



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

Present: Cllr John Lawton – Chairman
Cllr Colin Haines
Cllr Harvey Porrett

In attendance:

Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer)
District Cllr James Abbott
One member of the public

22/169 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

- The Chairman advised there was still no date set for the Appeal of The Willows/Il Salice to be determined. The Clerk will continue to monitor the situation.
- Playing field – seats and picnic benches have been delivered and now await BDC confirmation of which quote can be accepted for installation.
- Footpath between the B1018 bends and the garden centre roundabout – the Clerk is in correspondence with the Local Highways Panel and has the support of Cllrs Thorogood and Abbott to have this application resurrected.
- Braintree District Open Spaces Plan is under review. Cllrs to advise the Clerk of any suitable schemes by the end of November. **Action: Cllrs**
- James Cleverly, MP – the Clerk is endeavouring to arrange a visit by Mr Cleverly to the Parish Council.
- Remembrance Service – Cllrs are requested to attend the service on Sunday 13th November at 10.30am at All Saints.

22/170 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Rowe and Drury. These were accepted. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lawton**

22/171 COMMUNITY POLICING

No response had been received to the invite. The Clerk will follow up.

22/172 HIGHWAYS

An officer from Essex Highways had been expected, but did not attend. The Clerk will follow up.

22/173 20's PLENTY and PARKING

Cllr Rowe was unable to attend the meeting so this item deferred until December. In the meantime the Clerk confirmed that Cllr Rowe would be taking part in an on-line meeting later this month. **Action: Cllr Rowe**

22/174 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).

The Chairman advised a non-pecuniary interest in planning item 22/02555/FUL.

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

22/175 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk confirmed that no items had been raised for discussion at this meeting. Any matters reported by residents are responded to and actioned within 24 hours.

22/176 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Thorogood was unable to attend the meeting, but had submitted his report for inclusion in the meeting.

District Cllr Abbott reported:

- i. Warm Places – BDC has 70 venues listed.
- ii. Remembrance Service – Cllr Abbott gave apologies that neither he nor Cllr Wright would be able to attend Cressing's Sunday service due to services in Silver End and Rivenhall, which they attend annually.
- iii. Still no date for Planning Committee to consider the applications for 80 retirement dwellings off Mill Lane or further development on the B1018. Clerk will follow up with BDC on the current situation. **Action: Clerk**
- iv. Abnormal loads – no issues have been raised concerning the recent loads, partly due to the length of the vehicles being shorter than originally approved. The next scheduled load is 21st November.
- v. Cressing bends – Cllr Abbott confirmed he had been in correspondence with the LHP and included the proposal to complete the footpath on the B1018 wide enough to complete the cycle route from Braintree to Witham.
- vi. Essex Highways are changing their policy for the provision of 20mph speed limits. Full details not yet available, but this should help the introduction of lower speed limits in villages.
- vii. BDC face a very challenging year for setting the 2023/24 budget, which is currently being worked.
- viii. Proposals for boundary reviews are available at [Eastern | BCE Consultation Portal \(bcereviews.org.uk\)](https://www.bcereviews.org.uk) Cllrs and residents are encouraged to comment on these proposals that could see Cressing become part of Witham. Closing date for comments: 5th December 2022.

22/177 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2022 were confirmed as a true record. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Haines.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

22/178 CRESSING COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

The Clerk confirmed she had agreed to act as Treasurer, but had not yet received any information. **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman asked Cllrs to consider ways that the magazine can become more attractive to advertisers. Further discussion to be held at the January

meeting.

Action: All

22/179 PLAYING FIELD

- i. Changing rooms – The Clerk confirmed that BDC had confirmed no further queries on the specification, but before they can permit the tender for build to be published they await written guidance on what level of internal authority is required for a project of this scale. In the meantime, CSSC continue to be kept informed.
- ii. Seating – BDC are being chased for confirmation of which installer can be instructed, but the Chairman commented that if this is not forthcoming soon, then the Parish Council should look to arrange the install out of Reserved funds. **Action: Clerk**
- iii. Playing field equipment – a response has been received from the Chairman of the Crossing Sports & Social Club who has confirmed their agreement to the position of the seats and the positioning of the new playing field equipment. However, the junior football pitch cannot be moved until the end of the football season. **This was agreed** by Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**
The Chairman of CSSC had raised the issue of flooding on the field and car park. A discussion was held with the Secretary of CSSC who attended this meeting explaining the terms of the lease. Whilst the Parish Council currently cannot agree any contribution to this work, it can do so on production of a specification and three quotes for the work needed. CSSC were asked to provide these. **Action: CSSC**
- iv. The Clerk requested that, due to the lack of visitors at the Open Day to share their views on equipment, those present at this meeting should indicate the type of playing and playground equipment to be considered. The Clerk will then produce a report for agreement to obtain quotes. **Action: Clerk**

At the Clerk's request, Cllr Abbott agreed to look into the delays being experienced with S.106.

Action: Clerk

22/180 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

The report previously provided to Cllrs **was agreed** and the Clerk should now discuss further with Essex Highways for a contract for 2023.

Action: Clerk

22/181 FINANCE

- i. **Financial statements:** 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 Haines, seconded: Cllr Lawton, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 31st October 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Lawton, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve October 2022 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed against October expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Lawton, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.
- iv. Donations: **It was agreed** to make charity donations of £75 each as 2022. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines, all in favour. Action: Clerk**

22/182 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to the report previously issued to Cllrs. **It was agreed** that

Cllrs will undertake the training sessions outlined and the Clerk will seek dates for Spring 2023. **Action: Clerk**

22/183 WARM SPACES

The Clerk confirmed that discussions with St Barnabas continue and arrangements should be in place by December. Cllrs agreed to attend when possible to provide support.

22/184 PLANNING

A. To note Appeals determined by the Planning Inspectorate: None advised

B. To discuss Appeals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:

C. Planning Inspectorate notice of 7th November 2022 regarding EN020027 - East Anglia GREEN - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation. Cllrs proposed a motion to add this to the Agenda for discussion as it had been received after the meeting was published. **It was duly resolved. Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Porrett.**

Following discussion, **it was agreed** to submit comments objecting to the installation of pylons, but supporting off-shore installation. **Action: Clerk**

D. To note Applications Determined by Braintree District Council or withdrawn:

22/02021/FUL | Erection of additional storey plus roof accommodation above existing shop parade, to provide 5 x 2 bedroom self-contained flats with external rear access, associated bin storage and parking. | 55-63 Jeffreys Road Crossing Essex CM77 8JQ

E. To discuss Applications received by Braintree District Council:

i. 22/02910/FUL | Retrospective application for change of use of garage to music production studio | New House Barn Church Road Crossing Essex CM77 8PF - *Cllrs consider this has no effect on the Parish, no comments to make.*

ii. 22/02774/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 8 of approved application 22/00201/FUL | Lanham Manor Farm Lanham Farm Road Crossing Essex CM77 8DX – *Historic Buildings investigation, no comments to make.*

iii. 22/02555/FUL | Erection of 1No. two-storey 6-bedroom self-build dwelling, with single-storey detached garden store. | Land On The North Side Of Polecat Road Crossing Essex - *Cllrs agreed the draft response prepared by the Clerk from Cllr comments. The Clerk to submit objection to BDC.* **Action: Clerk**

iv. 22/02663/ADV | Installation of 1 x internally illuminated roundel sign | Starbucks Galleys Corner Braintree Road Crossing Essex CM77 8GA - *no comments to make.*

v. 22/02719/FUL | Erection of a substation, eight ultra-rapid electric vehicle chargers and associated electrical equipment | Braintree Garden Centre Galleys Corner Crossing Road Braintree Essex CM77 8DH - *no comments to make.*

vi. 22/02685/OUT | Outline application with all matters reserved except scale - Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey bungalow. | Mu Dros Lanham Green Road Crossing Essex CM77 8DR – *Cllrs consider this has no effect on the Parish, no comments to make.*

F. To **note Applications received by Braintree District Council and consider if comments should be made**

22/02716/HH | Single storey rear extension | 10 Heycroft Drive Cressing Essex
CM77 8JN - *Cllrs consider this has no effect on the Parish, no comments to make.*

22/185 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NOVEMBER AGENDA:

- i. 20's Plenty and Parking Project
- ii. 2023/24 Budget and precept decision
- iii. Parish Paths Partnership
- iv. S.106 update

22/186 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 14th December 2022, 7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, 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 6th December 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

2023 meetings						
JANUARY	11	7.00pm	JULY	12	7.00pm	
FEBRUARY	8	7.00pm	AUGUST	9	7.00pm	
MARCH	8	7.00pm	SEPTEMBER	13	7.00pm	
APRIL	12	7.00pm	OCTOBER	11	7.00pm	
MAY	9	*	NOVEMBER	8	7.00pm	
JUNE	14	7.00pm	DECEMBER	13	7.00pm	
• May meetings	9	6.30pm	Annual PARISH Meeting			
		7.00pm	Annual PARISH COUNCIL Meeting			
		7.15pm	PARISH COUNCIL Meeting			