



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of Cressing Parish Council
held on 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm
at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllr Ian Aston – Vice-Chairman
Cllr Colin Haines
Cllr Keith Morland
Cllr Steve Watts

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk & RFO)
County Councillor Robert Mitchell
Two members of the public

19/001 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Ian Aston was Chairman of the meeting.

19/002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Lawton and Goundry, and District Councillors Abbott and Bowers. **It was resolved to accept the apologies of Cllrs Lawton and Goundry. Proposed: Cllr Morland, Seconded: Cllr Haines.**

19/003 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.

19/004 REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Mitchell reported that the Library Consultation had been extended. The aim is to identify other uses for the buildings to avoid closures, consequently any feedback will be considered.

The report into the accident in Ashes Road in 2016 has still not been released and Cllr Mitchell will be seeking an update at the next Local Highways Panel meeting (17th January).

Progress on LHP applications submitted to Cllr Mitchell was requested. Unfortunately, these do not appear to have arrived with him for onward submission. **Clerk to send copies.**

In his absence, District Cllr Abbott had forward a short report:

Cllr Abbott is submitting his objection to the Hawbush Green development proposal. Cllr Abbott also wrote to the promoters of the development before Christmas to voice concerns on their revised plan but has had no substantive response.

He has continued to question the administration at BDC about the serious situation the local villages in this area face due to the lack of an up-to-date Local Plan which has only recently been delayed further. He believes that BDC cannot achieve a complete and Adopted Local Plan (Parts 1 and 2) until well into 2020, which leaves a lot more time for speculative proposals to come forward for greenfield sites around the village.

Indaver/Gent Fairhead are holding 3 public events re the current various planning and permit applications for the Rivenhall Airfield waste site. These are:

Bradwell Village Hall – Monday 14th January 2019 from 16.00 to 19.00

Silver End Village Hall – Tuesday 22nd January 2019 from 16.00 to 19.00

Coggeshall Village Hall – Thursday 24th January 2019 from 16.00 to 19.00

There is no firm indication of dates for determination of either the planning applications (ECC) nor the permit application EA).

The issue of the B1018 bends remains a high priority and Cllr Abbott will be raising that again, but how it will be funded or when it might be done remain unclear.

19/005 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The following items were raised:

- i. Had the money collected during the Santa event been passed to the school? Yes.
- ii. Noticeboards need renovation – the Clerk is making enquiries to have these refurbished. **Action: Clerk**
- iii. Debris from accident outside Deans Farmhouse from road traffic accident in October 2018 has not been picked up. Clerk to speak to litter picker. **Action: Clerk**
- iv. White gates – suggestion to ask developers for a contribution. It was explained that grant applications will be made for the gates once approval from Essex Highways is received for the Parish Council to proceed.

There was discussion about seeking views of residents on matters and the attendees were reminded that dates of Parish Council meetings are well advertised and residents would be welcome and are encouraged to attend meetings.

19/006 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2018

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December 2018 were confirmed as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Morland, all in favour.** Minutes duly signed by the Chairman.

19/007 CRESSING ENVIRONMENT

Nothing to report.

19/008 PLANNING

There were no applications to discuss.

19/009 FINANCE

- i. **Progress against budget as at 31st December 2018**
The cash-book report was presented. There were no comments.
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2018**
It was resolved that the bank reconciliation statement at 31st December be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Aston, seconded Cllr Watts, all in favour.**
- iii. **A motion to approve November 2018 Payments/Cheques**
The list of payments was presented. There were no queries and **it was resolved** to approve the payments as follows. **Proposed: Cllr Aston, seconded Cllr Watts, all in favour.**

09/11/2018	BT	31.24	DD
23/11/2018	BT	113.88	DD
12/12/2018	Adler Business Systems	907.45	300102
12/12/2018	HMRC	95.80	300103
12/12/2018	C A Marshall (salary)	383.21	300104
12/12/2018	J Adshead-Grant (salary)	96.00	300105
12/12/2018	C A Marshall (expenses re Bellway)	251.92	300106
		<u>£1,879.50</u>	

- iv. **A motion to approve budget for 2019-20**
The RFO presented the budget calculations and after discussion **it was agreed** that the residents' contribution towards precept for 2019-20 could remain the same as

for 2018-19 (£59.49), despite income from BDC's Council Tax Collection Fund and Localism Fund no longer being available. It may be necessary during the coming year to transfer some funds from Reserves (calculated to be approximately £2,500), but this would not adversely affect the position. The RFO will finalise the budget and present to Councillors for approval to submit Precept Request. **Action: RFO**

19/010 CLERK'S REPORT

Due to illness and the Christmas/New Year break, no report was available.

A member of the public queried why the Clerk's Report was not published on the website and it was explained that there was no need to publish "business as usual" items, but anything else would be reported at Parish Council meetings and published in the Minutes.

19/011 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Simpson advised the updated Plan should be available by 13th January and will be circulated to Councillors in readiness for the meeting on 17th January when the decision will be made to progress to Reg.15 stage. The Consultant's statement should be ready for submission later in the month. Councillors and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be meeting on 17th January.

19/012 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There was nothing to report.

19/013 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 13th February 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 8.30pm.