tourists were also up by more than 4%.
- **Superfast broadband coverage continued to grow** - On 24 August 2018, it was confirmed that 98% superfast broadband coverage would be achieved in 2020.
- **Grit bin changes** - A new system was being introduced by Suffolk Highways for re-stocking grit bins and for approving new grit bins. A review of grit bin and grit heap provision was reported to the County Council's Scrutiny Committee on 1 May in a paper entitled 'Winter Maintenance Resilience'. Details of how the new system would operate was being sent to parish/town/borough and district councils. Suffolk County Council no longer stocked grit heaps. Salt from heaps leaches into the verge and contaminates the watercourse. The leaching also reduced the effectiveness of the remaining material. Any parish/town which had a grit heap was encouraged to apply for a new grit bin in line with the guidance. The new guidance had been established to make it easier to request grit bin refills, explained the process of applying for a new grit bin and provided clarity of the grit bin process and associated responsibilities.

Cllr Hicks stated that his Locality Budget funds would be available to help with the purchasing of new grit bins if applied for.

CSM78/18/19 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Morley reported the following:

- **One Million Square Feet of New Business Space for Stowmarket** - Gateway 14 Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mid Suffolk District Council, had purchased 100 acres of land to the East of Stowmarket, directly adjacent to junction 50 of the A14 trunk road. Known as 'Gateway 14', the site was ideally situated to provide vital links to the Port of Felixstowe in the East, to the Midlands and the UK motorway network beyond. With outline planning consent establishing the principle for employment development, there was the potential to accommodate over 1 million sq. ft. of logistics, warehousing, advanced manufacturing and business space. It was envisaged that the site would be developed over the next 10 years to deliver high quality sustainable buildings for local and national businesses. It would also create a range of opportunities for local businesses to be involved in the construction, servicing and running of the Business Park, and would generate employment opportunities for Stowmarket and the surrounding area. The site benefited from both an Enterprise Zone and a Food Enterprise Zone designation offering further benefits to businesses locating to the site.
- **Foyer Scheme to Open Doubling Homelessness Provision** - A restored facility at The Foyer in Stowmarket was set to more than double the Council's provision of accommodation for families and vulnerable people in the Mid Suffolk District that found themselves without a home when it opens on 10 September. The Foyer, previously owned by Flagship Housing, had been unused for over a year. Mid Suffolk District Council had now purchased the building and carried out repairs to bring the building back into use. The new scheme would provide housing for 17 vulnerable families and individuals while the Council investigated their housing needs and requirements.
- **Councils Demonstrate Housing Land Supply** - Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils had demonstrated a Housing Land Supply of greater than five years, meeting their obligation under the National Planning Policy Framework. A Five-Year Housing Land Supply was a demonstration that a local authority was seeing enough homes built to meet housing need over the next five years. With

the publication of the updated 5-year land supply position planning officers would now be reviewing all current application and pre-application enquiries on which that had had a bearing. That included all applications for which formal planning permission had not yet been issued

- Funding for Shop Fronts Unveiled - Businesses in Mid Suffolk's Market Towns were being invited to apply for funding to make improvements to their shopfronts and make their businesses more accessible under two new grant schemes launched Friday 31st August. Businesses in Stowmarket, Needham Market, Eye and the surrounding villages could apply for grants to both make their buildings more attractive on the high street and help create a better experience for visitors. The improvements could be funded under a Shop front Grant or an Accessibility Fund grant, both of which were available to shop owners. Information could be found in the Shop Front Scheme leaflet.

Cllr Morley reported on the Community Infrastructure Levi (CiL) software that the District Council had set up. It would be a way that Parish Council's could view any funds that they would be receiving.

CSM79/18/19 – CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERK'S REPORT

b) CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET MONITORING 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 10th September 2018 was £30,181.61 (of which £2,966.71 was CiL money, £182.15 was being held for future History Days and an additional £5,984.21 being earmarked for Blacksmiths Field.

c) PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Sept)	£262.78
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (Sept)	£26.33
Jennie Blackburn	Reimbursement of Fireworks	£1,037.38
Vertas Group Ltd	Grass Cutting	£415.08
CSM Newsletter	Transfer - paid into incorrect account	£528.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £2,269.57 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

CSM80/18/19 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There had been no planning applications received.

CSM81/18/19 – PLANNING DECISIONS

The following Planning decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/18/00612 - Outline Planning Application (All Matters Reserved) - Erection of 1 no. Dwelling - Land Known As 'Five Acres' , All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, IP6 8PS – **REFUSED**

Ref: DC/18/02236 - Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application - Erection of part two storey chalet style/part single storey side/rear extensions - 1 Sparrow Hall Cottages, Creting Hills, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PS – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/18/01957 - Planning Application - Conversion of 2No barns to 2No residential dwellings - All Saints Barn, Low Lane, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8QA – **GRANTED**

NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Proposal: Non Material Amendment to Planning Application **Ref: DC/17/02615** - Amendment to building facade from rendered

clockwork to flint panelling with facing bricks Location: Riverside Farm, Kettle Lane, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8LL – **APPROVED**

Ref: DC/17/03147 - Full Planning Application - Proposal for 'Mixed use Development' comprising the erection of 3 No. Detached residential dwellings and garages; Erection of 6 No. Small Industrial Units (B1) and 1 No. main Industrial Unit (B2) all with new vehicular accesses, associated parking, landscaping and boundary treatments. Location: Land On East Side, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk – **APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN**

Ref: DC/18/02770 - Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) - Erection of 4 detached dwellings and access (alternative to the 3 dwellings approved under planning permission DC/17/04987) - Land South East Of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk – **REFUSED**

Ref: DC/18/03045 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of 1.5 storey side extension and single storey rear extension; Insertion of roof light to front roof plane - Bramble Cottage, 28 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NF – **REFUSED**

Ref: DC/18/03056 - Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of 1.5 storey side extension and single storey rear extension; Insertion of roof light to front roof plane and internal works - 28 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF - **REFUSED**

CSM82/18/19 – BLACKSMITHS FIELD FUTURE BALING

It was reported that Blacksmiths Field had been baled this year. It was also reported that alot of Ragwort was present, which needed to be eliminated in the future. Cllr Haynes stated that she would look into ways to kill off the Ragwort before the wild flowers came up next year.

CSM83/18/19 – FIREWORK NIGHT

The Clerk informed members that the Fireworks would be delivered mid to late October. Cllr Haynes stated that she would put a notice in the next newsletter asking for volunteers who would be able to help with the evening.

CSM84/18/19 – DUNCHES LANE

Cllr Craggs reported that a contractor quote was still being waited for.

CSM85/18/19 – NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk reported that a new noticeboard to replace the current one on Jacks Green Road would cost in the region of £500 and £1,500 depending on its size and what it was made of. Members suggested looking into the cost of one that was ade of recycled materials.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk look into the cost of a recycled noticeboard and report back to the next meeting.

CSM86/18/19 – DEFIBRILLATOR / TELEPHONE BOX

The Clerk reported that branches over the telephone box on Jacks Green Road were becoming an issue and needed to be cut back in order to stop the box from being damaged. As the telephone box was going to be used to house a defibrillator it was important it was maintained well.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk send a courtesy letter to the adjacent property informing them that the branches were going to be cut back.

CSM87/18/19 – SPEEDING

There was nothing further to report. The Clerk was still in the process of researching costs for a mobile speed display sign.

CSM88/18/19 – GRIT BINS AND HEAPS

Members had been made aware of the changes in procedures for requesting grit bins and the changes in provision of salt heaps. It was noted that the parish had many salt heaps that needed to be replaced with grit bins. Cllr Scully informed members that he had a list of all the parishes salt heap locations and would bring it to the next meeting.

CSM89/18/19 – TREE NEXT TO BENCH

The Clerk reported that she had not yet heard from the Highways department as to the planting of a tree by a resident in the parish in memory of his late wife.

CSM 90/18/19 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer reported that 13 trees would be planted on the field, some of which would replace ones that had died. The trees would be in memory of a resident of the village and someone who originally was involved in the purchase of the field.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that the next meeting of SALC would be held on 13th September, where items for discussion included hospital transport. The new Neighbourhood Policeman, Stefan Henrikson would also be in attendance.

Footpaths – There was nothing to report.

Village Hall – There was nothing to report.

Sustainability (CiL) – Cllr Craggs informed members that he would put an article into the next edition of the newsletter in order to explain the CiL monies and to receive suggestions as to what the money should be spent on.

CSM90/18/19 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

It had been raised with Cllr Scully of the possibility that the monies remaining from the History Days, £182.15, be put towards the parish having its own archive for historical information. **Clerk to put on next Agenda for further discussion.**

CSM91/18/19 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 22nd October 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.23pm.

Chairman: Dated: