



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CREETING ST. PETER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**THE CHURCH HALL, THE LANE, CREETING ST. PETER, SUFFOLK, IP6 8QR**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr. Valladares (Chair)  
Cllr. Singh (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Mason  
Cllr. Bridges

Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk and three (3) members of the public.

**052. APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTANCE FOR ABSENCE**

All were in attendance.

**053. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**054. TO RECEIVE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meetings on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. All in favour.

**055. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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None.

**056. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

No nominations or interest was shown in the position. It was **AGREED** to advertise this in the Village Hall and village social media and Whatsapp channels.

**057. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Cllr. Valladares had nothing to report at this time.

**058. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Cllr. K. Welham invited questions on his October and November reports but received none. C Cllr. Welham then reported that there was some talk on a possible move towards Unitary Authorities in East Angla although details were not yet confirmed.

**059. REPORT FROM DESIGNATED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

District Cllr. R. Piper reported that the Stowmarket Town Centre revitalisation funding had been agreed which was made up of £400,000 grant funding scheme and £100,000 to increase sustainability and £16,000 to develop overnight accommodation in the town.

It was also reported that 38 new homes had been constructed on the former Stowmarket Middle School site with a wide range of rents.

Cllr. Mason asked if there had been any progress on the Fen Alder Carr site, D Cllr. Piper confirmed he would chase this.

Cllr. Valladares asked if there had been any progress on the local bus and taxi service in the village. It was reported that three routes had already been rolled out and two more would be rolled out in November, routes would be circulated in due course.

**060. FINANCIAL MATTERS 2023/4**

**060.1 Confirmation of Bank Balances (8<sup>th</sup> November 2024)**

060.1.1 Current Account (£1,899.60)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

060.1.2 Play Area Reserve (£4,716.36)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

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060.1.3 Fen Alder Reserve (£2,828.98)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

060.1.4 Lottery Account (£4,592.62)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

060.1.5 General Reserve (£2,811.66)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

**060.2 Bank Account Receipts**

**060.2.1 Second installment of Precept (£3,046.00) (16 September 2024)**

The above amount was confirmed as being received.

**060.2.2 Locality Grant from District Councillors (£2,294) (30 September 2024)**

The above amount was confirmed as being received.

**060.3 Review of Receipts/Budget & Payments/Budget reports (6 November 2024)**

The report was discussed and **APPROVED**.

**060.4 Review & approval of bank reconciliation (6 November 2024)**

The report was **NOTED** and **APPROVED**. Cllr. Mason signed the appropriate document.

**060.5 Consideration of backdated Local Government Pay Claim 2024/5 (1 April 2024)**

Cllr. Valladares reported on the new pay points which has recently been agreed at a national level. It was **AGREED** to adopt the new pay points and pay the Parish Clerk, all in favour.

**060.6 Review & Approval of Payments**

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Dated:.....

It was **AGREED** to make all of the payments as detailed on the report, Cllrs. Valladares and Mason to make the payments, all in favour.

#### **060.7 Review & Approval of budget, precept & reserves**

The budget was considered and it was **AGREED** to **ADOPT** the 2025/6 Budget, all in favour. This represented expected expenditure of £6,292 and expected income of £200 and a precept request of £6,092.00. The Parish Clerk, Chair and Responsible Financial Officer were granted authority to sign and return the precept request form to Mid Suffolk District Council.

Reserves were also agreed, all in favour, at the following levels:

Play Area	£4,756
Village Lottery	£3,845
Fen Alder Carr Nature Reserve	£2,885
Elections	£1,000
General	£2,602
Total	£15,088

#### **061. GENERAL MATTERS**

##### **061.1 To consider a response to the River Gipping Trust**

It was **AGREED** to donate a total of £150 to the Trust and for this to be taken out of the Lottery Fund Reserve, all in favour.

##### **061.2 Update on Play Area Consultation**

It was **AGREED** to circulate this at an upcoming coffee morning. Form already circulated to be used with addition of a request for parental involvement in maintenance.

##### **061.3 To agree to send a letter to Mid-Suffolk District Council about concerns at Clamp Farm**

It was reported that there had been an agreement to straighten the bend at this location, but D Cllr. Piper would contact Emily Atack at Mid Suffolk District Council to confirm this, a letter would be drafted following this confirmation with involvement of other residents.

**061.4 To agree a strategy to combat cold calling**

It was **AGREED** to defer this matter to the May agenda to take advantage of the warmer weather.

**061.5 To consider making an application to the Free Trees, Hedging and Wildflower Scheme**

It was **AGREED** to establish exact locations for these items before an application was made, all in favour.

**061.6 Update on the scanning of Council documents**

The Parish Clerk reported that 90 documents had been scanned in the past month which were mainly historical bank statements and the old documents shredded.

**061.7 To consider a response to the Mid-Suffolk District Council Gambling Policy review**

It was **AGREED** to offer no comment on this consultation, all in favour.

**062. PLANNING MATTERS**

**062.1 Grove Farm, Mill Lane DC/23/04500**

The application was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to formally **NOT OBJECT**, all in favour.

**063. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

**063.1 Play Areas**

Nothing further for meeting.

**063.2 Highways Issues**

It was reported that two new signs to the village had been installed at Pound Road and just past the ditch at the bottom end. C Cllr. Welham was thanked for his help in this regard.

**063.3 Footpaths**

Cllr. Valladares reported that there had been no news on the path from Gateway 14

to the village.

**063.4 Defibrillator**

Cllr. Mason reported that the light on the device did not work, but that this had been reported.

**063.5 Gateway 14**

Cllr. Bridges reported that a meeting had taken place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 and the manager of The Range had been in attendance. It was reported that the store was now 65% operational working 24 hours a day over three shifts, this would take place 364 days a year. HGVs were running at 16 inbound and 14 outbound on a daily basis supplying the unit with 50,000 pallets worth of stock. Capacity would be for 80 HGVs going both in and out per day, so it was noted this was nowhere near full capacity.

Two more plots would be coming online in the next few months including the Skills and Innovation Centre with 150 car parking spaces and a café on site.

Representatives were working with local schools and colleges to identify skills and future employment opportunities.

Daily police patrols were now taking place in the area after anti-social behaviour had been reported.

**063.6 Streetlights**

Nothing for meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to remove this item from the agenda for future meetings.

**063.7 Norwich to Tilbury Consultation**

Nothing for meeting. But it was **NOTED** that all local authorities had now objected to the scheme, but the government supported it.

**064. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Mason reported that HGVs were parking overnight at Gateway 14 on 16 consecutive nights. Although it was thought that these would only be resting and might stop as the site develops with more facilities. This may represent enforcement actions however, and D Cllr. Piper agreed to escalate this.

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Dated:.....

Cllr. Mason also asked if a request for parental involvement in maintaining the play area be added to the form to be distributed at the school.

Cllr. Valladares reported that he had opened a Blue Sky social media account on behalf of the Parish Council.

**065. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm, in The Church Hall, The Lane.

The meeting then closed at 9.23pm.

Signed:.....

Dated:.....