

## Creeting St Peter Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held at the Church Hall,  
Creeting St Peter at 7.30pm Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr S Ashcroft (*Chairman*)  
Cllr M Peacock (*Vice Chairman*)  
Cllr S Lawson  
Cllr D Mason

### **IN ATTENDENCE:**

Mrs J Blackburn (*Clerk*)  
County Cllr Gary Green  
District Cllr Keith Welham

### **APOLOGIES:**

PC Stefan Henriksen (Police)

### **CSP108/15 PUBLIC FORUM**

4 Members of the public were present in relation to the Planning Application 3328/15 - Erection of new offices, layout of new car park, erection of new industrial building, resurfacing of roadway and installation of weighbridge. They were each invited to speak and therefore raised their concerns as follows:-

- Issues over planning consultation process and lack of communication/advertisement of the application.
- Size of the proposed office block and shed.
- Effect of such an application on the landscape.
- Increase in traffic along Mill Lane, including vehicles too large for a country lane.
- Noise pollution.
- Intrusion by lighting at unsociable times of the night and day.

### **CSP109/15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the Police.

### **CSP110/15 POLICE REPORT**

PC Stefan Henriksen emailed the clerk stating the following:-

*The only incident of note was a report of 'Hare coursers' (hunting hares with dogs, when trespassing on someone else's land) in the area around Creeting St Peter. This was on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015. We located the men doing this, two were charged for offences and their vehicle was seized. Although often difficult to catch, we will always deal very strongly with 'Hare coursers'.*

*PCSO Ben Ellis leaves us 13<sup>th</sup> November to join Cambridge police as a PC. We are sorry to lose Ben, and even more so in that with the current budget cuts etc, he will not be replaced. We will aim to have a bit of a redistribution of SNT staff to make sure that all areas are covered and are not affected by staff reductions.*

### **CSP110/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – CLLR KEITH WELHAM – see attached report**

Cllr Welham reported that the earlier Suffolk only bid, which had now been dropped in favour of a bid for powers covering Norfolk and Suffolk, set ambitious targets such as 70,000 new homes by 2031, 65% of pupils to achieve 5A\* – C grades at GCSE by 2017 and 7,500 new apprenticeships by 2025 ....and make cost savings.

He also reported that it would surprise nobody to hear that Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) was carrying out another management review. Phase 1 proposals would include changes to the senior management structure and would be implemented in the very near future. Due to the departure of one of the strategic directors, some temporary changes were already in place.

Grants of up to £20,000 were available to help council tenants move out of their council owned property into a home of their choice. The aim was to allow tenants to become homeowners for the first time and free up a council property for new tenants.

Cllr Welham also reported that he had a locality budget of £5,000 and whilst already having had 2 bids if anyone wanted to applying for a grant so do so.

#### **CSP111/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – CLLR GARY GREEN**

Cllr Green reported that a consultation had commenced for School Admissions and that parents were urged to take part in the consultation by stating whether they were happy with the Admissions process.

Also another consultation process had begun for the Fire Service. Whilst this would not affect Needham Market or Stowmarket it would affect Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich so if anyone had any strong feelings regarding the cuts to be made to the Fire Service again they were urged to take part in the consultation.

Cllr Green also stated he had some locality budget left so if anyone would like to apply then to contact him.

In relation to the speed limit through Creeting St Peter Cllr Green explained it remained on the list to be completed but he could still not confirm a date as yet. He would continue to pursue this.

*Cllr Green left the meeting at 8pm.*

#### **CSP112/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

#### **CSP113/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

#### **CSP114/15 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

#### **CSP115/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were no matters arising.

#### **CSP116/15 PLANNING**

**i) Poundfield Products, Grove Farm – 3328/15 - Erection of new offices, layout of new car park, erection of new industrial building, resurfacing of roadway and installation of weighbridge**

Members discussed the planning application and it was noted that many people were in objection with members expressing concern mainly with the possible increase of traffic and noise.

**Decision:** Members to write a letter of objection and the Clerk to send it with a covering letter to MSDC's Planning Department.

Cllr Welham reported that he had spoken with Planning Officers and it had been confirmed that the consultation process would be extended to 27<sup>th</sup> November. The application was to be taken to Planning Committee in December.

It was agreed by all parties to hold a village meeting at the Church Hall on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November where the application could be discussed in further detail and that representatives from Poundfield Products Ltd and the Planning Department be present. **Decision:** Cllr Mason to put together a flyer advertising the village meeting. Clerk to made copies and Cllr Lawson to distribute them around households.

Cllr  
Peacock/  
Clerk

Cllr  
Mason/  
Clerk/  
Cllr  
Lawson

**CSP117/15 FINANCE**

**i) CLERK'S FINANCE REPORT (see attached 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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 was £12,475.06.

**ii) AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS – Decision** - Payments totalling £736.25 were authorised.

**CSP118/15 THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Following an email received from Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) requesting all councils to become involved in the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations of The Queen in June 2016, Members discussed how the Parish Council could be involved. Alice Mathewson from The Parochial Church Council had liaised with the clerk stating that they would be holding an event at Roydon Hall. Members agreed that the Parish Council could hold a stall or have stocks at the event. Clerk to liaise further with Alice Mathewson.

Clerk

**CSP119/15 PLAY AREA UPDATE**

It was noted that the RoSPA Inspection had taken place and the finding received. Generally, it stated that the Play Area was 'low risk' with just minor maintenance to be carried out over the coming months. These included eradicating the mole hills and flattening the grassed area. Clerk to action.

Clerk

**CSP120/15 FEN ALDER CARR LOCAL NATURE RESERVE UPDATE**

It was noted that a dead Alder had been felled and a fallen small tree been cleared away from the boardwalk.

**CSP121/15 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**

- i)** Cllr Peacock reported that there were potholes forming on the bridge. Clerk to report.
- ii)** Cllr Peacock questioned the weeds that still remained on the bridge and the poor condition of the bridge. The clerk explained that the weeds had been reported to Highways who had informed her that it was the District Council who needed to be contacted. Clerk to action.
- iii)** Cllr Peacock stated that it was still difficult to see when driving out of The Lane due to the hedges in the gardens of the houses on either side. A concave mirror was required opposite to help to see around the hedges. Clerk to liaise with the relevant bodies.
- iv)** Cllr Mason asked what was to become of the telephone box in the village, which was not now in use. Clerk to ascertain its future.

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**CSP123/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm.

*Meeting closed at 9pm.*

Chairman ..... Date .....