

Creeting St Peter Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting held at the Church Hall,
Creeting St Peter at 7.30pm on Monday, 23rd January 2017

Present:

Cllr M Peacock (Chairman)
Cllr R Hitt
Cllr M Valladares

In Attendance:

Mrs J Blackburn (Clerk)
District Councillor Keith Welham
County Councillor Gary Green
Virginia Taylor (Tree Warden)

Apologies:

Cllr D Mason
Cllr S Lawson
PCSO David Harvey

CSP89/16/17 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

CSP90/16/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mason, Cllr Lawson and the Police.

CSP91/16/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

CSP92/16/17 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSP93/16/17 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st NOVEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2016 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

CSP94/16/17 POLICE REPORT

No representative was present and a report had not been received.

CSP95/16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Welham's report had been circulated to Members before the meeting. Cllr Welham had nothing to add.

CSP96/16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Green reported that the 20mph speed limit through the village had now progressed and was due to be considered if it met the criteria. He added that he had some funding remaining if the Parish Council had any projects that they would like help with.

CSP97/16/17

FOOTPATH - PETERHOUSES

The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the first point of contact for this issue would be the County Councillor. Cllr Green stated that he needed to see the area in order to take this forward.

It was AGREED: That one of the Cllrs would meet with Cllr Green to show him where they would like a footpath to be installed.

CSP98/16/17

TELEPHONE BOX

Following the visit by Martin Render from the Community Heartbeat Trust, at the previous meeting, members briefly discussed whether they felt the best way forward for the telephone box would be to house a defibrillator in it. Cllr Peacock and Cllr Hitt were for the proposal with Cllr Valladares undecided.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk email Cllr Mason and Cllr Lawson for their views before going ahead with the proposal.

CSP99/16/17

SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA

Cllr Peacock reported that she had submitted a letter to Gordon Jones, Suffolk Councillor for Education, stating her views of the current situation of the catchment boundaries. A brief discussion took place. The Parish Council would now wait for a response.

CSP100/16/17

CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's new website was up and running and could be found at www.greetingstpeter.suffolk.icloud

CSP101/16/17

FINANCE – AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Parish 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 23rd January 2017 was £13,167.26. The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

161.18	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Salary (December)
39.43	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (December)
167.21	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Salary (January)
32.83	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (January)
24.00	SALC	AGM

Payments totalling £424.65 were authorised. **Clerk to action.**

FINANCE - ONLINE BANKING

It was AGREED: That the Clerk start the process of using Online Banking to make payments in the future.

FINANCE – BUDGET 2017-18

The Budget for 2017-18 was approved.

FINANCE – PRECEPT

The Precept was agreed for 2017-18 as £4,900. The application form was signed by two Councillors. Clerk to action.

CSP102/16/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS

No Planning Applications or Decisions had been received.

CSP103/16/17 PLAY AREA

There was nothing to report.

CSP104/16/17 FEN ALDER CARR NATURE RESERVE

Virginia Taylor, Tree Warden for the village reported that she was planning to go to the Nature Reserve to have a look around. There was a Wildlife Group in the village and they were hoping to use the nature reserve as a place to go for activities and research. Virginia stated that she was linked in with the Council and grants were available if needed to help maintain the area.

CSP105/16/17 TREE WARDEN

Virginia Taylor informed members that she had undertaken some Tree Warden training before Christmas. She was hoping to get a small group involved with the Nature Reserve to do a check of all the trees in the area. She would be holding a meeting at her house on Monday, 20th February at 7.30pm in order to discuss a way forward and that members would be more than welcome to attend.

CSP106/16/17 STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Valladares confirmed to members that the Parish Council owned the street lights in the village. They were attached onto telephone poles, were very old and replacement bulbs were now unavailable. 5 years ago the lights were priced at approximately £600 each. He felt the Parish Council needed to make a medium-long term plan for the lighting and needed to consider them when putting together the 2018-19 Budget. As time goes by the lighting would become more critical with more problems emerging. He felt that capital funding would be needed as the cost would be more around the £6,000 mark.

Cllr Welham informed members that at Stowupland the lighting had cost approximately £2,000 each.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk make enquiries as to the way forward with this.
That the Clerk liaise with the County Councillor.

CSP107/16/17 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- a) Cllr Valladares talked about the Parish Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts. He asked that they be put onto the next Agenda.
- b) Cllr Peacock had been approached by Alice Matthewson from the Parochial Church Council for contributions towards the clearing of trees in the churchyard. To be put onto the next Agenda.

CSP108/16/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday, 20th March 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman Date