



## **CREETING ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Church Hall, The Lane, Creeting St Peter on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm.**

### **Present:**

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

In Attendance J Blackburn – Clerk  
County Cllr K Welham  
District Cllr M Norris  
Four members of the public

### **CSP48/21/22 – PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Staples, a resident present, asked members if anything had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council about land at Flint Farm and whether a motorcycle race track was proposed.

Cllr Valladares informed Mr Staples that the Parish Council were aware of the rumours and that the land had seemed to have been cleared in preparation for something, although no planning application had been received from Mid Suffolk District Council as yet.

### **CSP49/21/22 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

None had been received.

### **CSP50/21/22 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

### **CSP51/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **CSP52/21/22 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **CSP53/21/22 - TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT**

PC Stefan Henriksen was present at the meeting and had a detailed discussion with members and residents in relation to speeding through the village, dangerous driving within the parish, anti-social behaviour and ways in which these issues could be improved.

Firstly, in relation to speeding, PC Henriksen explained that the 20mph speed limit through the village was not enforceable by the Police, therefore other forms of traffic calming would be beneficial. He added that a meeting with the Highways Department may be a positive way forward to ask for suggestions in what would be appropriate traffic calming measures for the village.

The Clerk informed those present that a speed camera nor a Community Speedwatch Team would meet the criteria as there was not a clear 100 metre straight piece of road through the village. PC Henriksen confirmed that was the case.

He stated that he would be willing to stand with a Councillor at a certain point in the village to see what speed motorists were driving at. He explained that on occasions speeds could be misinterpreted and actual speeds could be within the speed limit.

County Councillor Welham reported that when the 20 mph was approved for the village it should have been installed along with other traffic calming measures alongside it. It was unclear as to why that had not been the case.

In relation to dangerous driving members and residents stated that boy racers had been performing 'donuts' around the Clamp Farm area and driving at speed and dangerously along Mill Lane.

PC Henriksen advised that any reports of dangerous driving including donuting should be reported to 101 via the telephone and/or online. The more reports were made the more it would be obvious that there was an issue with the area and the Police would then intervene.

In relation to anti-social behavior a resident informed PC Henriksen that drug taking was a regular occurrence at the parking area of the church and other areas of the parish. PC Henriksen again suggested that the incidents needed to be reported in order for something to be done.

Cllr Jardine suggested that the 101 details be added into the next edition of the Newsletter. **Clerk to action.**

#### **CSP54/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR WELHAM**

Cllr Welham's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

Cllr Welham reported that the Suffolk Special Educational Needs (SEND) provision review carried out by Lincolnshire County Council had now been completed where many issues had come to light including the fact that many parents felt they were not being listened to. The findings from the review would be looked into and dealt with over time.

Cllr Valladares asked about Devolution and what it would mean to the Parish Council to which Cllr Norris explained that it was too early to say at the current time as it was only at the first stage of the process. He confirmed he would share information with the Parish Council once he knew more.

Cllr Mason asked Cllr Welham about the installation of pavements through the village which had been discussed in the past and would it be something that could be revisited to which that Cllr Welham explained the funding side would be an issue.

In relation to speeding through the village and the 20 mph speed limit Cllr Welham confirmed he would speak with the Highways Department to enquire why a 20mph speed limit had been implemented without the inclusion of additional traffic calming measures.

#### **CSP55/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS – CLLR NORRIS & CLLR PHILLIPS**

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

Cllr Norris briefly went through the Taxi Licensing and Neighbourhood Plan points of his report.

## **CSP56/21/22 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **a) CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report in addition to items already on the Agenda.

### **b) 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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was £21,794.02

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay - Sept	193.85
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Sept)	£41.08
Great Bricett PC	Printer contribution	£91.85
Great Bricett PC	Printer Ink Contribution	£139.56
All in One Office Solutions	Printer maintenance	£20.00
Gipping Press	Footpath Sign for Noticeboard	£84.00
Parish Magazine Printing	Newsletter printing	£43.10
The Community Heartbeat Trust	Replacement battery for defib	£223.20
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Oct)	£193.85
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Sept)	£34.33
Zurich Insurance	Insurance Premium	460.35

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £1,355.81 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipts were noted:

Jennie Blackburn	Printer Ink Cartridges - Refund	£106.45
UK Power Network	Wayleave (FAC)	£24.96
MSDC	Precept (2nd Instalment)	£2,588.00

## **CSP57/21/22 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None had been received.

## **CSP58/21/22 - PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following planning decisions were noted:

**Ref: DC/21/03464** - Householder Application - Erection of front porch extension - 3 Peterhouse, Pound Road, Creeping St Peter - **Granted**

**Ref: DC/21/04223** – Householder application – Erection of two storey side and single storey link side extensions, extension to roof line to form recessed front covered porch. Erection of car port – Barnfield, The Green, Pound Road, Creeping St Peter - **Granted**

## **CSP59/21/22 – SPEED MEASUREMENT**

This item would be incorporated into the Gateway 14 item later in the meeting.

## **CSP60/21/22 – TRAFFIC CALMING / SPEED SIGNS**

This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting under Police Report.

## **CSP61/21/22 - FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Welham explained that he had asked about adding another cut to the footpaths within the Creting St Peter Parish at a recent Scrutiny meeting, with the reply being that the precept would need to be increased in order to have sufficient funds to carry out the extra work. Something it was felt the taxpayers would not agree to.

## **CSP62/21/22 – POUNDFIELD**

A general discussion took place in relation to no updates being received on any enforcement action taken to Poundfield.

Cllr Norris reported that he had asked for Enforcement issues to be shared with ward members which had confirmed would soon be the case.

## **CSP63/21/22 – GATEWAY 14**

Members of the Gateway 14 Residents Campaign Group were present at the meeting. Russell Stott from the group made the following points:

- A meeting had taken place with Jo Churchill - MP, Emily Attack – Gateway 14 Ltd and Kathy Nixon – Strategic Director at Mid Suffolk District Council, which had proved very useful. Jo Churchill had expressed concern that the plans were a long way from those originally made for the site.
- Jo Churchill was keen to support the landscaping and the use of wildlife projects plus the traffic side of the plan ensuring that traffic monitoring took place now and once the site had been built then comparing the two.
- A further meeting took place which involved various people included in the Gateway 14 project to identify issues that could be worked on in order to improve the impact on residents in Creting St Peter, such as bio-diversity and landscaping.
- Traffic Monitoring had been agreed to be looked into by Gateway 14 Ltd who would speak with Suffolk County Council (SCC). The monitoring would include volume, speed and type of traffic that used the roads around the site.
- Russell Stott reported that a plan was in place to use signage that would ask for traffic not to use the road to Clamp Farm / Creting St Peter. It would be aimed at HGVs to not use the road rather than members of staff from the completed site.
- Gateway 14 Ltd were willing to purchase a piece of land from a field adjacent the site in order to improve the road and take the Clamp Farm bend out of the equation, although units would need to be rented out before they could pay for the land.

Cllr Welham reported that the construction of the roads of the site had been included on the Agenda at the Scrutiny Committee and had been decided upon. Construction would commence late January early February 2022 from Tesco to Clamp Farm.

Cllr Valdares asked members if they would be in favour of a contribution to costs if one was needed to obtain the traffic measurement testing of which members voted in favour.

Cllr Welham explained that he had commented that there had not been sufficient engagement with Parish Councils around the Gateway 14 site and he had been assured that more engagement would take place.

Russell Stott reported that in relation to the future of the Residents Campaign Group and that now all the initial planning applications had been made, the Group considered what would be the next steps for their input. It was suggested that when a place became available on the Parish Council a member of the Residents Campaign Group could apply which would help the Parish Council move forward with the full knowledge of what had happened and what the Group had done.

Cllr Mason expressed his thanks to the Campaign Group for all their hard work which the rest of the Parish Council agreed.

Cllr Taylor stated that as a future vacancy had been raised he wished to put forward his resignation from the Parish Council due to a relocation. He confirmed he would put it in writing to the Clerk.

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council contribute a sum of up to £750 towards the cost of a traffic measurement test should it be needed.

#### **CSP64/21/22 – LAND ADJACENT 16 PETERHOUSES**

There was nothing to report.

#### **CSP65/21/22 – COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE PARISH**

There was nothing to report.

#### **CSP66/21/22 - PLAY AREA**

Cllr Mason reported that he had sought quotes for the refurbishment of the play equipment, in particular the climbing frame and would also seek quotes for a replacement slide.

Once the quotes had been received he would forward them to all members and the Clerk.

Residents present at the meeting offered their time in order to help with any maintenance that was needed on the Play Area.

Cllr Jardine stated that volunteers could also be sought via the Parish Council's Facebook page and WhatsApp group.

Ginny Taylor, Tree Warden, reported that through a Bio-Diversity Grant nine fruit trees had been given for the play field and also for Area 51.

#### **CSP67/21/22 – FEN ALDER CARR NATURE RESERVE**

The site remained closed and there was nothing to report.

#### **CSP68/21/22 – MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- New Rights of Way Maps – No numbers
- Defibrillator – all ok
- Thank you to Cllr Taylor for all his work on the Parish Council and to Ginny Taylor as Tree Warden

#### **CSP69/21/22 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was AGREED:** That the next meeting be held at the Church Hall on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 10pm.

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