



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council
held on 13th October 2021 at 7.00pm
at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllr John Lawton – Chairman
Cllr Colin Haines
Cllr Ali Lapper
Cllr Susan Simpson
Cllr Steve Watts

In attendance:

Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO)
County Councillor Paul Thorogood
District Councillor James Abbott
One member of the public

21/139 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed attendees and reported as follows:

- i. The Chairman recorded his thanks to the Clerk and also the Secretary of the Cressing Sports & Social Club for their work in arranging the Open Day on 2nd October, which, despite the weather, was a success.
- ii. The Clerk will be attending a virtual meeting with the S.106 Officer at BDC later this month regarding the proposals for the changing rooms at the Playing Field.
- iii. The Clerk attended a virtual presentation hosted by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership prior to this Parish Council meeting and will provide a report shortly.
- iv. The enforcement re change of use at The Willows currently rests with the Planning Committee.

21/140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs: Porrett (out of the country), Cllr Rowe (family hospital appointment) and District Cllr Wright. Cllrs agreed to accept these apologies.

21/141 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).

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

21/142 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The Clerk confirmed that no requests to speak had been received within the required notice period. However, an email had been received prior to the meeting seeking clarification on several issues and this will be responded to by the Clerk in due course.

Action: Clerk

As Cllr Lapper had advised that she would need to leave the meeting by 8.15pm for work commitments, the Chairman put forward a resolution that item 21/154 be brought forward on the Agenda. **It was agreed to resolve accordingly. Proposed:** Cllr Watts, **seconded:** Cllr Simpson.

21/154 HIGHWAYS

Referring to his report previously issued to Councillors, Cllr Haines re-iterated that the discussion with Andy Hilson of Essex Highways was not as beneficial as hoped. A report

from the officer is awaited. Following input from County Cllr Thorogood and Cllr Lapper, **it was agreed** that a further letter should be sent to Essex Highways seeking a traffic audit, reducing the speed limit from 40 to 30mph on this section of road and reducing the marked lanes around the new roundabout to one only. **Action: Clerk**

21/143 **REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Thorogood reported on the following:

District Councillor Abbott reported on the following:

- i. Planning application for 94 houses in Silver End has been refused; main reasons building in the countryside, impact on listed buildings and poor pedestrian access. Reasons for other rejections being given are capacity of primary schools and early years' places. Currently no further planning applications outstanding for Silver End.
- ii. A letter has been sent to BDC Chief Executive seeking clarity on the discussions being held with NHS as there is £300,000 S.106 contributions set aside for expansion of medical provision in Silver End.
- iii. Cllr Abbott supports the need for Essex Highways to consult residents and particularly Parish Councils when responding to planning applications.
- iv. It is hoped the Local Plan will be adopted early 2022 which will make it more difficult for large development applications being approved, but many will be expected to go to Appeal – the 5-year housing target has been met.
- v. BDC are seeking more information on the potential Gladman application in Cressing (proposed 350 dwellings off Braintree Road, Tye Green).
- vi. The Planning Enforcement Group has concluded that more staff are needed and that will be the recommendation to Council. Another recommendation is for Planning to have a separate Monitoring Officer to check on planning approval conditions being met and adhered in avoidance of enforcement notices being served.
- vii. There is an initiative for developers, pre-planning team and parish councils to meet before applications are submitted.
- viii. Rivenhall Incinerator - BDC have now submitted an objection to Condition 66 of the permission for Indaver who are trying to build a facility that is not detailed within the approval. PAIN (Parishes against INCineration) will be submitting objections, but additional planning applications from Indaver are expected.

County Councillor Thorogood reported:

- i. Recent Local Highways Applications submitted by the Clerk have been supported by him and passed to the appropriate officer for submission to the Panel.
- ii. Cllr Thorogood advised of a complaint against him from a resident of Cressing. The Clerk was able to confirm that no communication had been received by the Parish Council in this respect.
- iii. Vehicle Advisory Signs – a new scheme is being worked on whereby Parish Councils will be able to have these at a reduced cost. Details will follow in due course.

Cllr Lapper left the meeting.

21/144 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th September 2021 were confirmed as a true record. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Lawton.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

21/145 **CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

The Clerk confirmed that only one enquiry had been received so far. Closing date is midday on Tuesday 19th October.

21/146 **THREE PARISHES MEETING**

This has been confirmed for Tuesday 26th October at Rivenhall. Cllr Haines and the

Clerk will attend.

21/147 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE (2nd June 2022)

This will be discussed whether to undertake a joint event with Cressing Sports & Social Club, also whether anything is to be done collectively under the "Three Parishes" group; Rivenhall are holding a Fete and Silver End are planning an event. **Action: Clerk**

21/148 FINANCE

- i. **Progress against budget:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the reports issued with the Agenda. There were no queries, and the reports were accepted. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Watts, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 30th September 2021: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 30th September be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Watt, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve August 2021 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments made and cheques to be signed against July expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Rowe, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.

21/149 GRANT APPLICATION

A request had been received from the Herts & Essex Air Ambulance and after it was discussed Cllrs agreed to consider other organisations and the Clerk was requested to prepare a recommended list for consideration. **Action: Clerk**

21/150 "CALLING ALL POND LOVERS"

The letter received from FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) was discussed and two locations were suggested: re-claim the pond on common land by the electricity sub-station on the B1018 and creation of a new pond on the common land corner of Lanham Green Road and Boars Tye Road. The Clerk will make further enquiries and print the details in the Community Magazine for residents to follow up if they have suggestions **Action: Clerk**

21/151 CRESSING ENVIRONMENT

- i. The Clerk referred to the report previously issued to Cllrs. Although the weather was not conducive to outside events, attendees enjoyed the Met Police dog display and the opportunity to look closely at a fire engine and speak to officers. Of those who attended and completed feedback forms, there was overwhelming support for the proposed re-build of shower/changing room facilities. Attendees also expressed their support for this type of event to be held annually when feedback and opinion could be expressed on Parish Council projects. **It was agreed** the Clerk should discuss with the Secretary of Cressing Sports & Social Club to hold an event earlier in 2022. The Chairman noted that the cost of the event came well below budget and was pleased that some of the information produced for the event could be re-used. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. Additional suggestions had been received for locations to plant trees and install seating. These will be discussed with BDC in due course. **Action: Clerk**

21/152 EMERGENCY PLAN

It was agreed that the Clerk should discuss this outside of this meeting with Cllr Lapper. **Action: Clerk**

21/153 PLANNING

- A. **Appeals determined by the Planning Inspectorate:** None advised.
- B. **Appeals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:** None advised.

C. Applications determined by Braintree District Council: None advised.

D. Applications received by Braintree District Council:

- i. 21/02780/FUL | Installation of new entrance gates, along with wall and covered enclosure. | Imola Lanham Green Cressing Essex CM77 8DT – *no comments to make*
- ii. 21/02749/TPOCON | Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1 Laurel - Section fell to ground level and chemically treat stump to prevent re-growth and T2 Multi-stemmed Wild Cherry Plum - Section fell to ground level and chemically treat stump to prevent re-growth Trees have outgrown the area and are poor specimens | All Saints Church Church Road Cressing Essex – *no comments to make*
- iii. 21/02799/FUL | Erection of 2 x 3 bedroom two-storey dwellings with associated access, car parking and amenity space. | Land Rear Of Hawbush House Hawbush Green Cressing Essex – *this application is against the policies and principles of the Neighbourhood Plan and is located on a protected lane, objection to be submitted.* **Action: Clerk**
- iv. 20/01100/VAR - amendment to site layout and house types | Appletree Farm, Polecat Road, Cressing – *no comments to make*
- v. 20/01101/VAR - variation of Conditions 6c, 9, 11, 17, 18 | Appletree Farm, Polecat Road, Cressing – *no comments to make*

E. Applications bordering parish for information – none advised.

21/155 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The next dust cart will be arranged for Saturday 20th November.

Action: Clerk.

Items for inclusion on the November Agenda:

1. *Co-option of Councillor/s*
2. *The Queen's Platinum Jubilee*
3. *Grants*
4. *Report from 3 Parishes Meeting*
5. *Rainbow Field*
6. *Emergency Plan*

21/156 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at **7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, CM77 8HG**. Social distancing may be implemented, and face masks worn if required under Covid regulations.

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Dates of 2021 meetings

DECEMBER	8	7.00pm	
Dates of 2022 meetings			
JANUARY	12	7.00pm	
FEBRUARY	9	7.00pm	
MARCH	9	7.00pm	
APRIL	13	7.00pm	
MAY	11	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting

		7.30pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting
		8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
JUNE	8	7.00pm	
JULY	13	7.00pm	
AUGUST	10	7.00pm	
SEPTEMBER	14	7.00pm	
OCTOBER	12	7.00pm	
NOVEMBER	9	7.00pm	
DECEMBER	14	7.00pm	