



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on
Monday, 23rd July 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

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

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

CSM52/18/19 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

CSM53/18/19 – APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

CSM54/18/19 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fulcher declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10 of the Agenda.

CSM55/18/19 – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM56/18/19 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2018.

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CSM57/18/19 – POLICE REPORT

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

CSM58/18/19 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Morley was present at the meeting and her report was circulated prior to the meeting. She reported the following:

- **Debenham's Neighbourhood Development Plan** was out for consultation with the deadline for comments being 24/08/18.
- **Nominate your Stars of Mid Suffolk** - The new award scheme was launched on 1st June 2018 by Mid Suffolk District Councils at the Oaksmere Hotel in Eye. There were 17 categories, split between community awards and business accolades including five business awards, five community awards, seven Individual Community Awards. People from across the districts were encouraged to make

nominations and the media partner, Archant, would feature some of the stories of the nominees in the East Anglian Daily Times and the Ipswich Star. The closing date was 28th September 2018

- **Proposals for the future of the former council offices** – 92 houses/apartments and a retail unit, plus provision for parking.
- **Residents invited to comment on the future of Needham Market Middle School** - A public consultation on proposals for the future of the former Middle School site in Needham Market was being held on Tuesday, 10th July.

Cllr Scully asked Cllr Morley about the provision of public toilets at Needham Market. She stated that businesses in local towns such as Needham Market and Stowmarket were being asked to make their toilet facilities available for the public in order to reduce costs. Cllr Scully felt that was wrong and that facilities should be provided, as they always had been in the past, by the District Council.

CSM59/18/19 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hicks reported that the County Council still needed to save £56 million. He explained that half of the budget went on Adult Services and most of the remainder on Children Services. In relation to other services councils were only doing the bare minimum as Government had reduced budgets across the country.

Cllr Hicks continued that with new housing being developed all the time, schools and infrastructure was required along with large infrastructure plans that were ongoing such as the Ipswich Bypass. These needed to be looked at and how to pay for them.

£21 million had been borrowed in order to resurface 1000 miles of roads in Suffolk.

Cllr Scully asked Cllr Hicks about verge cutting and signage to which Cllr Hicks replied that each 'U' and 'C' road would be cut once a year. In relation to signage, only necessary signs would be repaired – there just wasn't the funds available.

CSM60/18/19 – CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that D Stephenson had resigned from the Parish Council and so a vacancy had become available. The relevant notice would be displayed in order to advertise the vacancy.

She also reported that a meeting was due to be held on 29th August at 7.30pm in order to discuss the future of the Newsletter and possible amalgamation with the Grapevine.

The Clerk stated that the Social Club were reported to be possibly finishing, with the main event of the Firework Night being at risk. Cllr Haynes stated she would contact the relevant people to see what was involved and as to whether it was something the Parish Council could organize in the future.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a resident whose wife had left a dying wish in her will, for 65 trees to be planted on the wild area of Blacksmiths Field. The resident asked whether, in principle, the Parish Council would agree to the idea. He asked that he meet with Councillors in order to discuss the finer details.

It was AGREED: That whilst members understood the sensitivity of the request, allowing 65 trees would set a precedent, something which needed to be managed. It was felt 1 tree per 5 years of life would be more appropriate, in view of how established the field had now become.
That the Clerk write a letter to the resident which stated the Parish Council's decision.

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 23rd July 2018 was £27,389.82 (of which £2,966.71 was CiL money, £578.05 was being held for future History Days and an additional £5,983.29 being earmarked for Blacksmiths Field.

c) **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (July)	£262.78
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (Jul)	£30.33
ICO	Data Protection Fee - Annual Renewal	£40.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Aug)	£262.78
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (Aug)	£28.33

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £624.22 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

CSM61/18/19 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NF

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

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, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF

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

CSM62/18/19 – PLANNING DECISIONS

The following Planning decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/18/01442 - Outline Planning Application - Erection of 1 No detached dwelling (all matters reserved) - 1 Stone Cottages, Creeping Hills, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PZ – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/18/01463 - DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Proposal: Discharge of conditions application for DC/17/06098 Condition 3 (Stud inspection) Condition 4 (Fireplace) Location: 3 All Saints Road, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF – **APPROVED**

Ref: DC/18/01760 - Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) - Erection of detached dwelling and garage - Land Adjacent Red House Farm , All Saints Road, Creeping St Mary, IP6 8PW - **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/18/01001 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 2 No dwellings and associated garages, together with new access - 3 All Saints Road, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF - **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/18/01743 - Outline Planning Application (All matters reserved except access) - Erection of 4 No. dwellings including access and associated garaging - Lyndale Lodge, All Saints Road, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PW - **GRANTED**

CSM63/18/19 – HISTORY DAY

Cllr Scully reported that the History Day had been well supported. Cllr Scully went through the finances of the day and confirmed that a total of £157.15 of History Day money remained.

The Parish Council wished to express their thanks to the History Team for all their hard work in both this event and the previous one earlier in the year.

CSM64/18/19 – DUNCHES LANE

There was nothing to report.

CSM65/18/19 – NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk reported that she had not received any interest in a volunteer making a new noticeboard and so had been looking into the cost of replacing the noticeboard with a new one, but needed more detail of what was needed.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk research the cost of an aluminium board and a wooden board, the same shape and size as the current one.

CSM66/18/19 – DEFIBRILLATOR / TELEPHONE BOX

The Clerk reported that further information had been requested in relation to the application form for Big Lottery funding. She would give an update at the next meeting.

CSM67/18/19 – SPEEDING

The Clerk explained that should the Parish Council agree to a speed sign (SID) that a certain procedure had to be followed. That included deciding on the exact locations of the SID which would need to be approved by the County Council. An application form would need to be completed, the location of the SID needed to be on a stretch of straight road and the verges a certain depth.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk look into the possibility of sharing neighbouring parishes SIDs.

CSM68/18/19 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer reported that she had strimmed around the saplings but due to the nesting birds had to be very careful.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that a meeting was held on 21st June 2018. The new CEO, Sally Longmate, was present at the meeting and gave an update on what was happening at SALC. She was keen on better communication and getting involved in other organisations. She had also met with the Planning Department in order to discuss Neighbourhood Plans.

There was a new SALC website in which Clerks would be issued with passwords to enable Councillors to register.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that many previous footpath issues had been resolved.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that the invoice for the sound-proof door in the hall had been reduced as the work had not resulted in the door being sound-proofed. Other sound proofing options were being looked at e.g. a curtain, or a sliding door over the existing door.

Cllr Scully commented that the outside of the village hall needed to be maintained better. In the run up to the History Day the History Team tidied up the outside of the building, something which should not have been their task. Cllr Haynes stated she would raise that at the next meeting.

Sustainability (CiL) – Nothing to report.

CSM69/18/19 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

There were no further matters.

CSM70/18/19 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.53pm.

Chairman: Dated: