



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on
Monday, 24th June 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
J Palmer
R Coton
H Craggs
P Scully
N Smart

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk

CSM38/19/20 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

CSM39/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

CSM40/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Craggs declared an interest in item 10 on the Agenda.

CSM41/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM42/19/20 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH MAY 2019

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM43/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

CSM44/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks was present at the meeting and reported that Suffolk County Council was committed to continue working to protect vulnerable adults and children, improve Suffolk's roads, and raise educational standards. He also outlined five new policy priorities to address in the coming twelve months. He stated that the chronic shortage of housing in Suffolk and throughout the country was well-known. What was less well-known was that Suffolk County Council was the third largest landowner in Suffolk. Much of that land was put to good use, as county farms, operational depots and office accommodation. There was scope to convert some of the land into much needed housing that would present an opportunity to generate income for the County Council to reinvest in vital public services. The administration would develop proposals to make best use of the significant land asset, with a focus on delivering the kind of homes Suffolk needed.

On the environment, Councillor Hicks reported that earlier in the year, SCC voted to declare a climate emergency. That was a progressive step forward. The need to sustain the environment was greater now than ever. Despite the authority's positive track record on reducing energy consumption, carbon emissions

and waste, they still had work to do. Shortly the authority would launch a new cross-party policy development panel. The administration was refreshing Suffolk's Greenest County programme and the relaunch of such was being looked forward to with renewed vigour, profile and commitment.

He also reported of plans to work with partners, businesses and residents to develop a long-term vision for Suffolk, to renew the Council's approach to growing Suffolk's economy and for the Council to act more commercially.

Cllr Palmer questioned Cllr Hicks on the recent Highways decision not to install a footway, by way of a white line, along All Saints Road from the school to the Village Hall to aid the safety of pedestrians walking to and from the school.

Cllr Hicks explained that the road was too narrow for the white line to be included as it would make the space left too narrow for two cars to pass each other.

He confirmed that with his locality budget funding he had ordered road markings of 'slow' were to be painted onto the road, and also the installation of 'pedestrians in road' signage had been given the go ahead. The timescale for these works would be approximately 8 weeks.

CSM45/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLRS NORRIS & CLLR PHILLIPS

Cllr Norris was present at the meeting and reported the following:

- **Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan** - Elected Members of Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils had been invited to a Councillors' Briefing at Endeavour House on Friday 21st June on the updated Joint Local Plan. It would replace the two Councils' individual Local Plans and would shape the way the districts developed in future, including housing needs and allocations, infrastructure and business/retail opportunities. The new Joint Local Plan would cover a period up to 2036, aligned with the timescale for the Suffolk Coastal and Ipswich Local Plans. The Councils began gathering a range of evidence to inform the preparation of a new Joint Local Plan during 2016. That had included studies on retail, economic land needs, housing land availability and housing market assessments. It would be considered, for consultation, by Councillors of both Babergh and Mid Suffolk at two individual Full Council meetings the following week. If approved then residents, local businesses and stakeholders would be asked for their views between July and September, with the aim of the updated Joint Local Plan being adopted in February next year.
- **MSDC Pledges Support for BOSCH Workers** - Mid Suffolk District Council had pledged to support all its residents facing redundancy as a result of changes at Bosch's Lawn & Garden factory in Stowmarket, following the company's announcement of a restructure that could affect jobs at the site. The support would be tailored to the situation in Stowmarket, which would become clearer over the coming weeks. More details were available on the MSDC website.
- **New Electric Vehicle Charging Point at Needham Lake** - Motorists across East Anglia could now recharge their electric vehicles in as little as 30 minutes at one of a network of 11 new rapid chargers, installed along the region's strategic road networks. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils were leading a Highways England funded project of seven local authorities in Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex, working together to install the rapid charging points, with one of the first now operational at Needham Lake.

CSM46/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had received notification from Community Action Suffolk, that the Insurance Policy, at the time of renewal, would be moved to a new ‘Parish Protect’ policy that would be with Royal and Sun Alliance instead of Zurich.

The Clerk also reported that she had received communication from the Parochial Church Council asking for monies towards the maintenance of the church graveyard, which complaints had been received from members of the public about its poor state.

Following a brief discussion Members felt that invoices should be received before any monies are released.

It was AGREED: That the current insurance policy be replaced with the Parish Protect policy.
That the Parochial Church Council send invoices to the Parish Council for churchyard maintenance following works, for payment.

ii) 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 18th June 2019 was £48,464.67.

iii) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

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| 000056 | Jennie Blackburn | Clerk's Pay (June) | £291.72 |
| 000057 | Jennie Blackburn | Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (June) | £26.33 |
| 000058 | HMRC | Paye (to end June) | £5.60 |
| 000059 | Men’s Shed | Noticeboard | £330.00 |
| 000060 | ICO | Data Protection Renewal | £40.00 |

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £693.65 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

It was noted that no receipts had been received.

CSM47/19/20 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/19/02671 - Planning Application - Erection of a new dwelling and garage - Grange Farm, All Saints Road, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG

Members were concerned as the statutory 90 metre visibility splay of the access to the site was not present.

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

Ref: DC/19/02577 - Planning Application - Change of use from part residential and B&B to all (C3) residential use only - Creeping House, All Saints Road, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PR

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

Ref: DC/19/02834 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey rear extension following reduction of existing outbuilding and replace flat roof with pitched lean-to roof - 2 St Marys Road, Creeping St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6

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

CSM48/19/20 - PLANNING DECISIONS

It was NOTED: That the following planning decisions had been received:

Ref: DC/19/00160 - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 4 dwellings and new access - Red House Farm, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PW – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/01566 - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with garage and new vehicular access - Land Adjacent To Whiston, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk – **REFUSED**

Ref: DC/19/02293 - Householder planning application - Erection of single storey triple bay cartlodge/garden store - Riverside Barn, Kettle Lane, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8LL Section – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/02292 - Householder planning application - Erection of single storey rear extension and insertion of doors to front elevation - The Barn, Hungercut Hall, Coddendam Road, Creting St Mary Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NX – **GRANTED**

Ref: DC/19/00075 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/00075 - Condition 6 (Refuse bins and collection areas) Location: Land South East Of, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Suffolk

Ref: DC/19/01829 - Outline Planning Application (access to be agreed) - Erection of 1no. detached dwelling and vehicular access (re-submission of refused application DC/19/00077) - Land East of Highfields, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, IP6 8NG – **GRANTED**

CSM49/19/20 – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The Clerk reported that the VAS machine was being delivered the following day. She would have a look at the item and what was involved in the installation and would be in touch should she need any help from members. Discussions would take place at a future meeting should a Rota need to be put into place for the moving of the radar sign and the charging of the batteries.

CSM50/19/20 – DUNCHES LANE

Cllr Craggs had nothing to report.

CSM51/19/20 - NOTICEBOARDS

Cllr Scully reported that the new Noticeboard that had been made by the Men's Shed in Stowmarket would be erected in position the following day.

It was confirmed that the old noticeboard was to be disposed of.

Notices within the noticeboards were discussed with the agreement that events taking place in the village would take priority over other information.

The Clerk confirmed that she had asked for permission from Suffolk County Council for a new location for another noticeboard – adjacent the dog bin, near to the church on All Saints Road.

CSM52/19/20 – TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr Haynes explained that following the refusal of a grant for a defibrillator, a resident had offered to purchase one for the village.

Members discussed the possibility of the telephone box being used for a defibrillator and an information site.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk corresponds with the resident to accept their offer.
That the Clerk research prices of defibrillators and cabinets.

CSM53/19/20 – GRASS CUTTING / TREES

Cllrs felt that due to the plans for a multicourt and/or further play equipment on Blacksmiths Field, it was not a location for the planting of extra trees but there were many other places around the village where more trees could be planted.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk apply for 100 small trees.

CSM54/19/20 – BLACKSMITHS FIELD

It was reported that the Ragwort was not as bad as was first thought. As for future plans for the Ragwort a decision was needed to be kept back to see firstly how the play equipment would develop so plans would be left for the current year.

The Clerk reported that she had repeatedly tried to get in touch with the Play Equipment Inspector in order to ascertain an inspection report for the last inspection back in December 2018, but to no avail. It was felt that inspections should be carried out by Mid Suffolk instead of the usual Ipswich Borough Council, which would be once a year with an Inspection Report being emailed.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with Mid Suffolk District Council in order to add the play equipment to their annual RoSPA Inspection list.

CSM55/19/20 – PARISH COUNCILLOR BIOGRAPHIES

Cllr Craggs reported that he was aware of other Parish Cllrs putting together a Biography, a picture and a paragraph about themselves, that could be put into the village Newsletter and on the website. Having a picture and description lets villagers see who the Parish Councillors were, what they looked like and a little bit about themselves.

It was AGREED: That a Biography be published in the Newsletter, two at a time, of the Parish Councillors and Clerk, starting with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

CSM56/19/20 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer had nothing further to report.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that he had attended a recent joint area meeting where the following topics were discussed:

- Self Help Scheme
- CiL Monies
- Telegraph poles being erected county wide for Fibre Broadband
- Digital Accessibility for all Parish Council websites.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that FP58 was currently in a bad state and that a site meeting was due to be held on 11th July at 9.30am on FP19 to discuss the diversion of it in relation to a recent planning application.

Cllr Norris reported that the Gipsy Lane footpath diversion had resulted in a public enquiry due to two letters of objection being received. The public enquiry had been suspended until 24th September 2019.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that the AGM was due to be held on 1st July and the Constitution had been amended and was up for discussion.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs had nothing further to report.

CSM57/19/20 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

It was raised that when a road closure was in place it would be helpful for the signs to state where the closure was, or where access was available to. The current road closure adjacent the church, which had a diversion in place was unclear on the signage at each end of All Saints Road.

CSM58/19/20 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 22ND July 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.55pm.

Chairman: Dated: