

## Creeting St Peter Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held at the Church Hall,  
Creeting St Peter at 7.30pm Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **IN ATTENDENCE:**

Mrs J Blackburn (*Clerk*)

### **APOLOGIES:**

Cllr D Mason  
County Cllr Gary Green  
District Cllr Keith Welham  
PC Stefan Henriksen (Police)

#### **CSP091/15 PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

#### **CSP092/15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mason, Cllr Green, Cllr Welham and the Police.

#### **CSP093/15 POLICE REPORT**

PC Stefan Henriksen emailed the clerk stating the following:-

*"I wanted to make you aware of some of the changes within the SNT's in Suffolk that will have an impact on the communities we work with. With the impact of budget cuts in the constabulary, there are certain changes that have become necessary, so that we can manage the core areas of policing. One of these directions is that we are no longer able to routinely attend parish council meetings (or other meetings), or to provide reports. If there is a particular issue within an area or part of a community, we will of course attend/update as necessary. Should members of the public require a summary of their local area, crime statistics are easily available from – [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)*

*I remain your local officer, as does Ben Ellis and will always be contactable by phone or e-mail and there will be no change in that. I will do my best to make sure there is as little impact on the Creeting St Peter community as possible, and aim to provide the same service."*

#### **CSP094/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – CLLR KEITH WELHAM – see attached report**

Cllr Keith Welham was unable to attend the meeting but in his report he stated that his locality budget was £5,000 which would be available to assist projects within their wards. If there were any groups or individuals within Creeting St Peter who would benefit from some financial assistance for setting up a new community project or extending the work of an existing community group then contacting Cllr Welham would be the first step that was needed to be taken.

#### **CSP095/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – CLLR GARY GREEN**

Cllr Green was not present but had contacted the clerk to confirm he was still pursuing the implementation of a 20mph speed limit through the village.

#### **CSP096/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

**CSP097/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**CSP098/15 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

**CSP099/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Further to Minute No. **CSP089/15 Cold Calling Zone** the Clerk reported that the village was not currently a Cold Calling Zone but it could be set up should Councillors wish. After a brief discussion it was agreed to leave things as they were. If any problems occurred in the future with cold callers then this would be looked at again.

Further to Minute No. **CSP087/15 Suffolk Wildlife Trust** the Clerk reported that she had liaised with Suffolk Wildlife Trust in relation to adding Fen Alder Carr Nature Reserve to their literature/website for advertisement only to be informed that they only included their own nature reserves. Members noted this. No further action.

Further to Minute No. **CSP086/15** the Clerk reported that she had liaised with FLP who had confirmed that back in September 2013 the surface under the seesaw had been re-laid under the warranty. They had stated that the surface was heavy duty and should not become uneven unless the ground itself was in a poor state. **Decision** the Clerk to look into this further.

Clerk

**CSP100/15 PLANNING****i) 2005/15 – LABURNHAM COTTAGE, POUND ROAD**

This had been granted.

**ii) 0321/15 - THE MEADOWS, POUND ROAD**

This had been granted.

**iii) 1762/15 – MARKETING BOARD (Between Mill Lane & A14)**

This had been granted.

**CSP101/15 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015 was £13,255.68.

**ii) AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS – Decision** - Payments totalling £1,592.56 were authorised.

**Insurance Renewal** - It was reported that the Council's Insurance policy was now due for renewal @ £524.58. **Decision** – It was proposed and resolved to renew the policy with the Zurich @ £524.58. Clerk to action.

Clerk

**iii) CSP102/15 - COMPLETION OF ANNUAL AUDIT 2015** - The Internal and External Auditor's reports had been received. The Annual Audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 was reported to have been completed with no matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

**CSP103/15 PLAY AREA UPDATE**

Nothing to report.

## **CSP104/15 FEN ALDER CARR LOCAL NATURE RESERVE UPDATE**

The Clerk reported that the Bat Walk had taken place on 18<sup>th</sup> September where 10 people were present. It went very well as bats were seen and heard.

It was agreed that a donation of £30 be made to the Suffolk Bat Group. Clerk to action.

Clerk

## **CSP105/15 TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

*No members of the public were present.*

## **CSP106/15 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**

**i) Bridge over A14 (before entering village)** - Cllr Lawson reported that a hole that had been filled was appearing again on the bridge over the A14 before entering the village. Clerk to report.

Cllr Peacock also reported that the same bridge was looking very untidy with a large amount of weeds present and generally looking very unkempt. **Decision** – Clerk to write a letter to Highways regarding this.

Clerk

**ii) Signs** – Cllr Peacock reported that the signs in the village were very dirty and needed cleaning. **Decision** – Clerk to include this in the letter to Highways.

Clerk

## **CSP107/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm.

*Meeting closed at 7.50pm.*

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