



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

Monday 17th July 2023 – 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr. Valladares (Chair)
Cllr. Jardine
Cllr. Bridges

Cllr. Mason
Cllr. Singh (Vice-Chair)

Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk and two (2) members of the public.

024. APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTANCE FOR ABSENCE

All were in attendance.

025. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. Jardine declared an interest in item 33.1 pertaining to a planning application.

026. TO RECEIVE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 17th MAY AND 21st JUNE 2023 FROM THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meetings on the 17th May and 21st June 2023. All in favour.

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Dated: 18.9.2023

027. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

028a. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr. Valladares that the lottery fund would now be wound up and expressed thanks to the resident who run the scheme over many years. It was **AGREED** to extend these thanks over social media and the website, Cllr. Jardine to action.

They also reported on a meeting of the National Association of Local Council's Smaller Councils Committee which will take place on the 18th July and will seek to form a Smaller Council Forum of areas where the population falls under 1,000. Also to be discussed is a possible amendment to the 1894 Town and Parish Council's Act which may allow donations to churches for ecclesiastical matters.

028b. REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHAIR

Cllr. Jardine did not give a report.

029. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Cllr. K. Welham invited questions on his June report. Also reported was the recent meeting of the Full Council where a motion from the Conservative Group agreed to update the Suffolk Parking Agreement to include Electric Vehicles. A separate motion by the Green/Labour/Independent group voted for speed monitoring.

Suffolk County Council has also recently expressed it's lack of support for pylons, particularly in reference to the Norwich to Tilbury development and instead has been pressing for undersea options, although these may be cost prohibitive.

A new 20 is plenty campaign is also underway with all Town and Parish Council's being approached for their support which would seek to impose an enforceable 20mph limit in all urban areas.

Cllr. Mason thanked C Cllr. Welham for his donation towards the Village Hall door replacement.

030. REPORT FROM DESIGNATED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Cllr. T. Lawrence thanked all those present in this his first meeting as a District Councillor. He was invited to give a brief summary of his background and was welcomed.

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D Cllr. Lawrence then reported on summer holiday activities being run in the area, the imminent installation of thirty (30) new electric charging points in Council car parks, the arrival of the Tour of Britain, the Norwich to Tilbury National Grid consultation, the MSDC and CARE joint statement on solar farm application as well as Locality Awards and casework levels.

Cllr. Bridges and Singh arranged a time to walk around Gateway 14 with D Cllr. Lawrence so his is familiar with the area and the project.

031. FINANCIAL MATTERS 2023/4

031.1 Confirmation of Bank Balances (19th June 2023)

031.1.1 Current Account (£3,891.29)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

031.1.2 Play Area Reserve (£4,635.23)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

031.1.3 Fen Alder Reserve (£2,774.53)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

031.1.4 Lottery Account (£3,724.56)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

031.1.5 General Reserve (£2,763.30)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

031.2 Bank Account Receipts

031.2.1 Reserve Bank Interest (£15.42)(5 Jun 2023)

The above amount was confirmed as being received.

031.3 Approval of Payments

It was **AGREED** to make the payments detailed on the report, Cllrs. Valladeres and Mason were authorised to make the online payments, all in favour.

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055.4 Review & Approval of Internal Audit Report Response & Action Plan

The document was discussed and all points were **APPROVED**, the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer were delegated authority to proceed with the recommendations detailed.

032. GENERAL MATTERS

032.1 Review & adoption of Financial Regulations

It was **AGREED** to **REVIEW** and **APPROVE** this document with the relevant changes to the tendering financial levels, all in favour.

032.2 To approve the Communications Policy

The policy was **APPROVED**, all in favour.

032.3 To approve the format of staff contracts

The standard SLCC contract format was **APPROVED**, all in favour. The Parish Clerk would now produce a version for both themselves and the Responsible Financial Officer in consultation with the Chair.

032.4 To consider a response to the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Consultation

Much discussion took place regarding the proposed project and surrounding development. It was thought that consideration should be given to a T shaped pylon which would blend in with the surroundings more, but at this stage the Parish Council were **OPPOSED** to the development.

It was also **AGREED** to appoint a lead Councillor at the September meeting and for all questions in this regard to be directed at C Cllr. Welham for the present time.

033. PLANNING MATTERS

033.1 Creeting Hall Farm, Mill Lane DC/23/02768

The application was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to unanimously **SUPPORT**.

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034. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

034.1 Play Areas

Cllr. Mason reported on the stolen trees from the play area and enquired when the next cut from the District Council might be. It was **AGREED** to contact John Buckingham from Mid-Suffolk District Council to confirm.

It was also **AGREED** to survey the village on possible uses for s.106 spending which would be forthcoming from the Gateway 14 development. Cllr. Jardine to place on social media.

034.2 Highways Issues

Nothing for meeting.

034.3 Footpaths

Cllr. Jardine reported that some paths in the village were not in a good condition at all and had a lot of growth on them this year. It was **AGREED** to contact land owners and Poundfield to ask their volunteers to take part in a clear up day.

034.4 Defibrillator

Nothing for meeting

0.34.5 Gateway 14

Cllr. Bridges reported that site 2000 planning permission was being sought and a determination would be made soon. Furthermore, paths around the site were coming on and it was hoped that a site meeting could be arranged soon with the incoming District Councillors.

Cllr. Mason asked if the bund would be removed as this was no longer fit for purpose. It was thought this was very possible. But that the bund around Clamp Farm had now had the soft landscaping complete. It was also agreed to challenge the height of the bund at the site visit with District Councillors.

Concerns around the streetlighting being on all night was also expressed as well as security concerns around overnight parking.

Finally, reports of an accident around the site were discussed and it was agreed make sure all incidents were reported on the online reporting tool, with a link being

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placed on the Parish Council website.

034.6 Streetlights

Nothing for meeting.

035. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Mason reported that Charlie Lawson had recently sadly passed away. It was **AGREED** to extend the Parish Council's thanks to his widow for all their help in the community over the years. Cllr. Valladeres reported that he had also recently attended the funeral.

Cllr. Mason also reported on ongoing works at Flint Hall, with possible pipes being laid.

Cllr. Mason also asked what the correct procedure would be for access to archive material. The Suffolk Archives was suggested and it was **AGREED** to look into a Parish Recorder for the future.

Cllr. Jardine requested that the Fen Alder Carr Lease be added to the next meeting of the Council in September.

036. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 18th September 2023 at 7.30pm, in The Church Hall, The Lane.

The meeting then closed at 9.07pm.

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