



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CREETING ST. PETER PARISH COUNCIL
THE CHURCH HALL, THE LANE, CREETING ST. PETER, SUFFOLK, IP6 8QR

Monday 22nd September 2025 – 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr. Valladares (Chair)
Cllr. Bridges

Cllr. Mason
Cllr. Rigby

Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk and two (2) members of the public.

032. APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTANCE FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Singh.

033. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. Mason declared an interest in item 40.3 pertaining to the Parochial Church Council.

Cllr. Valladares declared an interest in item 39.2 pertaining to a payment to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

034. TO RECEIVE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 21st JULY 2025 FROM THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting on the 21st July 2025. All in favour.

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035. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public reported that there was a person sleeping in their car around the corner from the Gateway 14 car park. This has already been reported to the police and the homelessness unit at Mid-Suffolk District Council.

036. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr. Valladares reported that the preferred options for Local Government Reorganisation would soon be submitted by both Suffolk County Council and Mid-Suffolk District Council on the 26th September 2025. The former has a preference for one unitary authority with the later preferring three unitary authorities broadly covering major population centers in the county.

037. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Cllr. K. Welham invited questions on his July report which covered guidance and information around 20mph speed limits, review of Suffolk Transport Infrastructure, a new environmental charity for Suffolk which had been jointly established by Sizewell C, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council. Also covered was an update on the processing of food waste which was now all done in the county, awards for Suffolk's Junior Road Safety Officers and an update on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. Finally the 2026 Mayoral elections were briefly discussed.

Cllr. Rigby asked about the footpath from the bridge to Gateway 14. It was reported that it had been agreed to upgrade the footpath to a bridleway which had generated it's own complications. A budget of £110,000 had been assigned to the project with a deadline of 2032 for the work to be completed.

038. REPORT FROM DESIGNATED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Cllr. R Piper was not in attendance. His most recent report had already been circulated, but no questions were asked.

C Cllr. Welham then left the meeting at 7.49pm.

039. FINANCIAL MATTERS

039.1 Review & Approval of Bank Reconciliation (31 August 2025)

The figures were **APPROVED**, Cllr. Valladares signed the appropriate document.

039.2 Review & Approval of Receipts/Budget and Payments/Budget Reports (31 August 2025)

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The payments and receipts report was **APPROVED**, all in favour.

039.3 Review & Approval of Financial Report

The report detailing all bank balances, receipts and expenses was **APPROVED**, all in favour.

039.4 Approval of Payments

It was **AGREED** to make the payments detailed on the report, Cllrs. Valladeres and Mason were authorised to make the online payments, all in favour.

039.5 Review & Approval of Annual Insurance Renewal (1 October 2025)

It was **AGREED** to **ACCEPT** the insurance quote for the Council at a cost of £488.37, all in favour.

039.6 To consider awarding a grant to the River Gipping Trust

It was **AGREED** to make a grant of £150 to the River Gipping Trust, all in favour.

040. GENERAL MATTERS

040.1 To receive the SID camera reports

The report was **RECEIVED**, it was **NOTED** that when the unit is reversed the readings were not as accurate.

040.2 To discuss improvements to the Parish Council website

Cllr. Valladares reported that the home page and finance sections were being developed and it was agreed to add pages for the SID camera results and play area. It was **NOTED** that the Parish Clerk needed their access renewed.

040.3 To consider an approach from the Parochial Church Council

It was **AGREED** to donate £1,000 to the Parochial Church Council, all in favour.

041. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

041.1 Play Areas

Cllr. Mason reported that the area was being cleared, but there were still no

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volunteers to help with this work.

041.2 Highways Issues

Nothing for meeting.

041.3 Footpaths

Cllr. Rigby reported that the footpath by Clamp Farm was still overgrown and not signposted. It was **AGREED** to contact Kevin Verlander to resolve this, possibly with help from Lynn Jardine. It was also **AGREED** to contact Mid-Suffolk District Council regarding mapping software and contact the Public Rights of Way officer at Suffolk County Council.

041.4 Defibrillator

Nothing for meeting

041.5 Gateway 14

Cllr. Bridges reported that there would be a meeting in early November. The footpath loss had been disappointing, but the increased police presence was appreciated.

Cllr. Mason reported that lorry activity had increased, particularly with turning circles which was quite alarming. More signage was needed to communicate this to lorries possibly by involving C Cllr. Welham.

041.6 Website and Communications

Nothing further for the meeting.

041.7 Finance

Nothing further for the meeting.

042. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Valladares reported that the Suffolk Association of Local Councils would be running a forum to discuss Local Government Reorganisation on 30th September 2025.

Cllr. Rigby reported that the Gateway 14 roundabout was still dangerous and the traffic flow commensurate with the development of the site should be reviewed every six months. It was agreed to also talk to C Cllr. Welham at the next meeting in November too.

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043. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 17th November 2025 at 7.30pm, in The Church Hall, The Lane.

The meeting then closed at 8.47pm.

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