



CREETING ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held **online via Zoom** on **Monday, 21st September 2020 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance District Cllr Norris
J Blackburn – Clerk

CSP010/20/21 – PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

CSP011/20/21 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Green.

CSP012/20/21 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSP013/20/21 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSP014/20/21 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2020 and 26th MAY 2020

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2020 and 26th May 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CSP015/20/21 - TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

It was AGREED: That this item be removed from future Agendas.

CSP016/20/21 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR GREEN

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

CSP017/20/21 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS – CLLR NORRIS

Cllr Norris' report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the Parish Council's website.

CSP018/20/21 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator cabinet had been replaced with the original one, which had been mended. She asked that members continued to monitor the defibrillator on a weekly basis and report any issues to her as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that neighbouring Creeting St Mary Parish Council were active in liaisons with Poundfield Products in relation to their lorries driving through the village causing issues on the narrow roads. Poundfield management had stated that they would speak with their drivers about this.

The Clerk informed members that her current laptop was reaching the end of its life and she was experiencing ongoing issues with its reliability. She suggested that a new laptop be purchased along with contributions from two of her other Parishes, Earl Stonham and Great Bricett.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk purchase a new laptop with the cost being split three ways

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 15th September 2020 was £18,537.06.

c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Stowmarket Landscapes	Play Area Access Track	3000.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Sept)	£216.90
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Sept)	£43.90
Business Services at CAS Ltd	Insurance Premium Renewal	£411.60

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £672.40 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

It was noted that no receipts had been received.

d) BANK RECONCILIATION

CSP019/20/21 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/20/03887 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey front extension - Granary Barn, The Clamp Farm, Mill Lane, Creeting St Peter Ipswich Suffolk

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no objections to the application. **Clerk to action.**

CSP020/20/21 - PLANNING DECISIONS

None had been received.

CSP021/20/21 – GATEWAY 14

Mr Aylott, resident at Clamp Farm, was present and made the following points in relation to the plans for Gateway 14:

- The site was now owned by Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC).
- The scale of the proposed development was larger than in previous applications which was a concern due to the buildings being larger and in inappropriate areas of the site.
- No screening of the site had been included in the plans in relation to Clamp Farm.

- The new layout the proposed site would mean that lorries would be using Mill Lane which included two sharp bends which was a concern as it could result in lorries becoming stuck.

Cllr Valladares reported that he had contacted Cllr Brewster at MSDC, who was the lead for Gateway 14, who in turn put him in touch with Nick Ramsey to ask questions regarding the proposal.

Cllr Valladares asked members to give some thought as to how the village could become involved in the consultation process. Yellobelly, the company involved in the public consultation for Gateway 14, had offered presentations via Zoom for residents and the Parish Council should they be required, in order to raise any queries or make comments.

Cllr Valladares made the following comments:

- He suggested that if MSDC bought some of the land from the landowner a road could then go straight through the development which in turn would make Clamp Farm a 'layby' and would take the traffic away from that part of Mill Lane.
- An office building with trees would be more beneficial than a large logistics building and would be less intrusive for properties at Clamp Farm.
- The access on the outline plan was not appropriate.
- The FP to Cedars Park from the village would need to be re-routed and would be more appropriate for villagers if it was moved to the Clamp Farm side of the development. It would also need to be lit.
- Traffic would increase significantly due to members of staff going to and from the new units.
- Sufficient parking would also be required.
- A public transport facility would be required and could be extended to the village at peak hours which could also take in the new properties in Stowupland.
- What was in it for the village? Up until four years ago the land in question was within the boundary of Creeting St Peter but was now in Stowmarket, making the village deprived of land and a loss of amenity.

Cllr Peacock reported that the development would result in Creeting St Peter being a suburb of Stowmarket and a rat run for boy racers.

Cllr Mason made the following comments:

- He expressed his concern that three different developers had taken on the site over recent months but had not managed to fill proposed units at a time when people were being encouraged to go back into the town centre.
- Master Plan Option 2 – the buildings go up in size as they go up the slope towards the village, with a logistics building at the top. It would obviously need to be lit which would mean properties at Clamp Farm would be left with light and noise pollution. If a four metre bund was installed it would not be tall enough to screen such a large building.
- He felt that the current plans would not be what was actually done.

Cllr Hitt questioned how the development was sustainable.

Cllr Norris reported that at the current time he was unable to comment on the proposal for the site as it was at the public consultation stage, but he was interested in comments made by the Parish Council and would take them forward. He encouraged members to put all of the points raised in writing to the relevant bodies.

CSP022/20/21 – WATER LEAK – POUND ROAD

The Clerk reported that updates received from Anglian Water about their ongoing investigations into the water leak had been circulated to all members.

CSP023/20/21 - REMEMBRANCE

The Clerk asked for confirmation that she order a poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council to which members agreed. Cllr Mason stated that he would lay the wreath.

Cllr Mason explained that a door to door poppy collection would not take place this year or outside shops due to the current situation with Coronavirus.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk purchase a wreath for Remembrance.

CSP024/20/21 - PLAY AREA

It was noted that the recently received Play Area Inspection report was better than expected with all issues being low or very low risk.

It was felt that the replacement of the slide was not needed at the current time but could be revisited in the future.

CSP025/20/21 – FEN ALDER CARR NATURE RESERVE

There was nothing to report.

CSP026/20/21 – MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- More litter pickers, as previously requested, had been found for use.
- Hedge overgrown from Fen Lane to Watering Bridge.
- Human Faeces still being found from lorry drivers parking in the layby on the A14. The fence had also been broken.
- Speeding through the village was ongoing.
- A damaged sign had been reported as had unclean drain outside 'The Brambles'
- An increase in car tyre punctures around the local area had also drawn comment from a representative of Offton and Willisham Parish Council, and there was a thought that the top dressing of rural roads might be a contributing factor.

CSP027/20/21 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting was due to be held on Monday, 16th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.13pm.

Chairman: Dated: