



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of Cressing Parish Council
held on 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm
at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllr John Lawton – Chairman
Cllr Colin Haines
Cllr Susan Simpson
Cllr Harvey Porrett
Cllr Alison Lapper

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

Apologies: Cllr Watts, County Cllr Robert Mitchell, District Cllrs James Abbott and Bob Wright

19/114 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance and reported as follows:

- The Chairman confirmed his statement made at the BDC Planning Committee on 10th September opposing the development at Appletree Farm. He reported that the attitude of the Committee was disappointing and felt that they had intended to approve the application, despite the objections submitted. Highways had supported the scheme, but had not suggested any safe crossings. Both Cllr Lawton and Cllr Abbott asked if the decision could be deferred for further investigations into the highways issues to be undertaken, but the Planning Committee rejected this request stating that any further investigations would return the same results. District Cllrs James Abbott and Kevin Bowers also spoke to support the objections, this seemed to have no effect on the Committee. Cllr Lawton will be writing to the Planning Committee and Highways raising concerns about the decision. Cllr Simpson advised that when preparing the Neighbourhood Plan submission discussions had been held with Essex Highways they were, at that time, considering a lit crossing in Polecat Road.
- The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Inspector had submitted his comments to the Neighbourhood Plan and these would be reflected in the final version to be put to BDC and subsequently to a Referendum. Cllr Lawton thanked Cllr Simpson for the huge amount of work she had undertaken in preparing this document.
- The scarecrow competition will be judged on 14th September and the Chairman confirmed the Parish Council's offer to pay for the trophies and prizes to a value of £50. In the absence of any Councillors being available, the Chairman offered to attend the prize giving on behalf of the Parish Council.

19/115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk confirmed apologies had been received from Cllr Watts – it was agreed to accept these apologies.

Apologies had also been received on behalf of County Cllr Robert Mitchell and District Cllrs James Abbott and Bob Wright, although Cllr Wright hopes to attend the latter part of the meeting.

19/116 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:

There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to items on the agenda to be

recorded.

19/117 REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor James Abbott had provided a report and this was read into the meeting. The main points to note were:

- BDC Planning Committee - Appletree Farm application approval. Cllr Abbott moved for a deferral having established during the meeting via replies from officers, that claims about "pedestrian crossings" and "joining up of footways" to give access to the school over Polecat Lane and the B1018 (in both the glossy sent to Cllrs by the developers and the officer report) were inaccurate. His motion sought to defer to allow discussions with ECC so that a safe route could be established. The Committee considered there was nothing to be gained in doing this, which Cllr Abbott found strange and unacceptable as this issue is one of the most important in respect of this development. The motion was narrowly defeated - they then went on to vote the application through and Cllr Abbott voted against.
- The Gladman application for 360 houses, BDC has requested a full environmental statement.
- Residents have again raised concerns re the junction of Lanham Farm and Lanham Green Roads; the business already operating off that junction and the much larger business due to start up. Cllr Abbott has advised these concerns to Cllr Robert Mitchell and hopes measures which could improve visibility at the junction, improve surface and road lining (not clear where private land starts) can be agreed. He has also suggested an LHP scheme to sort out the disused and unsightly highways store area that in part restricts the junction visibility.
- The "3 parishes" meeting is confirmed for Thursday 26th September, 8pm at the Silver End Parish Council offices in the village hall on Broadway. That same evening starting at 6.30pm Cllrs Abbott and Wright will be holding an open planning meeting starting at 6.30pm in the small hall at the back of the village hall to update on the Local Plan, A120, waste site etc. Crossing parish Councillors and residents would be very welcome to attend.

19/118 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No items were raised.

19/119 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th AUGUST 2019

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th August 2019 were confirmed as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Porrett, all in favour.** Minutes duly signed by the Chairman.

19/120 COUNCIL POLICIES & TOR

It was resolved to adopt policies and Terms of Reference as follows:

- i. Planning & Development Committee Terms of Reference. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lapper** **Action: Clerk to publish**
- i. Employment Committee. **Proposed: Cllr Simpson, seconded: Cllr Haines** **Action: Clerk to publish**
- ii. S.106 Committee. **Proposed: Cllr Lapper, seconded: Cllr Simpson** **Action: Clerk to publish**

- iii. Illegal encampments. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lawton**
Action: Clerk to publish
- iv. Playing field inspection template. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Lawton**

19/121 FINANCE

- i. The RFO presented the report of progress against budget as at 31st August 2019. There were no queries.
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2019**
It was resolved that the bank reconciliation statement at 31st August be approved.
Proposed: Cllr Lapper, seconded Cllr Porrett, all in favour.
- iii. **A motion to approve August 2019 Payments/Cheques**
The list of payments made and cheques to be signed against August expenditure was presented. There were no queries and **it was resolved** to approve the payments.
Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded Cllr Porrett, all in favour.

09/08/2019	BT	34.13	DD
22/08/2019	BT	113.88	DD
01/08/2019	A & J Lighting	389.70	300168
08/08/2019	Cressing Community Magazine	750.00	300169
02/08/2019	SSE	308.79	300170
03/09/2019	SSE		300170
04/09/2019	K Vince & Sons	396.00	300171
31/08/2019	HMRC	103.60	300172
31/08/2019	C A Marshall	563.62	300173
11/09/2019	C A Marshall		300173
31/08/2019	J Adshead-Grant	96.00	300174
		<u>£2755.72</u>	

- iv. The RFO tabled a request to undertake a virement of funds to pay for the printed flyer within the Parish Magazine in the sum of £130.00. **A motion** to undertake virement in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.2 of £130.00 from budget group Election Costs to budget group Cressing Action Group. **Proposed: Cllr Simpson, seconded Cllr Porrett, all in favour.**
Action: Clerk

19/122 BUDGET 2020-21

The RFO requested ideas for projects during the coming year that could be included within the Budget (and forming the Parish Council's Action Plan for the year). One suggestion was "Protecting the Cressing Countryside" to include the land at Hawbush Green and the land opposite the riding stables. Several solutions were put forward, including the installation of post and rail fencing and "no parking on grass" signs. **It was agreed** the Clerk will investigate whether the Parish Council can seek a bye-law in this respect. **Action: Clerk**

Before the next meeting Councillors will send suggestions to the RFO for discussion at the next meeting. **Action: Councillors**

19/123 CRESSING ACTION GROUP

Cllr Haines attended the last meeting and provided a short report. Samples of the new posters were shown, but Councillors considered these did not illustrate the issues clearly enough. The Group will be asked to provide a written report for future meetings that can be circulated to Councillors for information. **Action: Cllr Simpson**

19/124 PLANNING

Applications determined

Those reported on the Agenda were noted.

19/125 PLANNING

New applications

- i. 18/00920/FUL – To receive report from BDC Planning Committee meeting held 10th September – reported under item 19/114
- ii. 19/01410/ADV - Keyline Civils & Drainage, The Cordons, Long Green – 13th September – Councillors had no comments to make
- iii. 19/00204/TPO | Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 9/19 - G1 - 5x Robinia and 1x Lime - Crown lift to 2.4 metres, Clear road sign and flag pole, Remove dead, broken and hanging branches (exempt) - see plan for exact location | Galleys Corner Braintree Road Crossing Essex – The Parish Council Tree Officer had been consulted. – Councillors had no comments to make
- iv. 19/00005/SCO | Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Scoping Opinion Request - Development for residential use, comprising up to 360 dwellings. It is proposed that 40% of this residential development will be affordable housing. Associated infrastructure including vehicular, cycle and pedestrian access points from the B1018 Braintree Road. | Land At Tye Green Crossing Braintree Essex – **it was agreed** to submit an objection to this application and seek a full Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out on a cumulative basis with other recent and proposed developments in the Parish. **Action: Clerk**
- v. 19/01398/DAC | Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 8 and 10 of approval 15/01515/FUL - Demolition of barns (B) and (E), construction of new building (F), use of building for Class B1 and change of use of agricultural buildings for class B1 use, replacement of building E for parking, proposed new internal road, creation of parking spaces and landscaping. | Lanham Manor Farm Lanham Farm Road Crossing Essex CM77 8DX - Councillors had no comments to make
- vi. 19/01445/DAC | Application for approval of details reserved by condition 14 of approved application 15/01515/FUL | Lanham Manor Farm Lanham Farm Road Crossing Essex CM77 8DX – Councillors had no comments to make

19/126 PLANNING

Appeals received by Braintree District Council:

None advised.

19/127 CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY: 125 Years of the Parish Council

It was agreed the Parish Council will seek to undertake a shared project with the other parish councils in the Silver End Ward.

Action: Chairman and Clerk

19/128 PLAYING FIELD AND ENVIRONMENT

- i. Cllr Haines presented his report. There were issues.
- ii. Repairs identified in the RoSPA report – quotations awaited. **Action: Clerk**
- iii. Rainbow Field – The Clerk advised that a quotation is awaited. **Action: Clerk**
- iv. Pavilion – This will not be progressed.
- v. Benches – An application to the Local Highways Panel for installing benches next to the bus stop in Mill Lane to be submitted. **Action: Clerk**

19/129 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There has been an increase in uncleared dog fouling. **It was agreed** that an article should be included in the parish magazine highlighting the irresponsible and anti-social behaviour of some dog owners and the potential for fines.

Action: Clerk

Items to be discussed at the next meeting will include:

- i. Next year's budget
- ii. Protection of Crossing greensward

19/130 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 7.30pm to be held 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 1st October 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.