



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cressing Parish Council
held on 13th February 2019 at 7.30pm
at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllr John Lawton –Chairman
Cllr Colin Haines
Cllr Keith Morland
Cllr Steve Watts

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk & RFO)
County Councillor Robert Mitchell
District Councillor Kevin Bowers (Items 19/022 to 19/025 only)
District Councillor James Abbot (Items 19/022 to 19/025 only)
Three members of the public

19/022 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed submitted and reported the following highlights:

1. Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 15 has been submitted following a lot of work by Mrs Susan Simpson. The Parish Council's thanks to Mrs Simpson were recorded.
2. Complaints continue to be received both by the Parish Office as well as via Facebook regarding the Bellway site in Mill Lane. These complaints are all being followed up with both BDC Planning Department and Enforcement Team, as well as directly with Bellway.
3. The Parish Council will do whatever is possible to try to mitigate similar situation once the Countryside development begins.
4. Cllr Goundry has resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect. A motion will be put to the March meeting to accept these apologies. With the closeness of the local elections (2nd May) no attempt will be made to co-opt a replacement.
5. Cllr Aston has also indicated that he will not stand for re-election in May.

19/023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Aston and Goundry. **It was resolved to accept the apologies of Cllrs Aston and Goundry. Proposed: Cllr Morland, Seconded: Cllr Watts.**

19/024 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct Order 2007 (SI 2007/1159) (The Revised Code) with the additional, non-mandatory, section 12(2).
Declarations of non-pecuniary interest: All Councillors in respect of item 19/010.
There were no other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests to be recorded.

19/025 REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Abbot reported:

- i. Waste Transfer Station application falls within Essex County Council Minerals and Waste planning system. When the original permission was granted conditions were applied to prevent heavy vehicles travelling through the village and using local roads.
- ii. A lot of complaints received about the Bellway site and BDC have been asked to look at the water contamination, damage to verges and type of lighting being installed.
- iii. Further site at the top of Mill Lane being advertised for sale for residential development, the particulars of which incorrectly infer that other sites have

- permission (e.g. site close to Wyevale). Until BDC issue their Local Plan it should be expected that other speculative proposals will be put forward.
- iv. IWMF planning application consultation for stack height runs until 21 February. At a private meeting of Silver End Parish Council to which Gent Fairhead, Indaver and all interested parties were invited, it was suggested that only the incineration part of the plant will be built, but with improved water distribution and enhanced filtering which would provide for the lower stack height being constructed.
 - v. Priti Patel MP has called in the applications for the IWMF.
 - vi. Library consultation continues, it is anticipated that Silver End will close. Coggeshall should remain open if volunteers can be found to run it. One of the criteria being applied, that all villages should be within 2 miles of a library is unsustainable.
 - vii. BDC budget to be voted on at 25th February meeting. It has been confirmed that Councillors' Community Grants will continue in the next financial year.
 - viii. Concern over doctors' surgeries as there is no plan to build additional facilities and existing surgeries will be unable to cope with potential increase in numbers following the developments in Cressing and Silver End.
 - ix. Plans are being addressed to change the Temple Lane junction by Cressing Temple.
 - x. A request has been submitted to ECC Cabinet Member, Kevin Bentley, to review the criteria for 20mph zones as these are being installed in new developments, but not for existing areas.

County Cllr Mitchell added to Cllr Abbot's comments:

- i. On the library review saying that a number of volunteers were coming forward to run community libraries. There have been many responses to the consultation, but more are wanted.
- ii. Waste Transfer Station – would like to see all existing restrictions continue.
- iii. Additional funding is to be made available in next year's budget for footways, county lines (drug trafficking), mental health and homelessness. In the meantime, funding is still available in the current year's budget for fixing potholes.

District Cllr Bowers advised:

- i. The hole in Mill Lane just before the junction with the B1018 had been caused by recent work undertaken by Open Reach. This has been reported.
- ii. Faulty lights at the Galleys Corner junction have also been reported.
- iii. Cllrs Community Grant funding is still available from his allocation under the current budget. The Clerk confirmed that an application is to be made by Cressing Parish Council.

Cllrs Abbot and Bowers left the meeting.

19/026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

One item only was raised regarding Parish Council staff, but this is a matter for the Employment Committee and will not be discussed at Parish Council in open session.

19/027 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2019

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Watts, seconded Cllr Morland, all in favour.** Minutes duly signed by the Chairman.

19/028 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS HELD ON 17th JANUARY 2019

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17th January 2019 to confirm submission of Regulation 15 Neighbourhood Plan were confirmed as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded Cllr Haines, all in favour.** Minutes duly signed by the Chairman.

19/029 PLANNING

- i. 18/02231/FUL | Single storey rear extension | 74 Mill Lane Crossing Essex CM77 8HR - the decision to grant permission by BDC was noted.
- ii. 19/00114/ECC | Consultation on Essex County Council application no. ESS/02/19/BTE - Continued operation of the Waste Transfer Station without compliance with condition 3 (hours) and 22 (throughput) attached to permission ref: ESS/03/17/BTE to allow operations to continue to 16:00 hours on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays; take place 07:00-19:30 hours on Saturdays following a Bank Holiday; and 20:00-05:00 hours Friday to Sunday on four occasions a year; together with an increase in annual throughput from 71,250 to 105,000tpa. The application also seeks the removal of condition 8 (vehicle movements) | ECC Waste Transfer Station Cordons Farm Long Green Crossing Essex CM77 8DL (13th February 2019) – the Parish Council will object to this application with the comments previously published. **Action: Clerk**
- iii. 19/00038/ADV | Retrospective application for the erection of 9 x flags on flagpoles and 3 non-illuminated signs | Land East Of Mill Lane Crossing Essex (6th March 2019) – the Parish Council will object to this retrospective application as the flags and signs are unnecessary for a development that is not on a main highway. **Action: Clerk**
- iv. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 9 & 23 of approval 16/00397/OUT - Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for access for residential development of up to 118 units and the creation of a pedestrian footway link to Crossing Station, via Bulford Mill Lane (6th March 2019) – the Parish Council will draw the attention of BDC Planning to the fact that these conditions have not been met, e.g. link to railway station and site line of footpath is dangerous with no opportunity for vehicles or pedestrians to see oncoming traffic. **Action: Clerk**
- v. 19/00188/HH | Demolition of existing garage with removal of bay window and roof to front elevation. Removal of gable roof detail to rear elevation with removal of existing chimney stack. Erection of a single storey rear extension, relocation and replacement of windows with a new ramped access to side elevation with car port. External parking surface alterations. | Kingfishers Tye Green Braintree Road Crossing Essex CM77 8HT (26th February 2019) – the Parish Council has no comment to make on this application and notes that no residents have commented on the Planning Portal. **Action: Clerk**
- vi. The motion to amend the Agenda to include discussion on S.106 agreement relative to 18/00920/FUL Appletree Farm, Polecat Road, Crossing VM77 8PJ. **Proposed: Cllr Morland, seconded: Cllr Haines, all in favour.** Councillors agreed that the proposal put forward in the Planning Officer's email of 24th January which states that BDC legal advisor confirms the S106 money can be used for the provision / improvements of Outdoor Sports facilities within Crossing Parish generally, which would allow BDC to agree a project at a later date (possibly after consultations to provide more flexibility). The Clerk to advise BDC accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

19/030 FINANCE

- i. **Progress against budget as at 31st January 2019**
The cash-book report was presented. There were no comments.
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2019**
It was resolved that the bank reconciliation statement at 31st December be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded Cllr Haines, all in favour.**
- iii. **A motion to approve January 2019 Payments/Cheques**
The list of payments was presented. There were no queries and **it was resolved** to approve the payments as follows. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded Cllr Haines, all in favour.** Cheques were duly signed by Cllrs Lawton and Watts.

iv.

10/01/2019	Richard Edwards Group	90.90	Payroll bureau
23/01/2019	BT	31.10	Telephone
25/01/2019	DAC Planning	2685.60	Neighbourhood Plan - grant funded
29/01/2019	Braintree District Council	316.20	Hire of refuse truck
25/01/2019	Adler Business Systems	99.23	Office supplies

09/01/2019	A & J Lighting	246.84	Street light repairs
01/02/2019	A & J Lighting	389.70	Street light repairs
31/01/2019	J Adshead-Grant	96.00	Salary - January
31/01/2019	C A Marshall	878.43	Salary - January plus payment in lieu of holiday 2018
31/01/2019	HMRC	274.11	PAYE & NI
31/01/2019	SSE	286.20	January charges

19/031 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk is producing a new format report that will reflect actions arising from the minutes of Parish Council meetings and will be circulated to Councillors after the meeting.

Action: Clerk

19/032 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Simpson advised that the Reg.15 submission had taken place on schedule and whilst the screening reports had not been updated, it now appears these will be needed for the Reg.16 submission. Whilst it had been expected for the Reg.15 consultation period to start immediately, BDC have advised this must be delayed until after the local elections in May due to a period of purdah being introduced. This will delay the process by about 3 months.

19/033 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There was nothing to report.

The Agenda for the March meeting will include a motion to accept the resignation of Cllr Goundry.

19/034 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 13th March 2019, 7.30pm, at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing.

Items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 5th February 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.