



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cressing Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 7.30pm at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing



Present

Cllr John Lawton - Chairman
Cllr Ian Aston - Vice Chairman
Cllr Keith Morland
Cllr Steve Watts

In attendance

Mrs Christine Marshall (interim Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)
Four members of the public

18/169 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and advised that Amanda Adcock who had been employed as Parish Clerk/RFO had decided not to remain with Cressing Parish Council, consequently Christine Marshall had agreed to remain until the New Year when the post will be advertised again.

The Chairman provided an update on the Parish Council's position regarding planning applications currently being considered by Braintree District Council. He was also pleased to confirm that The Willows had now re-opened.

18/170 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Goundry and Haines who were unable to attend the meeting. County Councillor Robert Mitchell and District Councillors Abbott and Bowers had also sent their apologies. **It was resolved** to accept these apologies.

Proposed: Cllr Aston, seconded: Cllr Watts

18/171 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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).

18/172 REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The Chairman read a short report received from District Cllr James Abbott:

- i. There was a very lively debate at BDC Full Council on Monday evening regarding the situation with the Local Plan which was found to be legally Unsound by the Inspector in June. BDC is pressing on with the Garden Communities in the Part 1 of the Plan. Concerns were raised at the meeting that this means the crucial Part 2 of the plan (all the other sites) will not be adopted for a long time - perhaps 1 to 2 years, which this leaves this area vulnerable to more speculative development applications where developers will argue that BDC does not have a complete Adopted Local Plan and as of now, and likely for some time, the council remains well below its 5-year housing supply requirement.

- ii. Changes are proposed in the way the Highways Panels work. ECC is moving towards devolution of some local highways work and as a result more minor maintenance work and local capital projects may be done - and more quickly.
- iii. BDC have been slow in delivery of clear recycling sacks. Many people run out well before the annual delivery and then have to ask for more via libraries, BDC offices, etc. It would seem more logical to deliver more in the annual drop. In response to a question put to BDC it has been confirmed that 55,453 rolls of sacks (1,441,778 sacks) were issued to residents across the district on request from various sources in addition to the annual delivery.

18/173 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The following items were raised:

- A resident raised his concerns about planning application 16/02144 – development by Countryside Properties of land between Braintree Road and Mill Lane, and in particular:
 - The sum mentioned for community benefit and the reduction in sums from those originally quoted
 - What is the likelihood of the developers using land for further housing development they have designated for “educational/residential”?
 - Footpath by the school should be on development land
 - Concern that footpath would be adjacent to houses in Westerings, providing easy unlawful access to properties (subsequent to the meeting the plans on BDC planning portal have been checked and there is no planned footpath shown here)
 - The mound should remain for children to use in their games
 - Links between the Countryside and Bellway sites

The Chairman understood that the developers had discussed with the Sports & Social Club the positioning of the footpath and that no vehicular access between the two developments was planned.

The resident was asked to raise his concerns through the planning process.

- A letter from Countryside in 2012 had quoted larger amounts being available for community initiatives – a copy will be provided – and the Chairman confirmed that once negotiations on S.106/Community Infrastructure Levy are sufficiently advanced to identify the amounts, discussion will be held with the Sports & Social Club.
- The Parish Council was asked if a Christmas tree could be provided outside St Barnabas Hall. This will be considered by Councillors and confirmed at the next meeting.

18/174 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2018

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

18/175 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented a brief report, the following points were noted:

- i. White Gates – Clerk to prepare and submit application to Local Highways Panel for white gates, with integral planters, at four locations in the Parish on the basis that the Parish Council will seek external funding to provide the gates. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. The three councillor vacancies to be advertised in the Parish Magazine, on the website and noticeboards. **Action: Clerk**
- iii. Lions Club Santa – volunteers to be sought to accompany the sleigh through the village on Thursday 6th December, 6.00pm to 9.00pm. Risk assessment and insurance cover to be confirmed. **Action: Clerk**

- iv. Replacement office furniture to be ordered in accordance with specification to comply with DSE and Health & Safety requirements. **Proposed: Cllr Aston, seconded Cllr Lawton, all in favour.** **Action: Clerk**

18/176 POLLING PLACE REVIEW

Referring to the notice from BDC of 28th September of the review of polling stations, **it was agreed** that no additional location was required, but this may change if the larger developments are completed.

18/177 ROADS

- i. Local Highways Panel – it was agreed to re-submit LHP application for roundels to be situated at the entrances to Cressing and Tye Village. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. VAS/Speed Survey – Cllr Aston questioned the soundness of the speed survey undertaken along Church Lane. Figures showed that the guidance was unrealistic when an average of speeds was used: 70% exceeded the 30mph speed limit, many of whom were in excess of 10mph above limit. **It was agreed** to write to County and District Councillors and the Highways Liaison Officer challenging the guidance and confirming that the Parish Council are prepared to make a contribution towards costs of improvements. **Action: Clerk**
- iii. Footpaths – the Clerk was requested to acknowledge the letter from a resident seeking support to re-route footpaths that may be affected by the route of the new A120. **It was agreed** that until the formal decision has been made and details for the new route are confirmed no action will be taken by the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

18/179 CRESSING ENVIRONMENT

- i. Cllr Watts confirmed he is chasing for the information to refurbish the board at All Saints Church.
- ii. Litter picking – to be discussed outside of this meeting.
- iii. Street lighting – **it was agreed** to replace the faulty light fittings. **Action: Clerk**

18/180 PLANNING - DECISIONS

There were no decisions to note.

18/181 PLANNING - APPLICATIONS

There were no new applications to be discussed.

18/182 FINANCE

- i. **Progress against budget as at 30th September 2018**
The cash-book report was presented. There were no comments.
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation as at 30th September 2018**
It was resolved that the bank reconciliation statement at 30th September be approved.
Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded Cllr Watts, all in favour.
- iii. **A motion to approve September 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 Lawton, seconded Cllr Aston, all in favour.**

Mrs S Simpson	Phone charges	141.54	300079
EALC	August charges	85.00	300080
Adler Business Systems	Standing charge	178.75	300081
A & J Lighting	Neighbourhood plan support	807.42	300082
Cressing PCC	Broadband	722.00	300083

SSE	282.66	300084
SSE	3.33	300085
HMRC	169.80	300086
J Adshead-Grant	96.00	300087
C A Marshall	383.21	300088
A Adcock	211.84	300089
PKF Littlejohn	360.00	300090
	<u>£3,262.80</u>	

iv. Payments received:

Braintree District Council £18,690.00 (second instalment of Precept payment)

18/183 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk advised:

- i. The Reg 14 consultation finished on 30th September, with nine written responses from statutory bodies and a total of 40 on-line (which included two from developers).
- ii. Responses have been forwarded to DAC Planning for review prior to a meeting to discuss changes needed to the plan before proceeding to Reg 15.
- iii. A meeting with NHS England has been requested to discuss their plans and the needs for Primary Care in the parish.

18/184 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Chairman read an email received from BDC Planning concerning S.106 contributions should either of the development applications at Appletree Farm proceed. This will be an item for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

18/185 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Next Parish Council meeting - Wednesday 14th November 2018, 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 6th November 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Meeting dates

December	12 th	7.30pm
January	9 th	7.30pm
February	13 th	7.30pm
March	13 th	7.30pm
April	10 th	7.30pm
May	15 th	7.00pm start – Annual Meetings
June	12 th	7.30pm
July	10 th	7.30pm
August	14 th	7.30pm
September	11 th	7.30pm
October	9 th	7.30pm
November	13 th	7.30pm
December	11 th	7.30pm