



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

Monday 24th November 2025 – 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr. Valladares (Chair)
Cllr. Bridges

Cllr. Mason
Cllr. Rigby

Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk and three (3) members of the public.

044. APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTANCE FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Singh.

045. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None,

046. TO RECEIVE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025 FROM THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting on the 22nd September 2025. All in favour.

047. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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A member of the public reported that the sign at the bottom of Pound Road has gone missing. Also that the road by The Barns was subject to a lot of flooding which appeared to be coming from the drains just past Gateway 14.

048. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr. Valladares reported that he had recently reelected onto the County Board for the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, and also serves on the smaller Councils committee. A Super Forum was also planned to discuss Local Government Reorganisation on the 2nd December 2025. However, there was no further information on the form and direction this may take going forward. A decision is expected to be made in the new year.

049. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Cllr. K. Welham reported that it was proving difficult to buy the land to widen a footpath in the village as the land had already been sold.

It was also reported that the financial situation at the County Council was not good with the dedicated school grant pushed to next year and not October as expected. This could possibly exceed £500m and would mean further difficulties in paying bank interest.

Cllr. Rigby asked if the changes to the ICB and general services would also be impacted by the changes involved in Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution, specifically dental services. C Cllr. Welham replied that this should not impact a service or people's ability to make appointments.

C Cllr. Welham then invited questions on his report which included further items on the Get Suffolk Working Plan, Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution, Recycling Centres raising money for charities and the Quarterly Review of 2025/6 revenue budget and 2025-9 capital programme, but none were forthcoming.

050. REPORT FROM DESIGNATED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Cllr. R Lawrence reported that the call for development sites would be complete by 19th February 20226, this just identifies sites and is nothing to do with planning permission at this stage but does help with Neighbourhood Plans.

The cut off date for Locality Awards will be the end of January 2026.

Questions were then invited on the monthly report which included items on biodiversity and nature recovery, the Armed Forces covenant and Historic England's involvement in retrofitting buildings to help with net zero targets.

Cllr. Rigby asked about the impact on biodiversity that the sale of the land near the footpath

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and A14 may have. It was reported that biodiversity is part of the planning process and any changes will have been examined by planning officers and specialists.

051. FINANCIAL MATTERS

051.1 Review & Approval of Bank Reconciliation (31 October 2025)

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

051.2 Review & Approval of Receipts/Budget and Payments/Budget Reports (31 October 2025)

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

051.3 Review & Approval of Financial Report

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

051.4 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.

051.5 Review & Approval of Draft Budget and Precept Request 2026/7

It was **AGREED** to **ACCEPT** the draft budget with no changes. The budget itself represents £1,080 of estimated receipts and £6,151 of estimated expenditure. Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** to make a precept request of £6,092. Which is a 0% rise year on year pending the confirmation of the tax base, all in favour.

The tax base was not yet known but would be received and noted in the January meeting.

The Parish Clerk was also authorised to make the precept request on behalf of the Parish Council, all in favour.

052. GENERAL MATTERS

052.1 To receive the SID camera reports

The report was **RECEIVED**, it was **NOTED** that the speed limit was set in the

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analysis as 30mph when the speed limit was 20mph, the Parish Clerk agreed to change this for the January reports.

052.2 To discuss membership of the Information Commissioner’s Office

Cllr. Valladares reported that after enquiries had been made to the ICO, that membership was indeed a legal requirement. It was **AGREED** to make payment as soon as possible to ensure the Parish Council is meeting it’s legal obligations, all in favour.

052.3 To discuss a response to the Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order

It was **AGREED** to register as an interested party to this process, Cllr. Valladares to complete the registration form, all in favour.

053. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

053.1 Play Areas

Cllr. Mason reported that there were still no volunteers to help with the regeneration and maintenance of the site. It was **AGREED** to place a message on the village Whatsapp group to generate interest.

053.2 Highways Issues

It was reported that the road to Needham Market was closed due to deterioration. Cllr. Rigby has reported to Suffolk Highways online.

053.3 Footpaths

Cllr. Rigby reported that the footpath map and town boundaries was needed. It was **AGREED** that all those present would look for one.

053.4 Defibrillator

Nothing for meeting

053.5 Gateway 14

Cllr. Bridges reported on the meeting which took place on the 18th November 2025 which discussed new site occupants, plot 2000, the bridleway, issues on Clamp Farm Road, antisocial behaviour and CCTV, drainage, the appointment of a security officer

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and the progress of the freeport.

It was agreed to put the minutes and notes for this meeting on the website.

Cllr. Valladares asked if ownership of the site would go to the new Unitary Authority if Mid-Suffolk Council is abolished. It was also noted that changes in officers at the authority may also lead to changes in site management and maintenance.

Cllr. Mason asked what percentage of local people were now employed at the site, Cllr. Bridges promised to find out.

053.6 Website and Communications

It was reported that updates were ongoing, the Parish Clerk also needed access to complete their statutory duties publishing meeting dates, agendas, finances and other associated papers.

053.7 Finance

Cllr, Valladares stated that a five-year strategy for the Parish Council was needed, work should begin on this before the next elections in 2027.

054. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Nothing for meeting.

055. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 19th January 2026 at 7.30pm, in The Church Hall, The Lane.

The meeting then closed at 8.44pm.

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