



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council
held on 13th July 2022 at 7.00pm
at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllr John Lawton – Chairman
Cllr Colin Haines
Cllr Harvey Porrett
Cllr Steve Watts (part only)

In attendance:

Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer)
County Councillor Paul Thorogood (part only)
District Councillor Bob Wright (part only)
Four members of the public (part only)

22/116 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and reported as follows:

- i. The Willows – still no date for a decision by the Planning Inspector
- ii. Footpaths – it appears that footpaths are now being cut
- i. Jubilee Afternoon Tea – the Chairman agreed for the Clerk to make a statement:

“Councillors and attendees may have seen the Clerk’s Report in the July edition of the Cressing Community Magazine, and possibly some posts on Facebook prior to their removal. The Clerk’s Report was issued to Councillors and sent inadvertently to the magazine instead of the Parish Council Update that should have been published. I very much regret this happened, and I have apologised to the Secretary of the Cressing Sport’s & Social Club. I hope the Parish Council will accept my apology for this error and be assured that measures have been implemented to prevent this happening again.” *Christine Marshall*

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the apology that was accepted by all Councillors present and the matter is now closed.

22/117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs Lapper and Rowe.

22/118 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.

22/119 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The Clerk confirmed no matters had been raised prior to the meeting.

22/120 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bob Wright reported:

- i. Braintree Local Plan is due to be adopted at Full Council Meeting on 25th July.

There is then a 6-week period for any legal challenges to be lodged. Any large planning developments now submitted will not be considered until after 25th July and decided within the conditions of the Local Plan.

- ii. National Grid pylons – BDC and ECC, as well as local MPs, have responded to the consultation and have asked for alternative of under-sea pipeline.
- iii. Cllrs Wright and Abbott have remaining Community Funds available for applications to be submitted.
- iv. Witham area Junior Sports Day held in Chelmsford – Cressing Primary School achieved first placed.

Cllr Paul Thorogood reported:

- i. BDC Local Plan – possibility that Parker Strategic Land may submit a legal challenge to the plan as they had done for both Ferring and Kelvedon's Neighbourhood Plans.
- ii. A120 – Announcement expected soon, but Essex Highways remain concerned as to where the A120 will meet the A12. It is understood the preferred route has been submitted to Baroness Vere, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport.
- iii. Rivenhall Incinerator – waste strategy aims to stop landfill but has been delayed. No contracts yet in place for Essex, but both Hertfordshire and Cambridge County Councils have entered into contracts for their waste to be transported to Rivenhall.

District Cllr Wright left the meeting.

22/121 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th June were confirmed as a true record with no amendments required. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Porrett.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

22/122 CRESSING COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Mr David Tilbury was invited to speak on behalf of the magazine team, and he outlined the current arrangements for distribution, both in hard copy and on-line. A survey is being carried out to gain the views of residents and what format they would prefer, but it is recognised that not all wish to view the magazine on-line. With the new developments there will be approximately 1,100 copies to be delivered and the meeting discussed how this could be achieved. The magazine is currently free to all residents, but costs iro £245 per month to produce, which figure will increase with increased printing and distribution.

Cllr Watts left the meeting

It was agreed when the results of the survey were available these will be shared with the Parish Council for consideration and the item will be added to the September meeting for discussion and agreement to the future of the magazine. The Chairman assured the team that the Parish Council will continue its support.

Cllr Thorogood and the magazine team left the meeting.

22/123 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

The Clerk advised that one firm application had been received and an application form had been sent to another potential applicant.

22/124 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

The Clerk referred to the paper previously issued to Councillors, who agreed that the NW scheme should continue in Cressing. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should progress further and authorize expenditure up to £200 to provide necessary resources. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lawton**

Action: Clerk

22/125 PLAYING FIELD

- i. Changing Rooms - The Clerk advised that the Specification for Works, required to advertise for tenders, had just been received. This will be checked for any queries or where clarification is needed, prior to sharing with the Chairman of CSSC and advertising on the Government's Contract Finder website in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Regulations contained within the Parish Council's Financial Regulations and as defined by The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. Seating for the playing field – S.106 application has been submitted. BDC have requested current quotations for the supply prior to processing. An order should be ready to submit in a few weeks. Councillors approved the updated estimates from Glasdon and Earth Anchors at £5,250 and £3,500 respectively (subject to receipt of formal quotations) plus installation by Mortimer Contracts Ltd. The Clerk was asked to progress the S.106 application. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Haines. Action: Clerk**

The other items listed on the Agenda will be postponed to the August meeting.

Action: Clerk

22/126 3 PARISHES MEETINGS

Councillors agreed that Cressing did not gain from these meetings and consequently took the decision to leave the group. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Porrett.**

Action: Clerk

22/127 PARISH COUNCIL OPEN DAY

Councillors present agreed to host a further Open Day in line with the suggestions put forward. A weekday in October, venue St Barnabas, was preferred.

Action: Clerk

22/128 FINANCE

- i. **Progress against budget:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the reports issued with the Agenda. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 30th June 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 30th June be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Porrett, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve June 2022 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed against May expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Porrett, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.

22/129 PLANNING

A. **Appeals determined by the Planning Inspectorate:** None advised.

B. **Appeals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:** None advised. The Willows appeal continues.

C. **Applications determined by Braintree District Council:** Those listed on the Agenda were noted.

D. Applications received by Braintree District Council:

- E. 22/01678/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 3 & 6 of approved application 19/00739/REM | Land Adjacent To Braintree Road Crossing Essex – **NO COMMENTS TO MAKE**
- F. 22/01677/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 9 of approved application 16/02144/OUT | Land Adjacent To Braintree Road Crossing Essex – **NO COMMENTS TO MAKE**
- G. 22/01623/OUT | Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except access, for the erection of 2 dwellings with garaging. | Woodpecker Barn Mill Lane Crossing Essex CM77 8NU – It was agreed to submit an objection to this application due to blocking views across the Brain Valley and access onto Mill Lane which has a national speed limit of 60mph. **Action: Clerk**
- i. 22/01475/LBC | Remove external render to investigate condition of timber frame beneath; repair frame; and re-render. | Fowlers Farm Braintree Road Crossing Essex CM77 8DJ – **NO COMMENTS TO MAKE**

D. To discuss Applications received by Braintree District Council and consider if comments should be made (Householder Application, General Permitted Development Order) – None advised.

E. Applications bordering parish for information – none advised.

The Clerk took the opportunity to advise Councillors of an initiative being undertaken by District Councillors for Coggeshall Ward, that is being supported by neighbouring Parish Councils (i.e. Bradwell with Pattiswick and Stisted) requesting to prioritise the finalization of supplementary planning guidance on solar farms to identify and agree a policy for the best or least desirable locations, together with decision criteria. It is noted that one company alone, Low Carbon Ltd, are currently developing, have planning permission, or have submitted planning applications on 12 sites in Essex with many more around the country. Much of the land is classified at Grade Agricultural. **It was agreed** to request Crossing Parish Council to be added to the list of Councils supporting this proposed policy. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lawton. Action: Clerk**

22/130 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- i. A reminder had been received for the speed device to be recalibrated. The Clerk was asked to progress this.
- ii. Salt bag scheme – Crossing will not be entering into this scheme for 2022/23.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AUGUST AGENDA:

- i. Playground safety report
- ii. Open Day

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE SEPTEMBER AGENDA:

- iii. Co-option of Councillors
- iv. Crossing Community Magazine

22/131 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman requested the meeting to consider re-scheduling the August meeting. This was agreed and the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday **17th August 2022 at 7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Crossing, CM77 8HG.**

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 9th August 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Dates of 2022 meetings			
AUGUST	17	7.00pm	
SEPTEMBER	14	7.00pm	
OCTOBER	12	7.00pm	
NOVEMBER	9	7.00pm	
DECEMBER	14	7.00pm	
JANUARY	11	7.00pm	
FEBRUARY	8	7.00pm	
MARCH	8	7.00pm	