



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cressing Parish Council
held on Wednesday 8th August 2018 at 7.30pm
at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing



Present

Cllr Ian Aston - Vice Chairman – Chairman of the meeting
Cllr Charmian Goundry
Cllr Colin Haines
Cllr Keith Morland
Cllr Steve Watts

In attendance

Mrs Christine Marshall (interim Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)
District Councillor James Abbott (item 18/142 only)
Three members of the public

18/139 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

Cllr Aston welcomed all attendees. There was nothing further to report in regard to potential Parish Councillors and the Chairman will be asked for an update.

Action: Clerk

18/140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllr Lawton, County Councillor Robert Mitchell and District Councillor Bowers. **It was resolved** to accept these apologies.

Proposed: Cllr Morland, seconded: Cllr Goundry

18/141 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Councillors declared an interest in agenda items related to the Neighbourhood Plan, but have dispensation to discuss and vote. Cllr Goundry declared non-pecuniary interests for reasons of land ownership adjacent to sites mentioned as follows:

- item 18/149.iv - 18/00005/SCR | Screening Request - Proposed development for the erection of an A1 (bulky goods) retail unit | Land South of Millennium Way Cressing Essex
- item 18/149.vii - 18/00921/FUL and 18/00920/FUL | Demolition of existing buildings on site and erection of 65 and 80 respectively residential dwellings with associated open space, landscaping, amenity space, car and cycle parking and other associated works | Appletree Farm Polecat Road Cressing Essex

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests. 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).

18/142 REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports had been received from County Cllr Mitchell or District Cllr Bowers.

District Cllr James Abbott reported:

- i. The Leader of Braintree District Council had taken an Executive Decision on the emerging Local Plan, even though it had been declared unsound by the Inspector, to continue with proposals for garden communities. A further letter has just been issued by the Inspector. The result is that Part 2 of the plan for small to medium sized sites cannot be considered until Part 1 has been approved.

- ii. Cllr Abbott has submitted comments to planning application 18/00005/SCR | Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 - Screening Request - Proposed development for the erection of an A1 (bulky goods) retail unit | Land South Of Millennium Way Crossing Essex. Removal of this screening will adversely affect the ecology of the site.
- iii. The next Local Highways Panel is scheduled for September when schemes for Crossing will be considered.
- iv. Decision on the IWMF at Rivenhall has been delayed again as further information has been requested from the applicants. A Freedom of Information request has been submitted to Braintree District Council to clarify where waste from this district is processed and how much, as a percentage of the whole, is sent overseas.

18/143 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The following items were raised:

- Suggestions should be sought on how to publicise and promote the Parish Council. One idea put forward was for an Open Day.
- More use should be made of Facebook to advertise meetings as fewer residents now refer to notice boards.
- Consideration should be given to the provision of Automatic Number Plate Recognition equipment around the village.
- The village is beginning to look “tatty”, especially around the re-cycling area in Polecat Road that is being used for fly-tipping.
- Vegetation growth has not been dealt with during the year and the road along Millennium Way is badly overgrown.
- It does not appear that litter has been picked along the B1018 at all this year.

Cllr Aston advised that these matters will be looked into.

18/144 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2018

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and were duly signed by the Vice-Chairman. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Watts, all in favour.**

18/145 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk provided her report.

- i. Emergency Plan has been copied to each councillor for comment. **Action: All**
- ii. **It was agreed** to have a discussion about parking around the village at the next available meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- iii. **It was agreed** to make winter salt available to residents whose roads are not covered by the Essex Highways winter salting routes at a nominal delivery fee agreed by the Clerk and Cllr Morland. **Action: Clerk & Cllr Morland**
- iv. The Clerk confirmed an application to the Local Highways Panel for a new bus stop close to the junction of The Street and Polecat Road has been submitted. **Action: Clerk**
- v. The Clerk requested Councillors to look at the proposed job description for a village handyman (subject to grant funding of the position). Any comments or amendments to be advised to the Clerk. **Action: All**

There were no queries.

18/146 ROADS

- i. Reflective spots had been placed at the junction of Polecat Road and the B1018 and after discussion it was agreed to obtain more, larger, reflectors to install on posts at the junction. **Action: Cllr Watts**

- ii. The Clerk was advised that the Parish Council had previously discussed and agreed the provision of a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign. **It was agreed** to reserve the sum of £5,000 towards the purchase and the Clerk was instructed to submit an application to the Local Highways Panel.

Proposed: Cllr Watts, seconded Cllr Goundry, all in favour. Action: Clerk

18/147 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk will arrange 3 dates for training. The installation of the defibrillator at the Evangelical Church is also complete. **Action: Clerk**

18/148 CRESSING ENVIRONMENT

- i. Clerk to obtain quotations for different designs of white gates. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. Quotations to be obtained for renovating the Cressing board outside All Saints Church. Cllr Watts has a contact who may be able to provide the original artwork, otherwise photographs of the wording will be used. **Action: Cllr Watts and Clerk**

18/149 PLANNING

The BDC Planning Portal has been unavailable for Councillors to study new applications as listed on the Agenda. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should contact BDC asking for an extension until after the September meeting for comments to be submitted. **Action: Clerk**

18/150 UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

- i. **Stansted Airport** – the draft response submitted by Cllr Goundry was discussed and agreed for submission. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. **Uttlesford Local Plan Consultation** – Cressing Parish Council has previously submitted comments in relation to the Garden Community and these views have not changed. Regarding Stansted Airport, it is understood that Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) group had submitted a Freedom of Information requested that showed Manchester Airport Group had consulted with UDC and obtained a change in policy. It is understood this has now reverted to the original wording and Cllr Goundry advised that the draft letter (i) above, takes this into account. New documents continue to be submitted for the application, resulting in the consultation period being extended to 30th August and although there have been 614 letters in support, objections now total more than 700. SSE have applied to the High Court for the decision on this application to be made by the Secretary of State and not UDC.

18/151 FINANCE

- i. **Progress against budget as at 31st July 2018**

The cash-book report was presented. There were no comments.

- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation as at 31st July 2018**

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation statement at 31st July be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Aston, seconded Cllr Morland, all in favour.

- iii. **A motion to approve July 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**

08/08/2018	K Vince & Sons	396.00	300061
08/08/2018	Richard Edwards Group	87.30	300062
08/08/2018	John Clark Services	221.42	300063
08/08/2018	J Adshead-Grant	120.00	300064
08/08/2018	C A Marshall	383.21	300065

08/08/2018	Cressing PCC	500.00	300066
08/08/2018	HMRC	95.80	300067
08/08/2018	RCCE	72.60	300068
08/08/2018	Brit Labels	240.00	300069
08/08/2018	C A Marshall		
		£2176.33	

iv. There were no payments received

18/152 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Susan Simpson (SS) confirm the draft Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan had been published for comment (until 30th September). A reference copy has been placed in various establishments open to the public in the village and the questionnaire distributed with the Parish Magazine. All documents and questionnaire are available on the Parish Council website. A separate email address has been established for responses (cressingnp@gmail.com)

The suggestion was made to place advertising banners in a prominent position outside St Barnabas.

Action: Clerk

On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Aston proposed a motion of thanks to all volunteers for their hard work in progressing the Plan to this stage. **Proposed: Cllr Aston, seconded: Cllr Watts, all in favour.**

18/153 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Clerk was requested to contact County Cllr Mitchell asking for a copy of the report into the accident along Ashes Road in August 2017.

Action: Clerk

18/154 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Next Parish Council meeting - Wednesday 12th September 2018, 7.30pm, at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

- i. Items for inclusion on the Agenda will be a presentation and discussion with Countryside Home on the design of the dwellings to be developed on land between Braintree Road and Mill Lane.
- ii. Discussion on Section 106 Agreements with a group of residents who had queried what developer contributions had been agreed.

Other items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 4th September 2018

Due to time constraints, it may be necessary for some items to be postponed to the October meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm