



## CREETING ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Church Hall, The Lane, Creeting St Peter on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors: M Valladares (Chairman)  
R Hitt  
M Peacock  
T Taylor  
D Mason

In Attendance County Councillor G Green  
District Councillor M Norris  
V Taylor – Tree Warden  
M Roddy – Poundfield Products  
J Blackburn – Clerk

### **CSP53/19/20 – PUBLIC FORUM**

There were three members of the public present. One resident informed members that he was present to give/receive an update on the water leak on Pound Road. He had liaised with Anglian Water who had stated they would be pumping out the ditch in order to ascertain where the water was coming from.

### **CSP54/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Phillips.

### **CSP55/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

### **CSP56/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **CSP57/19/20 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **CSP58/19/20 - TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT**

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

### **CSP59/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR GREEN**

Cllr Green reported the following:

- That the water leak seemed to be being dealt with, but should he be needed to chase Highways to let him know.
- In relation to speeding through the village, if the Parish Council wished for him to lay the pipes on the road, then he would be able to arrange that. The pipes would be able to detect speeding and provide data on that speeding. Members agreed.

- The newly approved 20mph in the village should have a buffer of 30mph before the 20. Members expressed their concern on the speed motorists were doing through the village. Cllr Green confirmed he would look into it.
- Now was the time to apply for school places.
- Locality funding available.

## **CSP60/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS – CLLR NORRIS & CLLR PHILLIPS**

Cllr Norris briefly went through his report which stated:

- **Needham Market Lake Visitors Centre** – a site visit was attended on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at the proposed location of the Needham Lake Visitors Centre. There was a further meeting of the Member Working Group on the 7<sup>th</sup> October at Endeavour House.
- **Household Waste Collections** - there was to be a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee to discuss the review of Household Waste collections, which was to take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at Endeavour House.
- **Bus Timetables** - an updated copy of the Bus Timetable had been enlarged and encapsulated against the weather. They had been placed in the Bus shelters on Ipswich Road, Stowmarket Road and the High Street. Having spoken to people waiting for the bus they had expressed their appreciation.

Cllr Peacock raised concern over issues with the low bridge near Needham Lake to which Cllr Norris replied that over the year many options had been discussed, including signage, to improve conditions for traffic driving under the bridge. He stated that in the long-term the bridge would be best bypassed.

Cllr Norris also reported that he had some locality budget funding available for any projects should it be applied for.

## **CSP61/19/20 – Poundfield Products Michael Roddy**

Mr Roddy, Chief Executive of Poundfield Products, was present at the meeting to have a discussion with members about the site, what their intentions were and to answer any questions that the Parish Council had.

He explained that 'Sigma PPG' was the name of the business and they had taken over the site three years ago as well as various companies across the UK and Europe. They employed 75-100 people on the Grove Farm site and had also invested a lot of money into Health and Safety.

He stated that they wanted to be "good neighbours".

Cllr Valladares explained to Mr Roddy, the historic relationship between Poundfield Products and the Parish. Members raised all the issues with the site, past and present, as follows:

- Breaching of Planning Applications
- Working Hours
- Light Pollution
- Disruption to Public Footpath
- Hedgerow – leaching into the ditch resulting in environmental issues
- Bunding – was used to screen the site, but now used as a lorry park
- Lorries entering and exiting the site driving through neighbouring Creeting St Mary, despite narrow roads, causing dangerous incidents
- Bedrooms stated on plans which cause for concern in relation to working hours

A long discussion took place, which became heated at times, covering a variety of issues as listed.

Mr Roddy defended the breaching of planning applications and stated that they “hadn’t been working over the required hours” but that they were “formalising what had happened over the previous 19 years”. He explained that the company was working with the Planning Department over the working hours and was unsure as to what the future working hours would be.

Mr Roddy questioned members as to why he had not been contacted in relation to any issues with the running of the site, to which members replied that they had been liaising with the County and District Councils and assumed discussions had taken place. Mr Roddy confirmed that he had not been approached in relation to the issues raised.

It was agreed between both parties to move forward with regular contact, to ensure the relationship improved and that issues be resolved. Should any further issues arise then the Clerk should be notified, who would then contact Mr Roddy, or the General Manager Mr Nicholls. It was also felt that a site visit / open day would be of benefit to members.

Mr Roddy commented that whilst they were appealing with the recent refusal of planning permission to start work at 6am, the Parish Council should expect the site to start work the next day at that time. As there had been no complaints in relation to noise or light pollution from such an early work time it would continue until the appeal could be heard.

Cllr Valladares explained that as that meant the site was in breach of its planning restrictions the Parish Council could not overlook such an issue.

**It was AGREED:** That the Clerk liaise with Mr Nicholls / Mr Roddy should she be notified of any issues.

## **CSP62/19/20 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a) TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk stated that she had nothing to report other than what was already on the Agenda.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 was £19,430.21.

**c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS**

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Sept)	£193.08
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Sept)	£39.58
Jennie Blackburn	Pestfix Pidgeon Spikes (Reimbursement)	£47.99
MSDC	Bin Emptying	£162.00
MSDC	Uncontested Election Fees	£101.78
CAS Business Ltd	Insurance Premium Renewal	£411.60
MSDC	Lottery License	£20.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Oct)	£193.08
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Oct)	£28.33

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £1197.44 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

It was noted that the following receipts had been received:

Ticket Sales	Lottery	£300.00
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d) **TO RECEIVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Bank Reconciliation was noted.

### **CSP63/19/20 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications had been received.

### **CSP64/19/20 - PLANNING DECISIONS**

**It was AGREED:** That the following decision be noted.

**Ref: DC/19/02918** - Planning Application - Erection of offices and agricultural building - Grove Farm, Mill Lane, Creeting St Peter, Suffolk IP6 8QG - **GRANTED**

### **CSP65/19/20 – STREET LIGHTS**

It was reported that the street lights continued to not work and had not been rectified.

### **CSP66/19/20 – JOINT LOCAL PLAN**

**It was AGREED:** That the Joint Local Plan showed no planned growth in the village of Creeting St Peter and therefore no comments needed to be submitted.

### **CSP67/19/20 – COMMUNICATION WITH PARISHIONERS**

The Clerk reported that she had put an article in the previous Newsletter asking if parishioners wished to be part of a village email contact list, to which she had had no replies.

**It was AGREED:** That members would knock on doors of parishioners and ask them face to face. Also, the next pub night and coffee morning would be ideal places to ascertain the views of such a list.

That the Clerk put together a form for members to use.

### **CSP68/19/20 – WATER LEAK ON POUND ROAD**

An update on this item was reported under item 1 on the Agenda.

### **CSP69/19/20 - LAYBY/FOOTPATH ISSUE**

It was reported that human faeces had been found again on the footpath at the rear of the burial ground, despite attempts to plant a prickly hedge and mend the fencing.

**It was AGREED:** To monitor the situation.

### **CSP70/19/20 – FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Hitt reported that he had put together a map of all issues related to footpaths within the parish. All of the issues had been reported in the past by the Parish Clerk, but little seemed to be being done to rectify them.

**It was AGREED:** That the Clerk forward the map to the Rights of Way Officer in order to try to resolve the issues

## **CSP71/19/20 - PLAY AREA**

Cllr Mason reported that the new pigeon spikes installed on the top of the play equipment had worked successfully. He explained that the swing seats needed cleaning and was happy to pressure wash them. He also explained that the climbing frame was in a poor state and needed re-painting. The grass had been cut to a good standard but needed rolling at the correct time of year.

**It was AGREED:** That three quotes for the climbing frame be sought by the Clerk.

## **CSP72/19/20 – FEN ALDER CARR NATURE RESERVE**

There was nothing to report.

## **CSP73/19/20 – MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- Playing field sign had fallen down.
- FP21 – sign down at the Church.
- Car Parking at The Lane – chain was needed at the entrance of the Hall to stop unauthorized parking.
- Thank residents for cutting hedges – in next Newsletter

## **CSP74/19/20 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was AGREED:** That the next meeting be held at the Church Hall on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 10.30pm.

Chairman: ..... Dated: .....