



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

Monday 15th July 2024 – 7.30pm

Present:

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

Cllr. Mason
Cllr. Singh (Vice-Chair)

Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk, C Cllr. Welham, D Cllr. Piper and two (2) members of the public.

The meeting began with a one-minute silence to mark the sad passing of former Councillor Sue Lawson.

027. APOLOGIES AND ACCEPTANCE FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors were in attendance.

028. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

029. TO RECEIVE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th JUNE 2024 FROM THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting on the 17th June 2024. All in

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favour.

030. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

031. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr. Valladares reported that a new bus service to Stowmarket three times a week funded by Mid Suffolk District Council was confirmed to start on the 2nd September 2024.

032. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Cllr. K. Welham reported on the recent motions to the County Council which included a Conservative motion to work with the new government after the recent General Election and a Liberal Democrat motion to encourage developers to address changes and upgrades to infrastructure. This included £60m of funding overall but just £2m for highways. It was thought that the comparatively small amount of funding was down to staffing challenges being experienced by the Council. As a result more work was being done to engage with Town and Parish Councils to establish the projects which are most important to the community.

An already submitted written report also addressed SEND Improvement plans, a call for more foster carers, funding to boost digital technology innovation, locality grant funding and local highways issues.

Cllr. Piper asked if the cycle way to Needham Market was being clearer, C Cllr. Welham stated that this was not a high priority as it was essentially safe.

Cllr. Valladares asked if the devolution deal from central government had been delayed. C Cllr. Welham reported that local leaders have been invited to Downing Street.

033. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Cllr. Piper reported that a rescheduled Full Council meeting would now take place on the 25th July after not being able to meet during the Purdah period. Similarly the Cabinet meeting will now take place on the 15th July and will address a new social value policy and regeneration initiative as well as the Norwich to Tilbury Pylons Project.

Also addressed was an Economic Lands Needs Assessment report, a student event to be held in late July and the opening of the 2024/5 Locality Awards for local groups.

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034. FINANCIAL MATTERS

034.1 Confirmation of Bank Balances (30th June 2024)

The balances for all Council accounts were confirmed as:

- Current Account (£2,816.72)
- Play Area Reserve (£4,698.79)
- Fen Alder Reserve (£2,818.44)
- Lottery Account (£4,575.51)
- General Reserve (£2,801.19)

034.2 To confirm the bank reconciliation (30 June 2024)

The document was **APPROVED**, all in favour. Cllr. Jardine signed the document and handed it to the Parish Clerk.

Receipts to the Council were confirmed as:

- Bank Interest (3 June 2024) Play Area Reserve (£17.51)
- Bank Interest (3 June 2024) Fen Alder Carr Reserve (£10.50)
- Bank Interest (3 June 2024) Lottery Account (£16.11)
- Bank Interest (3 June 2024) General Reserve (£10.44)

034.3 To receive the payment/budget and receipts/budget report (30 June 2024)

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the reports as published on the Parish Council website, all in favour. There were no questions.

034.4 To note the financial report (30 June 2024)

The report was **ACCEPTED** and it was **NOTED** that it has been published as required on the Parish Council website.

034.5 Approval of Payments

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

It was **AGREED** that all Councillors apart from Cllr. Singh be made signatories, in

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order to maintain impartiality during the Internal Controls Checklist process.

035. GENERAL MATTERS

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

The response was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to Cllr. Jardine to respond to the consultation after seeking input from all those present and the wider community. The final draft to be circulated and agreed ahead of submission. All in favour.

035.2 To discuss details of the Fen Alder Carr Lease

The document was discussed and it was **AGREED** that the conditions detailed within it did not preclude management by a delegate from the Parish Council. Although a proper reporting structure would be agreed if the third party was still interested.

035.3 Update on .GOV email addresses

The Parish Clerk reported that a funding application had been put in for the email address and domain. It was expected that this will be complete in time for the next meeting and at no cost.

036. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

036.1 Play Areas

Cllr. Valladares reported that he has made no progress on the engagement material for new or improved equipment, it was **AGREED** for the Parish Clerk to also assist with this and report to the September meeting.

036.2 Highways

A brief report was given on the progress of the Speed Indicator Device. It was **CONFIRMED** that approval for the site had been given and now the Locality Grant funding from Cllrs. Wellham, Piper and Lawrence was not in progress. When this was received the purchase would be made. C Cllr. Wellham stressed that separate funding would also be available for the installation of the pole from his Highways Locality Budget.

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036.3 Footpaths

Cllr. Jardine reported that a letter should be sent to local land owners Robert Bloom and Dan Staples requesting that paths should be cut back. Thanks were also extended to Jill Breson for also helping to clear.

036.4 Defibrillator

No report was given and there are no issues with the equipment.

036.5 Gateway 14

It was reported that a meeting had taken place on the 8th July which reported that planting had begun on the A14 side of the development and The Range had started operation employing almost 1,000 staff. It was stated that it was disappointing that the jobs coming out of the site were purely retail and not the range of skilled jobs promised when the site was first proposed.

036.6 Streetlights

No report.

036.7 Norwich to Tilbury Pylons Project

No report for this meeting further to item 35.1.

037. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Mason reported on the Peregrine Falcons in the village, but no Barn Owls has been sighted for some time.

Cllr. Mason also reported that the broadband works in the village were now complete and the availability of the enhanced service should be advertised to all. It was reported that the Parish Clerk did not have access to the entirety of the website. Cllr. Valladares would address this and access details.

Cllr. Mason also stated his concern over speeding refuse lorries in the village. Cllr. Wellham promised to address this with the contractors.

Cllr. Bridges asked if a planning application had been forthcoming for Flint Hall or Clamp Farm, it was confirmed that no application had yet been received.

Cllr. Singh requested that a floral tribute be approved for Sue Lawson, It was agreed that this

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would be appropriate and that funeral dates would be circulated to everyone once known.

038. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 16th September 2024 at 7.30pm, in The Church Hall, The Lane. Cllr. Valladares sent his apologies for this meeting.

The meeting then closed at 8.27pm.

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