



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creting St Mary on
Monday, 18th October 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Haynes (Chair)
P Scully
R Coton
N Smart
L Plummer

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk
County Cllr Hicks
District Cllr Norris

CSM89/21/22 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

CSM90/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Palmer and Cllr Craggs.

CSM91/21/22 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM92/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM93/21/22 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER AND 27TH SEPTEMBER 2021

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 7th September and 27th September 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM94/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks' report was circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the parish website.

He briefly reported on the following subjects:

- Showcasing Suffolk's Environmental Achievements as the UK Hosts COP26 – Looking for small organisations and schools to be nominated. More information could be found at greensuffolk.org/awards
- Street Lighting – All Suffolk County Council (SCC) street lights would be replaced which would save 76% running costs.
- Independent Review Highlights failings in some of Suffolk's SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) services – the review by Lincolnshire County Council found there were areas in SCC's SEND provision that was not delivering a good service. The areas in question would be looked into and improved.
- Recycling Centres – Bookings could be made in real time.

CSM95/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLRS NORRIS & CLLR PHILLIPS

Cllr Norris' report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the parish's website.

He had nothing further to report.

CSM96/21/22 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that on the village's Newsletter bank account there were currently two signatories and it would be more appropriate to have three.

Cllr Haynes agreed to become a signatory. **Clerk to action.**

The Clerk also reported that the Community Speedwatch Team had monitored traffic on two occasions since its initial set up. She asked members for their views on the frequency of sessions and whether they should be all year round to which members felt once a month would be needed and all year round, weather permitting. **Clerk to action.**

The Clerk confirmed that the two approved locations were the Village Green, All Saints Road and adjacent to Alder Carr Farm's entrance. Other locations were being assessed.

Cllr Scully commented that whilst he appreciated the work of the Community Speedwatch Team he felt more visible traffic calming measures would be appropriate and would ask for suggestions from the County Councillor at the next meeting.

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 12th October 2021 was £31,397.50.

c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

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| Jennie Blackburn | Clerk's Pay (Oct) | £299.78 |
| Jennie Blackburn | Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Oct) | £54.21 |
| Jennie Blackburn | Poppy Wreath reimbursement | £17.99 |
| Vertas Group Ltd | Grass Cutting | £314.28 |
| Gudgeons Prentice Solicitors | Transfer of Land - Legal Costs | £954.80 |
| CFB IT Solutions | Mailbox Hosting (Oct) | £6.00 |
| Andy Pallant | Shelving in Container – Reimbursement | £10.99 |
| Paul Scully | Cutting Line Cartridge | 69.42 |
| Business at CAS Ltd | Outstanding Insurance payment | 18.91 |

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,746.38 be approved.

It was also noted that payments for £1498.20 for Fireworks and £853.12 for the insurance renewal be ratified.

It was noted that the following receipts had been received.

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| MSDC | Precept 2nd Installment | £5,014.00 |
| MSDC | Glass Bottle Bin Recycling Credit | £119.00 |
| MSDC | CiL Monies | £10,541.73 |

CSM97/21/22 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/21/05419 - Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/19/00160 dated: 16/05/2019 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 4no. dwellings and new access - Land Adjacent Red House Farm, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

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

CSM98/21/22 - PLANNING DECISIONS

It was NOTED: The following planning applications had been received:-

Ref: DC/21/03030 - Planning Application - Erection of 1no. bungalow (following demolition of existing building) - Land Near Highfields, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/04555 - Full Planning Application - Change Use of land and erection of 1No detached dwelling and double garage, including new vehicular access - Land South of Creting Hills Farm, Creting Hills, Creting St Mary - **Refused**

CSM99/21/22 – GRASS CUTTING

The Clerk asked members if George Peck was to be asked as to whether he would kindly continue to cut the Jacks Green triangle grass, to which all members agreed. **Clerk to action.**

CSM100/21/22 – ADOPTION OF VILLAGE GREEN AND JACKS GREEN TRIANGLE

The Clerk confirmed she had nothing to report as yet and the adoption process continued to be investigated.

CSM101/21/22 – BENCHES IN THE VILLAGE

Following the Parish Council's decision at the previous meeting to replace the bench overlooking the A14 Cllr Scully explained that the bench actually didn't need replacing, just treating.

Whilst a suitable location for a bench between Flordon Road and Needham Market had been investigated members felt that they had run out of options.

The Clerk reported that a quote to replace the bench on the Village Green would cost approximately £440 (net) and that CiL money could be used. She explained that she had tried to contact Mark Euston in relation to laying a concrete plinth on which the bench could sit as the current slabs had become uneven. She had yet to receive a reply.

It was AGREED: That the bench overlooking the A14 would not be replaced, just treated.
That the Clerk purchase a new recycled plastic for the Village Green using CiL money
That a new bench for St Mary's Road would not be provided due to a lack of a suitable location.

CSM102/21/22 – HIRING OF ROTAVATOR

It was AGREED: That a rotavator be hired when needed, to be used along the side of the new pathway from All Saints Road to Blacksmiths Field.

CSM103/21/22 – GOAL POSTS

The Clerk reported that now more CiL money had been received replacement of the goal posts on Blacksmiths Field could be re-visited.

A resident, Phil Piper, had produced quotes and had offered to remove the old posts and install the new ones.

Whilst members agreed to purchase replacement posts they were a little concerned as to the posts being moveable. The Clerk confirmed that she would speak to Phil Piper and ask more about them.

It was AGREED: That replacement goal posts be purchased using CiL money.

CSM104/21/22 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Haynes explained to members that there had been complaints about the dog bin on the field and whether it could be moved as in the winter months it would become very muddy around the base of the dog bin.

Cllr Palmer had stated in a recent email that a volunteer in the village had suggested slabs be laid around the bin which would stop the problem.

Cllr Haynes also reported that the Fire Assembly point had been moved from the front of the village hall to the car park at the back.

It was AGREED: That slabs be laid around the dog bin on Blacksmiths Field.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that there had been a SALC meeting last month where it had been reported that a new portal was up and running. The next meeting was due to be held on 9th November 2021.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that the collapsed bank on Footpath 58, Alder Carr Bridge, was being repaired to a good standard. Footpath 39, Ravens Farm Crossing, the gate had been replaced. The objective had been to remove the gate altogether and install a footpath nearby but no completion date was known.

A new SCC initiative to label fingerposts around the County to promote 'Discovering Suffolk' showed that Creting St Mary's footpaths had not been included on the map! Cllr Scully had emailed to ask why that was and was awaiting a reply.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes had nothing to report.

Sustainability – There was nothing to report.

CSM105/21/22 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Firework Night arrangements – Cllr Scully would be on the gate collecting admission money. He asked whether all health and safety requirements would be adhered to to which the Clerk explained that she had asked Kathryn Martin to ensure sufficient lighting be provided and a tannoy system used. Kathryn Martin had replied confirming that all would be in place.
- Land – Lilley's Wood – had the transfer been completed? The Clerk confirmed she would email the solicitors to ask for final documentation.
- Cllr Coton confirmed he would lay the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at Remembrance this year.

CSM106/21/22 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting would be held on Monday, 29th November 2021.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm

Chairman: Dated: