



CREETING ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Church Hall, The Lane, Creeting St Peter on **Monday, 16th July 2018 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance District Cllr Keith Welham
J Blackburn - Clerk

CSP29/18/19 – PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

CSP30/18/19 – APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Peacock and Cllr Green.

CSP31/18/19 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CSP32/18/19 – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSP33/18/19 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 21ST MAY 2018

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 21st May 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CSP34/18/19 – POLICE REPORT

Due to a lack of resources, the Police were not present at the meeting and a report had not been submitted.

CSP35/18/19 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR GREEN

Cllr Green was not present at the meeting and had not submitted a report.

CSP36/18/19 - TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR WELHAM

Cllr Welham had circulated his report prior to the meeting, which stated the following points:

- **The New Council Year** - At the MSDC Annual General Meeting in May, few changes were made to the Cabinet membership, but there was one notable change – Rachel Eburne was the new leader of the main opposition group. Rachel was the Green Party District Councillor for Haughley and was former Chair of the MSDC Scrutiny Committee.

- **Members' Allowances** - An independent panel had looked into the level of allowances paid to members and allowances for special responsibilities such as Cabinet members and committee chairs. Those were debated at the June Council meeting and a 25% increase for Councillors was agreed despite Green Party and Liberal Democrat (and 2 Conservative) Members voting against.
- **Locality Grants** - Each member of the District Council had been allocated £6250 to spend on local projects. Now was the time to think about whether an organisation in Creting St Peter would wish to submit a bid for some of this money. It needed to be a bid for a specific project or purchase of equipment and could not be used on general running costs of an organisation.
- **Vision for Stowmarket** – It had been mentioned before that MSDC had acquired the former Natwest Bank building in Stowmarket and a consultation was under way seeking views on how the building could be used. The building linked with the John Peel Centre and there would be a real benefit in being able to access the Centre from the Market Place. But there was space for a number of other uses and sympathetic development could make a real difference to the centre of Stowmarket by attracting visitors to events.
- **Strategies for the future** - Members and officers were working on a number of strategies to shape the future in Mid Suffolk. One of those was a new Environmental Strategy and that would have an impact across all MSDC services.
- **Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan** - The pre-submission draft of the Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan was out for consultation. The draft plan, the Plan and associated documents could be found on the Stowupland website - <https://www.stowupland.com/neighbourhood-plan>.

Cllr Welham added that in relation to the 5-year land supply that Mid Suffolk District Council had to produce, the District Council had now declared a 6½ year land supply, indications of which show that numbers of homes would increase by 50%.

He also reported that Stowmarket Town Council had had a meeting with Haughley and Stowupland Parish Councils in order to discuss local issues around the 'Vision for Stowmarket'. A cycle route system and public transport system into the town from these parishes were main factors of the discussion. Cllr Welham suggested that should the Parish Council also wished to have such a meeting with the Town Council then the Clerk should contact the Town Clerk to find out what would be involved.

CSP37/18/19 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that at the previous meeting it had been asked that she ascertain whether Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) monies could be used for street lighting. She had been given conflicting information and was still looking for confirmation that the money could be used for such items. She would report back to the Parish Council once further information had been obtained.

b) 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 16th July 2018 was £15,069.83. Members noted the Budget Monitoring report.

c) PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:

100704	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Salary (July)	£175.18
100705	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (July)	£44.29
100706	Stowmarket Town Council	Grass Cutting	£257.83
100707	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Salary (August)	£175.18
100708	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (August)	£28.33

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £680.81 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk. It was also agreed that a payment of £75.78 be paid to Cllr Mason for the installation costs of the defibrillator cabinet and noticeboard.

CSP38/18/19 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/18/02810 - Outline Planning Application (All Matters Reserved) - Erection of 1no. dwelling - Homelands, The Lane, Creting St Peter, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8QR

Following a brief discussion and site visit:

It was AGREED: that the Parish Council objected to the application as they felt the access was not appropriate for safe entry and exit to the site. **Clerk to action.**

CSP39/18/19 - PLANNING DECISIONS

Ref: 0371/15 - The Planning Application format is a hybrid application seeking - 1) Outline planning permission to establish the principle for employment development on 58ha, Mill Lane, Creting St Peter in accordance with SAAP Policies and the adopted Development Brief; with 2) Full planning permission for access (and associated sustainable urban drainage), and structural landscaping at Mill Lane, Creting St Peter - Land Between A1120, Stowmarket And Mill Lane, Creting St Peter - **GRANTED**

CSP40/18/19 – DEFIBRILLATOR

It was noted that the defibrillator cabinet had been installed by Cllr Mason, thank you to him, following which the Clerk installed the defibrillator itself. The Clerk reported that the defibrillator was in the process of being registered with the ambulance service. Until this had been done the defibrillator was out of use. A sign had been put onto the cabinet to inform residents that that was the case.

CSP41/18/19 – NOTICEBOARD

Cllr Mason had installed the posts in readiness for the new noticeboard to be put in place, at the entrance to the Play Area. It was hoped that this would be fully installed within the next couple of weeks.

CSP42/18/19 – LAY-BY ISSUES – A14

The Clerk reported that she had written to Highways Suffolk and Highways England about the current issue. She had received an email from Highways England that stated, in principal, they had no problem with a Blackthorn Hedge being planted to stop fouling taking place but more information was needed as to the length of the proposed hedge and its exact location.

CSP43/18/19 – PLAY AREA

There was nothing to report.

CSP44/18/19 – FEN ALDER CARR NATURE RESERVE

There was nothing to report.

CSP45/18/19 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- New speed limit signs have been installed – change of road markings and extra signage needed.
- Stiles/gates on certain footpaths within the parish were still requiring attention - Area 51 completely overgrown as was the footpath along the A14 making it impassable.

CSP46/18/19 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was due to be held at the Church Hall on Monday, 17th September 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.

Chairman: Dated: