



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council
held on 9th February 2022 at 7.00pm
at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllr John Lawton – Chairman
Cllr Colin Haines
Cllr Toria Rowe

In attendance:

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

222/019 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed attendees and reported as follows:

- The Chairman announced, with regret, that Cllr Griffiths had decided not to take up the role of Parish Councillor.
- The planning application for the new changing rooms at the playing field was now in its period of consultation until 21st February. To date there had been a number of comments supporting the improvements and the Chairman reminded those present that these improvements were for the benefit of the whole community and once complete efforts will be made to encourage other sports' use of the facilities.
- A number of items have been added to BDC's Open Spaces Plan and if Councillors or residents have suggestions for inclusion they should be advised to the Clerk.
- The Community Safety Talk by Essex Fire & Rescue on 27th January was well supported and the Parish Council was honoured to welcome the current Chairman of BDC, Cllr Sue Wilson. Unfortunately the second talk arranged for the evening of 1st February was not supported by anyone, Councillors or residents.

22/020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs: Lapper, Porrett and Watts. These apologies were accepted. **Proposed: Cllr Rowe, seconded: Cllr Haines.** Apologies had also been received from Cllr Simpson.

22/021 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.

22/022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A member of the public raised the following topics:

- i. Vehicle Activated Signs - the Chairman confirmed that when the results of various speed surveys around the parish are complete the Parish Council will discuss the possibility of purchasing signs for appropriate locations.
- ii. Planning applications 18/00549 and 21/03214 – the Chairman explained that it was not within the powers of the Parish Council to request the highway changes to be undertaken before the full planning process and schedule of work agreed with the planning authority and Essex Highways. The S.106 agreement has been published and will be called upon as required.
- iii. Pavilion – the public consultation held in September 2021 explained the improvements to be undertaken to the changing rooms. The attendance by residents

was low, but these had been referred to in other meetings, minuted and published. The future plans for S.106 and other projects around the parish will be available shortly.

- iv. Grass cutting – the Parish Council was asked to confirm the schedule of grass cutting and contractors responsible. This will be looked at and published as appropriate.
- v. Variable traffic signs outside the school – it had been noted that these are no longer in place. This will be investigated.
- vi. Leaves Jefferys Road / Mill Lane – the member of the public advised of a resident falling on the leaves at this location.
- vii. Magazine – the member of the public had been asked to raise (by another resident who does not attend these meetings) to ask for more information to be included in the Community Magazine. It was confirmed that time appropriate information was included and other items were published. Events are included if publication dates permit, but also published on various Facebook pages and on the website and noticeboards. There is no other method of advertising available.
- viii. Could “Grasscrete” be installed on verges to prevent damage to surfaces? To be referred to Essex Highways. **Action: Clerk**
- ix. Could yellow lines be applied to all bends and corners in the Parish? To be referred to Essex Highways. **Action: Clerk**

22/023

REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from County Cllr Thorogood due to Covid but had confirmed that grant funding for a new defibrillator is available under the Councillor Community Funding Scheme. Cllr Thorogood will be attending (by Zoom) the Essex County Council budget meeting when the ECC council tax precept is set to be agreed at a 4.49% increase.

Cllr James Abbott reported:

- i. Litter around Galleys Corner remains an issue that BDC are following up.
- ii. Councillor Community Grant fund has been confirmed for 2022/23.
- iii. BDC budget will show an increase in BDC Council Tax of 2.68%
- iv. BDC have confirmed investment in additional staff for the planning team together with a Compliance Officer who will be responsible for ensuring developers abide by conditions and decisions.
- v. Planning Forum – developers will host meetings prior to planning applications being submitted that will include residents and councillors. No timeline yet confirmed.
- vi. From the coming financial year, local councils will be able to apply for capital funding.
- vii. BDC Local Plan – response from Inspectors awaited.
- viii. Proposals for the development between Silver End and Cressing refused by BDC, has gone to Appeal.
- ix. Integrated Waste Management Facility – still waiting for Condition 66 to be considered by Essex County Council. When date confirmed, Cllr Abbott will be speaking. There is a further proposal to open another access near to Woodhouse Farm (Kelvedon).

22/024

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th January 2022 were confirmed as a true record. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Lawton.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

22/025

FINANCE

- i. **Progress against budget:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the reports issued with the Agenda. No queries had been raised by Councillors unable to attend this meeting and there were no queries by those Councillors present. **It was resolved** to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Rowe, all in favour**

- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 13th January 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 13th January be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Rowe, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve January 2021 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed against January expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded Cllr Rows, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.

22/026 PARKING

This item will be carried forward to the March meeting for discussion.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Abbott left the meeting.

22/027 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. 22/00098/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 14 of approved application 15/01515/FUL | Lanham Manor Farm Lanham Farm Road Crossing Essex CM77 8DX – Cllrs had no comments to make.
 - ii. 22/00143/ADV | Installation of 6m internally illuminated totem pole. | Starbucks Galleys Corner Braintree Road Crossing Essex CM77 8GA – Cllrs had no comments to make.
 - iii. 21/03053/OUT | Outline planning permission with all matters reserved apart from access, for the residential development of up to 35 dwellings (including 40% affordable housing), with vehicular access, areas of landscaping and public open space. | Land East Of Braintree Road Crossing Essex (re-consultation) – The Parish Council will continue to object to this development. **Action: Clerk**
- E. **To discuss Applications received by Braintree District Council and consider if comments should be made** (Householder Application, General Permitted Development Order)
 - i. 22/00080/HH | Single-storey rear extension and extension of driveway to detached garage with room over ancillary use to house. | Crix House Braintree Road Crossing Essex CM77 8JB – no comments
 - ii. 22/00206/NMA | Non-Material Amendment to permission 18/01287/FUL (allowed under appeal) granted 21.10.2019 for: Demolition of twelve unity-housing flats and twenty garages and the construction of seventeen affordable homes consisting of two one-bed bungalows, eleven two-bed houses and four three-bed homes for rent and shared ownership including associated external works, parking and landscaping. Amendment would allow:-Revision to access junction off Long Acre Road to incorporate a radius junction as opposed to a straight access junction. | Garage Area And Land At 15 - 16 The Close Tye Green Crossing Essex - no comments
 - iii. 22/00244/HHPA | Erection of single storey rear extension. Extension will extend beyond rear wall of the original house by 8m, with a maximum height of 3m and 3m to the eaves of the extension. | 11 Mill Lane Crossing Essex CM77 8HN – no comments
- F. **Applications bordering parish for information** – none advised.

22/028 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

This item will be carried forward to the March meeting for discussion.

Action: Clerk

22/029 RAINBOW FIELD

In the absence of Cllr Simpson, this item will be carried forward to the March meeting when a final report will be made.

Action: Cllr Simpson

22/030 EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported on the Employment Committee meeting held on 19th January and confirmed that appraisal reviews for the Clerk and Handyman had been completed. Salary reviews in accordance with the National Joint Council schedule were agreed and the decisions made by the Employment Committee were agreed. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Lawton**

22/031 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Items for inclusion on the January Agenda:

1. *Parking (Cllr Lapper)*
2. *The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Clerk)*
3. *Rainbow Field – final report (Cllr Simpson)*

22/032 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9th March 2022 at **7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, CM77 8HG**. Any Covid regulations in place will be closely followed: social distancing and face masks unless addressing the Council.

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Dates of 2022 meetings			
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	