



**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> September 2023 – 7.30pm**

Present:

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

Cllr. Bridges  
Cllr. Mason

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

**037. APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTANCE FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Jardine.

**038. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**039. TO RECEIVE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023 FROM THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meetings on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023. All in favour.

**040. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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None.

**041. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Cllr. Valladares reported that he was now the Vice-Chair of the Suffolk Association of Local Council's Smaller Council Committee.

**042. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Cllr. K. Welham gave a report detailing a likely budget overspend of £22 million with the increased mainly falling on Children's Services including Home to School Transport and Children in Care.

The library service has also been extended until May 2025 with a tendering process to extend beyond that already in progress.

Sizewell C is due to start construction in January 2024 which will be the largest construction project in Europe with £230 million being spent by the developer on planning obligations, with £40 million dedicated to highways. Despite objections by Water Authority due to the suitability of the desalinisation plant the project has been granted permission by the Secretary of State.

A fund for a Bus Improvement Plan is now in existence with up to £25,000 being available for each scheme and bids are encouraged from local communities.

Finally, it was reported that a recent meeting with officers at Suffolk Highways took place to discuss logistics on pothole repaired and an update on a scheme to construct a dual carriageway to replace the single carriageway section of the A12 near Woodbridge.

**043. REPORT FROM DESIGNATED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

District Cllrs. T. Lawrence and Piper were not in attendance; but had previously circulated written reports which were **ACCEPTED**.

In this report details were given on a Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service which has recently been launched as well as several Locality Awards which had recently been given.

Funding was also available through the Mid Suffolk Biodiversity Team which were accepting bids for projects involving trees, hedgerows, tree planting schemes and small community woods and orchards.

**044. FINANCIAL MATTERS 2023/4**

**044.1 Confirmation of Bank Balances (19<sup>th</sup> July 2023)**

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044.1.1 Current Account (£3,279.46)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

044.1.2 Play Area Reserve (£4,635.23)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

044.1.3 Fen Alder Reserve (£2,780.32)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

044.1.4 Lottery Account (£3,732.33)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

044.1.5 General Reserve (£2,763.30)

The balance was confirmed as being correct.

**044.2 Bank Account Receipts**

044.2.1 Reserve Bank Interest (£13.56)(19 July 2023)

The above amount was confirmed as being received.

044.2.2 Review of Receipts/Budget and Payments/Budget reports  
(19 July 2023)

The report was considered and **ACCEPTED**.

044.2.3 Review & Approval of Bank Reconciliation (19 July 2023)

The report and figures were discussed and **ACCEPTED** as being an accurate representation. Cllr. Valladares signed the appropriate form.

044.2.4 Review & Approval of Annual Insurance Renewal (1  
October 2023)

The document was discussed and it was **AGREED** to accept the schedule upon presentation of the exact amount of premium. The Parish Clerk to forward this to all Members.

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**044.3 Approval of Payments & Rotation of Online Preparer/Authorisers**

It was **AGREED** to make the payments detailed on the report, but that the original insurance schedule with the premium detailed on it should be represented.

Cllrs. Valladeres and Mason were authorised to make the online payments, all in favour. It was also **AGREED** that the authorisers would be rotated in future meetings.

**045. GENERAL MATTERS**

**045.1 To discuss the Fen Alder Carr Lease**

The Chair gave a brief history of the acquisition and subsequent management issues. It was **AGREED** to be reminded of this issue annually until the time was right to hand the land back to Suffolk County Council.

**045.2 To confirm an application for s/.106 funding**

It was **AGREED** for Cllrs. Jardine and Mason to send the Parish Clerk ideas for projects for funding in order for an application to be made.

**045.3 Update on Gateway 14 s.106 funding**

The Parish Clerk reported on a recent meeting with the Clerk of Stowmarket Town Council who was now aware that a meeting would soon be needed to discuss the allocation of funding from this project.

**045.4 To discuss speed indicator monitors**

The proposed location detailed in the published photograph was **AGREED** and it was further **AGREED** to investigate the purchase of a Speed indicator device thought to be around £5315 (exc.VAT).

**045.5 To consider the quote for playground inspection**

The quote for £53.15 was **APPROVED**. All in favour.

**046. PLANNING MATTERS**

**046.1 Clamp Farm, Mill Lane DC/23/04176**

The application was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to resubmit the Council's

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position which is detailed under 046.3.

**046.2 Gateway 14 Land Between The A1120 and A14 DC/23/04047**

It was **AGREED** not to comment further on this application, all in favour.

**046.3 To note decisions made under delegated authority**

**046.3.1 Clamp Hill Farm, Mill Lane DC/23/0396**

The decision made under delegated authority was as follows:

- The Parish Council is in favour of the application in principle, re-use of an existing building in keeping with the landscape/architecture of the rural scheme.
- It is good to see a number of smaller/modest dwellings that might be within reach of local families.
- Would not want to see this application being morphed into a new application for five new build dwellings on the same site, once the principle development has been established. This may lead to further sprawl of the urban area in general and would not be in keeping with the street scene.
- Highways: access would need to be addressed as unsafe as it stands. Parish Council has been pushing for Mill Road to be straightened in this area for some time/ Any consent should only be granted if this issue is resolved on the grounds of safety and amenity.

This was **NOTED**.

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

**047.1 Play Areas**

The date and frequency of the grass cutting were confirmed and the most recent cut had taken place the previous week.

**047.2 Highways Issues**

Nothing for meeting.

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### **047.3 Footpaths**

Cllr. Jardine was not in attendance, but had sent a written report which detailed a meeting regarding the Gateway 14/Village Path which was optimistic. Also detailed was an agreement with Suffolk County Council Rights of Way Team to add two fields on the River Gipping Path to the cutting schedule and a working party had already cleared a huge section. The path itself may well be cleared in the near future with funding from Network Rail. All other footpaths are clear.

### **047.4 Defibrillator**

It was reported that a new charging unit would soon be delivered.

### **047.5 Gateway 14**

Cllr. Bridges reported on a recent onsite meeting which was very positive where the opportunity to submit questions was given. Issues such as trees being left to die and the Clamp Farm Bund from the A14 to Mill Lane were addressed with more being planted before the end of this year. However, problems have arisen with local wildlife, specifically deer, who have damaged the existing trees.

The Bund itself was reported as being of the correct height, despite local objections. The meadow has now been seeded, but the nearby pond has not been lined with clay leading to drainage issues.

The pedestrian crossing is now working and it was agreed to put on the Whatsapp group any updates and problems, as it will be 9 (nine) weeks until users start to move in.

It was also reported that the boulevard opposite was prone to a lot of flooding. And would need to be reported to Suffolk County Highways.

### **047.6 Streetlights**

Nothing for meeting.

### **047.7 Norwich to Tilbury Consultation**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Valladeres would lead on this issue on an interim basis until the new year.

## **048. To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public for the duration of the following items in**

**view of the confidential and personal nature of the business to be transacted. If resolved, such items to be dealt with after the item that confirms details of the next meeting.**

This was so **RESOLVED**, all in favour.

**050. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

None.

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

This next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm, in The Church Hall, The Lane.

**049. To discuss and approve staff contracts**

The contracts, SCP points and level of pay were **APPROVED**. All in favour.

The meeting then closed at 9.16pm.

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