



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council
held on 14TH September 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)
Two members of the public

22/148 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman convened the meeting and explained that the full scheduled Parish Council meeting would be postponed during this period of national mourning. He then paid tribute to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II:

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council of Cressing acknowledges the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, our longest reigning monarch.

Throughout her reign her sense of duty, service and devotion to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth was without equal. She was a great supporter of the Union. She served with grace and was selfless in representing the people of the UK at home and overseas. She was steadfast throughout turbulent times both in the country and within her own family.

Cressing Parish Council joins with the residents of the Parish and people around the world in mourning her loss. She will be remembered as an historic figure who always considered her role as her duty and who put that duty above all other concerns.

We pay tribute to her long and outstanding reign and offer our deepest condolences to the Royal Family at this time."

All present endorsed the words of the Chairman and the Clerk advised that Books of Condolence were available for signing at All Saints Church and St Barnabas where the guidance for display of approved photograph and floral tribute had been followed.

22/149 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Following a meeting with Councillors on 7th September, Councillors had considered applications for co-option and now voted. The application by Clarice Drury was supported by all Councillors and she was duly co-opted as a member of Cressing Parish Council. The Clerk will undertake the formal document signing and induction at a later date.

Action: Clerk

22/150 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 on 31st August 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 31st August be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve August 2022 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed against August expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Haines, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.
- iv. The Clerk advised that it may be necessary to re-state the budget before the end of this financial year if a date for King Charles III's coronation is announced, otherwise an amount will be included in the budget for 2023/24.
- v. The Clerk will look at whether it is possible to reduce the number of hours that the streetlights are on to compensate in part for the forthcoming rises in energy costs. **Action: Clerk**

22/151 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE OCTOBER AGENDA:

It was agreed that the business that could not be covered at this month's meeting should be held over to the October meeting. Then Clerk will issue a cancellation notice and seek Councillor views on planning applications received that require response this month.

- i. Community Policing
- ii. Cressing Community Magazine
- iii. Parish Paths Partnership
- iv. Open Day

22/152 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12th October 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 4th October 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Dates of 2022 meetings			
OCTOBER	12	7.00pm	
NOVEMBER	9	7.00pm	
DECEMBER	14	7.00pm	
Dates of 2023 meetings			
JANUARY	11	7.00pm	
FEBRUARY	8	7.00pm	
MARCH	8	7.00pm	