



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on **Monday, 14th October 2019 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance: J Blackburn – Clerk
 M Norris – District Councillor
 M Hicks – County Councillor

CSM110/19/20 – PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

CSM111/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Smart.

CSM112/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Haynes declared an interest in item 23 on the Agenda and Cllr Palmer on item 10.

CSM113/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM114/19/20 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2019

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM115/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

CSM116/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks reported the following:

- **Fourth care home in Suffolk receives Outstanding rating** - On 30 September, it was reported that Care UK's Mills Meadow care home in Framlingham had been officially rated as 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission. It was the fourth Care UK home in Suffolk to be awarded the Outstanding rating, following in the footsteps of Asterbury Place in Ipswich, Cleves Place, Haverhill, and Mildenhall Lodge, Mildenhall. The report from the CQC highlighted a number of areas that were found to be of the highest quality, including: "People were exceptionally happy with the outstanding care they received from Mills Meadow. They shared numerous examples of the

high-quality care that met and exceeded their individual needs and expectations and enhanced their daily lives. Feedback from relatives, visitors and professionals was equally complimentary describing dedicated and compassionate staff, who repeatedly went the extra mile to ensure people's lives were filled with enjoyment, meaningful engagement and inclusion in the place they called home. People were consistently treated with dignity and respect in a way that celebrated and championed them as individuals.”

- **Suffolk Councils set out their concerns, expectations and areas of focus as part of a joint response to EDF Energy’s Stage 4 Sizewell C consultation** - On 16 September, Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council published their proposed joint authority response to EDF Energy’s Stage 4 public consultation for a new nuclear site on Suffolk’s east coast. Both councils welcomed the further round of public consultation so that EDF Energy could provide additional detail and amendments to the proposals presented at Stage 3. However, both councils were somewhat disappointed that EDF Energy did not use this opportunity to respond to key elements of some of the concerns raised earlier in the process. The joint report made it clear that the authorities continued to support the principle of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell and recognised the significant benefits that such a development would bring. However, there continued to be concern about the environmental, social and economic impacts of such a large-scale development, especially regarding the cumulative energy-related projects which were currently muted for the east Suffolk coast. Based on the proposals put forward by EDF Energy at Stage 4, both councils wanted to see a sustainable transport strategy put in place by the energy firm to ensure that every effort was made to reduce the impact on road use and congestion as part of any development that took place. As part of this mitigation, each council continued to expect EDF Energy to maximise the development and use of marine and rail transport options. The scale of investment surrounding development of a new site at Sizewell would be similar to the London 2012 Olympics, believed to be worth around £14 billion. As part of Stage 4, EDF Energy had projected that the development’s workforce would be around 8,500 at its peak which is around 2,500 higher than previously suggested. Once in operation, the power station would create 900 permanent jobs.
- **Suffolk rail vision** - On 6 September, representatives from Suffolk County Council, West Suffolk District Council and the Newmarket Racecourses met with stakeholders from the horse racing industry and Members of Parliament to call for more investment in passenger rail services. The priorities included demands for a half-hourly passenger rail service to Cambridge and direct rail connectivity with Oxford, London, the Midlands, the North of England and Scotland. Information was also presented on the new East West Rail Link, a rail project that will connect Suffolk and Norfolk with Oxford via Cambridge.

CSM117/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Norris reported the following:

- **Joint Local Plan consultation closed** - Thank you to all Town and Parish Councils, and to all residents, who took part in the Joint Local Plan consultation. It had now ended, with the deadline for responses being Monday, 30th September. Mid Suffolk’s Strategic Planning Team would now be going through all the comments received and consider how to amend the draft plan accordingly.
- **Residents invited to tour Suffolk’s Energy from Waste facility** - Suffolk’s non-recyclable waste helped to power the equivalent of 30,000 homes. More information could be viewed at suffolkefw.co.uk/contact/book-a-visit
- **Recycling information at your finger tips** - With recycling high on the agenda for Mid Suffolk’s Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee this month, and in line with MSDC’s 2030 carbon reduction and greenest county ambitions, highlighted below are the key online resources available when navigating the dos and don’ts of recycling. These could be accessed via the website suffolkrecycling.org.uk:

- What can go in recycling bins – included the changes which saw Tetra Pak drinks cartons and metal pots, pans and trays no longer being accepted in curb side recycling bins, but still accepted at 11 of Suffolk’s Recycling Centres
 - Where to recycle glass bottles
 - Recycling centres in Suffolk
 - Home composting
 - A-Z of recycling
- **Green light to transform Stowmarket Middle School into much-needed homes** - Planning permission had been granted to transform the former Stowmarket Middle School site into 38 affordable homes. At a meeting of Mid Suffolk’s Development Control Committee on 18th September, Councillors voted to grant permission for the redevelopment of the site in Walnut Tree Walk, which had been redundant since the closure of the school in summer 2015.

Cllr Norris confirmed that a new Visitor Centre would be opened at Needham Lake towards the end of next Summer.

CSM118/19/20 – BOSCH TOOLS

Glynis Clint, a parishioner and member of the Church, was present at the meeting and reported that some Bosch Tools had kindly been donated to the ‘community’, Church and Parish Council, for the use of maintenance to trees, grass, and hedgerows etc. The equipment, worth approximately £3,131, was currently stored at her property.

It was discussed where to store the equipment in the longer term and a container was suggested at the rear of the village hall. Cllr Norris informed members that such containers were used at Needham Market and he would therefore look into the cost and supplier of them.

The Clerk stated that the items could be insured under the Parish Council’s policy, but would therefore need to be ‘owned’ by the Parish Council.

To cover possible injury the Parish Council’s insurance would cover public liability, but also a disclaimer form should be signed by anyone using the equipment in the future.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk write a thank you letter to Bosch for the equipment.
That the Clerk put together a disclaimer form for future use.

CSM119/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that Mark Euston, a resident and business owner in the village, had cleared the blocked drains at the village hall car park for free. He had also confirmed to the Clerk that he would check and clear the drains on an annual basis.

b) **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 3rd October 2019 was £48,217.19.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Oct)	£291.72
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Oct)	£30.33
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defib / Cabinet	£2,814.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £3,136.05 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipts were noted:

MSDC	Precept (2nd Installation)	£4,900.00
MSDC	Recycling Bin Credit	£77.35

- d) **BANK RECONCILIATION**
The bank reconciliation was noted.

CSM120/19/20 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/19/04441 - Outline Planning Application (some matter reserved - access to be considered) - Erection of 1No detached dwelling and garage (re-submission of refused application DC/19/00077) - Highfield, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG

Members continued to be concerned about this application and as in the past were against the proposal due to the required 90 metre visibility splay not being met.

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

Ref: DC/19/04359 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of two storey rear extension and balcony - Thatched Cottage, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PW

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

Ref: DC/19/04528 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of second floor loft conversion extension - Highfield, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG

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

Ref: DC/19/04799 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of carport - Halcyon House, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NQ

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

Ref: DC/19/04740 - Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission DC/17/04743 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of detached dwelling and garage - Land Adjacent To 1 Red Houses, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk

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

CSM121/19/20 - PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions had been received.

CSM122/19/20 – SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

It was AGREED: That the Social Media policy be approved, adopted and signed by the Chair.

CSM123/19/20 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Speed Management Team (SMT) in relation to them arranging a site visit to discuss the repositioning of the VAS machine, following its removal due to development work being undertaken. She explained that the SMT had replied advising that the Parish Council should wait for the development to be completed and then reassess the situation.

Members did not agree with the advice and were concerned of the continued bad driving and speed issues along All Saints Road.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with the SMT and ask them again to revisit the site in order to get the VAS machine and post reinstated as quickly as possible.

CSM124/19/20 – DUNCHES LANE

Cllr Craggs reported that Suffolk County Council were willing to get a contractor to improve Dunches Lane to enable it to be more usable for bikes, pedestrians, prams. They had found a pot of money to use for the project. It was going to be looked at with the plan being to raise the order, lock down the cash and carry out the works next year.

CSM125/19/20 – LAND WITHIN THE VILLAGE (TRIANGLE)

Cllr Haynes reported that she had spoken with Nick Hardingham at Alder Carr Farm, who owned the triangle of land. He refused the possibility of the PC buying the land as he would rather it be made into a wildlife area than be used as a picnic site. He would maintain the land and keep the footpath clear for people to use.

Cllr Haynes added that he had applied for some free trees to plant at the farm. They were also willing to help with the planting of all the free trees within the parish.

CSM126/19/20 – MINTENANCE OF VERGES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Following the donation of the gardening equipment and the expensive quotes received from contractors to the Clerk, a discussion took place in relation to a working party being put together to clear the footways and cut the verges on a regular basis.

It was felt that it needed to be decided which areas would be cut and which would be left to become wild.

Cllr Haynes suggested a sub-committee be formed where more in-depth discussions could take place.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Haynes approach Nick Hardingham for suggestions as he had offered to help with such works.

CSM127/19/20 – FIREWORK NIGHT

The Clerk reported that the delivery of the fireworks would take place over the next couple of weeks.

A meeting of the Social Club was due to be held on 16th October for discussion over arrangements for the Firework Night as a whole.

CSM128/19/20 - NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk reported that she had not heard from the 'Men's Shed' recently in relation to the new Noticeboard for All Saints Road.

She confirmed that they had been approached in relation to the issues surrounding the Jacks Green Road noticeboard.

Cllr Scully suggested that drip ledges were needed in the noticeboards to stop water from entering them on rainy days.

CSM129/19/20 – TELEPHONE BOX

The Clerk reported that she had liaised with the Community Heartbeat Trust in relation to the installation of the defibrillator cabinet inside the telephone box. They had confirmed that they were able to offer an installation service which would cost £200 plus VAT.

Cllr Scully reported that he had liaised with a company who could reproduce the footpath map at a cost of £79.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk accept the quote from the CHT for the installation of the defib cabinet for £200 plus VAT.

That Cllr Scully accept the quote of £79 for the reproduction of the footpath map.

CSM130/19/20 – SOCIA MEDIA

Cllr Craggs reported that the Facebook page for Creting St Mary was not yet up and running.

The Clerk confirmed that if a Facebook page was to be used then only one member of the Parish Council should be responsible for posting information onto the site.

CSM131/19/20 – SUFFOLK MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

There was nothing to report as it did not affect the parish of Creting St Mary.

CSM132/19/20 – REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer reported that she had received a complaint from residents adjacent the field that on Saturday morning a keep fit activity had taken place where loud music had been played.

Cllr Haynes stated that she would raise the issue at the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that the SALC AGM was due to take place on 26th November 2019 and another event based on planning arrangements on 18th November.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that he had met with the Rights of Way Officer and land owner in relation to Bridleway 32A. It was suggested that a fence be installed next to the stile but a gate was not allowed. Cllr Craggs suggested that the landowner put a sign up which stated to walkers/horse riders, that the bridleway only went so far until it reached the A14 and was therefore not a through route. Perhaps that would make people think twice before using the bridleway.

Cllr Scully also reported that the footway on Beacon Hill, for which he had received a complaint from a member of the public as it was barely passable due to weeds and brambles, had subsequently been cleared following a letter of complaint sent by the Clerk.

Cllr Scully finally reported that a resident adjacent FP7 had suggested she put a sign up informing members of the public of disruption due to diggers working. Cllr Scully agreed and thanked her.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that the hedge at the side of the village hall had been cut right back to aid visibility when exiting the hall car park. She asked members if they felt the stumps needed to be kept, or dug up. Members felt that the stumps should be left.

Cllr Haynes also reported that the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) had sought quotes for the replacement of a heat pump and these had come in at £16,000, £23,000 and £36,000. The hall was currently running on one pump as the second had stopped working. They felt it was risky not to replace the pump, but as it was an expensive project any help with funding from the Parish Council's CiL pot would

be much appreciated. They did have £25,000 to cover the costs but as the hall had lost its Nursery and lettings were such that the hall was only just breaking even, they wanted to keep some money in their reserves.

Cllr Palmer suggested that the VHMC should endeavour to inspect the work of the preferred supplier before an order was placed. Cllr Palmer also proposed that once the full costings were available that the Parish Council agreed to make a contribution from CiL monies to which members agreed. Cllr Craggs confirmed such work was eligible. It was hoped the pledge would help with any application the VHMC made to the National Lottery and others, but no specific amount had been put forward at this time.

Cllr Coton asked whether improvements to the hall ventilation and air conditioning had also been considered or included.

It was felt that the above options be looked into and further discussions take place amongst the VHMC.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs reported that he had emailed members recently with what CiL monies could be expected and that ways to spend the money should be explored.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Craggs put another article in the next Newsletter to inform residents of the amount of CiL money available and ask for any suggestions for its use.

CSM133/19/20 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- County Lines at Needham Market

CSM134/19/20 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 25TH November 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 10pm.

Chairman: Dated: