



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on
Thursday, 21st April 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk
District Cllr Norris

CSM01/22/23 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Gordon and Cllr Plummer.

CSM02/22/23 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM03/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM04/22/23 – PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

CSM05/22/23 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2022

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM06/22/23 - TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS

Cllr Hicks was not present at the meeting. His report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

CSM07/22/23 - 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 village website.

Cllr Norris reported that the new Visitor Centre at Needham Lake would be open middle-late May.

CSM08/22/23 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) asking for a donation for the maintenance of the churchyard of £622.73. She explained that the Parish Council had not given a contribution last year, which was usually in the region of £500 so the PCC were asking for a larger amount this year.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council pay the full £622.73 to the Parochial Church Council for the maintenance of the churchyard. **Clerk to action.**

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 8th April 2022 was £23,816.45.

c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Mar - inc. backpay)	£301.38
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Mar)	£34.33
Designer Metal	Tree Guard	£102.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Apr)	339.60
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Apr)	£49.12
HMRC	PAYE 2021/22	£427.40
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (April)	£6.00
SALC	Subscription for 2022/23	£345.31
A Pallant	Reimbursement of maintenance costs	41.26
S Haynes	Jubilee Tree	24.95
CSM PCC	Churchyard Maintenance	622.73

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £2,294.08 be approved.

CSM09/22/23 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/22/01640 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/21/03014 dated 24.08.21. Town and Country Planning Act 1990.- To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) - Amended plans to include additional room over double garage - Highfield, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary

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

Ref: DC/21/04898 - Full Planning Permission - Erection of 2No dwellings with garages and associated works to include alterations to access and provision of landscaping (following demolition of existing buildings) - Land North of Lyndale Lodge, All Saints Road, Creting St. Mary

Members had mixed views in relation to the application with some being concerned about any new build in the proposed location, whilst others were satisfied with bungalows rather than the initial two storey homes.

A vote took place with four in favour of the application and three against meaning the majority ruled.

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

CSM10/22/23 - PLANNING DECISIONS

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

Ref: DC/21/06446 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension (amended scheme and resubmission of DC/21/02041) - The Almonds, Flordon Road, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/21/06947 - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act for DC/21/03030 for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) to introduce a single storey rear extension - Land Near Highfield, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary – **Granted**

Ref: DC/22/00354 - Submission of details (Reserved Matters in part) following Outline Planning Permission DC/20/03721 dated: 08/12/20 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 2no. dwellings and garages (following demolition of existing storage building) Plot 2 Only. Discharge of Conditions 8 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) and Condition 9 (Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design Scheme) Plot 2 Only - Land at Grange Farm, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary - **Refused**

CSM11/22/23 – BREHENY FOOTPATH

During a brief discussion it was reported that Cllr Craggs had emailed Ralph Daff at Breheny who had in turn sent Cllr Craggs a plan of the new footpath, which seemed to show the footpath going along the front of the development site along Flordon Road.

Cllr Scully had circulated to all members another option which would take the footpath along the back of the development.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk forward the plan to Mark Euston to ask what had been decided and also the second option to see what his view was.

CSM12/22/23 – STREET NAMES – BREHENY DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk had received a letter from the District Council asking for suggestions of street names for the Breheny development of 52 homes.

Members had a brief discussion with one suggestion being Cordles Lane/Street.

Cllr Haynes suggested that other names be emailed to the Clerk in due course but in time for her to submit them before the cutoff date of 9th May 2022.

It was AGREED: That members email name suggestions to the Clerk for her to submit to the District Council.

CSM13/22/23 – HIRING OUT OF BLACKSMITHS FIELD

The Clerk had notified members that she had received requests to hire out Blacksmiths Field for football practice/matches.

As this had been raised previously, with members agreeing that it would not hire the field, it was felt by members that the field when creating was for the 'use of the village' and therefore allowing it to be hired out would restrict its use with children who lived in the village.

It was AGREED: That Blacksmiths Field would not be hired out to Football Teams.

CSM14/22/23 – CEREMONY – TREE PLANTING – JUBILEE

Following the purchase and planting of a tree on Blacksmith Field for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee member discussed an unveiling of the tree and plaque also recently purchased for the occasion.

It was AGREED: That the unveiling would be part of the lighting of the beacon and BBQ which was due to take place on Thursday, 2nd June 2022.

CSM15/22/23 – BENCH ON VILLAGE GREEN

Cllr Haynes reported that she had received reports of the new bench on the Green opposite the Village Hall seemed to be covered in bird mess from birds above in the trees.

She had liaised with a tree surgeon who advised not to cut back the tree in which the bench was under as it would harm it.

Members felt it was "one of those things" and perhaps a volunteer could clean in occasionally.

CSM16/22/23 – VILLAGE HALL FRONTAGE / CARPARK / PROVISION OF CYCLE RACK

Cllr Haynes reported that at its meeting the previous evening the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) discussed the rear car park and decided that the surface did not need attention, although a few more chippings being added to it would be sufficient.

The VHMC did consider the front car park and felt that it could do with some improvement.

Members discussed the options and tarmac was the preferred route, but keeping the grass at the front.

An electric charger for cars was also suggested.

Cllr Haynes also reported that the VHMC would like a cycle rack and would look into the cost of one.

It was AGREED: That the cost of Electric chargers be researched – Cllr Craggs
That the Clerk liaise with Mark Euston in relation to the front car park and chippings for the rear.

CSM17/22/23 – SPEEDING AND SPEED LIMITS

Cllr Palmer explained that as there were a significant number of new builds going up along All Saints Road the speed limit should reflect this and become 30mph from the A140 all the way along to Jacks Green Road. Speeding was an issue with more motorist driving too fast through residential areas.

Cllr Norris suggested that any data retrieved from the speed signs should be sent to the Safer Communities Team.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with the County Councillor in relation to changing the speed limit to 30mph the whole length of All Saints Road.
That the Clerk send the data from the speed signs to the Safer Communities Team.

CSM18/22/23 – VERGE CUTTING

There was nothing to report.

CSM19/22/23 – EV CHARGE POINT

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

CSM20/22/23 – TREE BARK FOR PLAY AREA

Cllr Palmer reported that tree bark for the play area would cost £312.90 for three bags.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk order three bags of tree bark.

CSM21/22/23 – COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Following a brief discussion members felt the Parish Council worked sufficiently as it was and no changes were needed. Therefore, they had no comments to submit to the consultation.

Cllr Craggs suggested that information be put into the Newsletter nearer to the Elections to encourage people to apply.

CSM22/22/23 - LILLEY'S WOOD UPDATE

Cllr Hayes reported that a site meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 4th May 2022 at Lilley's Wood in order to discuss the future management of the site.

William Barnes, Joan Hardingham and a representative from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust would be present along with Cllr Craggs.

Cllr Craggs reported that with help from the above volunteers spaces in the Wood would be cleared, species would be helped to thrive and benches would be installed – all to make the area a pleasurable one for all visitors.

The Clerk confirmed that she was in the process of informing the insurance company of any work taking place at the site. She explained that the insurance company would expect to see risk assessments for all works carried out.

The Clerk reported that each time work was planned, she should be informed by email.

CSM23/22/23 – UPDATE ON DOG FOULING ON BLACKSMITHS FIELD / PLAY EQUIPMENT

Cllr Palmer reported that dog fouling continued to be a problem around the play equipment and on Blacksmiths Field and stated that she would put up the newly purchased sign.

Members discussed the option of a fence being erected around the play equipment and that a notice be placed in the next edition of the Newsletter to ask for villager's views.

It was AGREED: That a notice be placed in the next Newsletter in relation to fencing the play equipment.

CSM24/22/23 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer reported that when the tree came down in the recent winds at the bottom of the field two owl boxes had also fallen down and therefore needed a volunteer to put them back up. It was suggested that she asked William Barnes.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that a meeting had taken place on 10th March 2022 where dog fouling was discussed which raised no answers. Bullying behavior amongst Parish Councils was also discussed along with Cyber Security. Cllr Coton also reported that Thurston Parish Council had won a court case against the District Council for a granted planning application despite a Neighbourhood Plan being in place. Next meeting was due to be on 7th June 2022.

Footpaths – Cllr Scully reported that the boardwalk at Low Lane/Fen Lane has several broken and misplaced slats creating a hazard which caused a Parishioner to fall.

Village Hall – Cllr Haynes reported that three quotes had been obtained to update the toilets in the village hall. The Constitution was being reviewed as the hall was trying to take over the license of the bar from the Social Club.

In relation to the name of the Village Hall Cllr Haynes confirmed that it had never officially been changed to the Jubilee Hall, so its actual name was Creting St Mary Village Hall.

Sustainability – Cllr Craggs had nothing to report.

CSM25/22/23 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Large Fencing at new build along St Mary’s Road – complaints had been received and had been reported to Planning Enforcement by a resident of the village.

CSM26/22/23 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the date of the next meeting would be Thursday, 26th May 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.52pm.

Chairman: Dated: