



CREETING ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Church Hall, The Lane, Creeting St Peter on **Monday, 3rd July 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: M Peacock (Chairman)
D Mason
S Lawson
R Hitt
M Valladares

In Attendance Paul Knowles (Building Partnerships Ltd)
V Taylor – Tree Warden
J Blackburn - Clerk

CSP29/17/18 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

CSP30/17/18 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from County Cllr Green, District Cllr Welham and Suffolk Police.

CSP31/17/18 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSP32/17/18 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSP33/17/18 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 15th MAY 2017

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 15h May 2017 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CSP34/17/18 - TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

The Police were not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

CSP35/17/18 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR WELHAM

As Cllr Welham was not present at the meeting, Cllr Peacock read through the report he had submitted. A brief discussion took place in relation to the consultation of the Boundary Review.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk email the document received from the Boundary Commission to Cllr Peacock for further information.

CSP36/17/18 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR GREEN

Cllr Green had sent his apologies and had not submitted a report.

CSP37/17/18 – STOWMARKET EAST – TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM PAUL KNOWLES (BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS LTD)

Mr Paul Knowles was present at the meeting and carried out a short presentation to members on Phase 2 of the Stowmarket Business Park. The points made included the following:-

- A consultation had taken place with the Cedars Park Residents Association in order to ascertain what residents felt what was needed in the area;
- Creating St Peter would be affected by the planned work with regards to roads, traffic and views;
- A drive-through, pub-restaurant, offices and warehousing were all part of the plan;
- The site would be accessed via the Tesco's roundabout;
- There would be a planting scheme around the edge of the whole site, with bunding in some areas to protect the views;
- Phase 1 of the site was considerably behind schedule, but that did not mean that Phase 2 could not go ahead;
- Over 700 jobs to be created;
- BT/Broadband would need to upgrade the system to enable better internet connection; and
- Mill Lane into the Cedars Park estate would become a footpath.

CSP38/17/18 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORTS

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Auditor's Report had been received and circulated, but the External Auditor's report had not yet been received.

It was AGREED: That the Internal Auditor's Report be approved.

ii) 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 29th June 2017 was £14,097.40.

iii) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

100642	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Salary (July)	£168.87
100643	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (June)	£57.93
100644	Pestfix	Pidgeon Spikes	£33.88
100645	Earthworks	Boardwalk Repairs	£96.00
100646	MSDC	Bin Emptying	£162.00
100647	SALC	Internal Audit 2016/17	£162.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £680.68 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

An additional payment was also authorized for Virginia Taylor, the Tree Warden, for £13.00 in respect of trees purchased for the village.

The following receipts were also noted:-

HMRC	VAT Reclaim (2016/17)	£303.33
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It was also noted that the sum of £168.87, Clerk's Salary for June be ratified.

CSP39/17/18 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE AND DISCUSS A WAY FORWARD WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It was confirmed that Corinne Rigby had agreed to be the village's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, but unfortunately could not be present at the meeting.

It was AGREED: That the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

That Cllr Mason find out more information into what was involved in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme from the previous Co-ordinator, Steve Ashcroft.

CSP40/17/18 – TO DISCUSS A WAY FORWARD IN RELATION TO HUMAN FACES FOUND BEHIND CHURCH

A brief discussion took place in relation to the finding of human excrement behind the church adjacent to the layby on the A14. It was apparent that members of the public were pulling over into the layby and climbing through to go to the toilet. Looking at the evidence it is apparent that people are sitting on the fence to carry out this act thus breaking the fence in many places and leaving the results behind.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with Highways as to ways to rectify the problem with one option being a gorse bush being planted along the edge of the layby.

CSP41/17/18 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TELEPHONE BOX

The Clerk gave an update to members how the telephone box had 'mistakenly' being removed by BT. She had liaised with the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) as to the way forward of which they had advised that a solar panel stand-alone box would be the best option. Martin Render from the CHT had stated he would contact the Clerk with more information. A further update would be brought to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

CSP42/17/18 – TO CONSIDER A REPLACEMENT NOTICEBOARD

Members briefly discussed the current state and position of the noticeboard. The price for a new noticeboard was quite high and so other options would be investigated.

CSP43/17/18 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA

Cllr Peacock confirmed that she had not received any suggestions in relation to letter received from Cllr Gordon Jones in relation to the current catchment area for Creeting St Mary Primary School.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Mason would email Cllr Peacock with suggestions he had made at the meeting.

CSP44/17/18 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CLAMP FARM

The Clerk confirmed she had liaised with the Road Safety Officer and also the Police as to the accident statistics for Mill Lane, on the corner of Clamp Farm which had been received. The report only showed that during the last 10 years two accidents had been noted with the Police in attendance. It was apparent that the accident statistics meant it did not warrant Highways to change anything with the corner on Mill Lane.

Members felt that when Phase 2 of the Stowmarket Business Plan was built the corner in question on Mill Lane should be taken into consideration. It was hoped following the building of Phase 2 the problem corner would become quieter with what traffic there was being a lot slower.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk chase the statistics with the Police and report to the next meeting.

That the Clerk email the resident at Clamp Farm to update him.

CSP45/17/18 – TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Cllr Peecock confirmed that the Social Media Policy had been reviewed, amended and circulated.

It was AGREED: That the Social Media Policy be adopted.

That the Clerk send the relevant information for Cllr Valladares who would be the representative for putting information onto social media.

CSP46/17/18 - TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE AND DECIDE ANY ACTION REQUIRED – FEN ALDER CARR NATURE RESERVE

The Clerk reported that she had looked through the lease for the Nature Reserve and advised the Parish Councillors of the following:-

- The lease was for 25 years so the Parish Council could not sell or give back the site until 2037;
- The site should remain open at all times for the public to use, unless health and safety issues arise; and
- The Boardwalk should be kept in good repair unless the Parish Council consider it to be no longer economically viable. In such circumstances, the Parish Council may remove the existing boardwalk.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk put an article in the next Newsletter about the Nature Reserve to see if any members of the village wished to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council where the future of the Nature Reserved would be discussed.

CSP47/17/18 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A PATHWAY ALONG PETERHOUSES

Cllr Mason reported that he had met with Cllr Welham and Cllr Green in relation to the possibility of a pathway along Peterhouses but unfortunately it was confirmed that the pathway would not be allowed and there would be no footpath through that part of the village.

CSP48/17/18 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: 1582/17 – Land to the North East of Mill Lane, Creeting St Peter – Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except Access for up to 13ha of business and industrial development (use Class B1a, B1b, B1c, B2 and B8), up to 540m² floor area of use Class A4, up to 425m² floor area of use Class A3/A5 and associated infrastructure & works, total proposed area 14.97ha

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no objections to the Planning Application.

CSP49/17/18 - PLANNING DECISIONS

No Planning Decisions had been received.

CSP50/17/18 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PLAY AREA

There was nothing to report other than the grass had been cut. The Clerk confirmed she had ordered more Pidgeon spikes and was seeking a quote from Earthworks for the changing of surface underneath the Seesaw to bark chippings.

CSP51/17/18 – MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Cllr Lawson expressed her concern over the junction with Peterhouses and The Lane where due to an overgrown bush visibility was reduced when driving out of The Lane. The Clerk suggested that one of the Cllrs discuss the bush with the owner.
- Cllr Lawson informed members that she had witnessed Poundfield lorries driving through Creeting St Mary village, something that had been previously agreed with Mr Jardine of Poundfield Products

would not happen. The Clerk confirmed she had also witnessed the same lorries and had reported the fact to Mr Jardine. No reply had been received.

- Cllr Mason reported that a number of old tyres, as a result of fly-tipping, were still near to the site of the MoD pump.
- Cllr Hitt reported that the footpaths along the river had become impassible.

CSP53/17/18 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Church Hall on Wednesday, 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm.

Chairman: Dated: