



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance:

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

22/032 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed attendees and reported as follows:

- The Chairman announced, with regret, that Cllr Simpson had resigned her position as a Parish Councillor. This resignation was accepted.
- The appeal against the Enforcement Notice for Il Salice (The Willows) had begun and the Parish Council has submitted its representation. It was understood a number of residents had also submitted their views.
- The Chairman wished to record formal thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to County Cllr Paul Thorogood and District Cllrs Abbott and Wright for grant funding towards a defibrillator at the playing field.

22/033 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

22/034 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.

22/035 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A member of the public had provided a list of items he wished to raise, including:

- i. *Minutes of the (last) meeting* – it was not appropriate for the items mentioned to be discussed (see Minute 22/036).
- ii. *Dog and litter bins* – a request for more, however the parish has 17 dog bins and 17 litter bins.
- iii. *Seats around the village what happened about the seat in Polecat -*
- iv. *Emergency plan* – not discussed
- v. *Bridge widening on the PROW from JR / ML* – not discussed
- vi. *Information board* – not discussed
- vii. *Fallen bushes / trees on pavements around the village* – not discussed. This remains within the responsibility of Essex Highways and any reports should be raised direct.
- viii. *Ask farmer to clear the ditch in Polecat Road* – this has already been reported to Essex Highways.
- ix. *Will you be publishing un audited yearly figures before AGM so residents can ask questions about finances* – financial reports will continue to be published quarterly

- and in accordance with the statutory Annual Governance and Accounting Report. It should be noted that no resident has raised queries concerning the financial reports.
- x. *This member also commented that he had previously asked if a committee of residents could be formed to raise funds for the Pavilion, but he had been told “no”. This item was not discussed.*

22/036 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from County Cllr Thorogood.

Cllr Bob Wright reported:

- i. Local Plan – it is hoped that the Inspector’s report will be received shortly. It is calculated that BDC has sufficient housing supply (developed and planned) for eight years, which should see an end to continuous speculative applications being approved.
- ii. Incinerator – Indaver, the developers, have been advised they must build the full complex in accordance with the planning permission by 2026, but they are appealing against developing facilities that will not be used. They only wish to proceed with the incinerator.
- iii. A “temporary” planning permission is sought to open vehicular access to the site from Kelvedon Road, although they have also stated that this may lead to a permanent application. This will force heavy vehicles to travel through Cressing, Silver End and Rivenhall.
- iv. BDC are advertising to recruit a Planning Enforcement Officer with responsibility to ensure all planning conditions are adhered to. It is hoped the position will be filled for the new financial year.
- v. From 2022/23 financial year, District Cllrs will be able to submit additional grant applications to support parish initiatives, as well as from their allowances (reduced 2022/23 to £1,250)
- vi. Solar Farm at Rivenhall – plans currently show traffic plan to use the A120 then through villages (as in 22/36 iii above).

Cllr Wright left the meeting

22/037 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th February 2022 were confirmed as a true record with no amendments required. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Lawton.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

22/038 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 Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lapper, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 28th February 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 28th February be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lapper, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve February 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 Porrett, seconded Cllr Lapper, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.

22/039 PARKING

Cllr Lapper raised the parking problems in Benton Close where a commercial van had

been parked for some time without road tax and insurance. This was eventually removed, but it is not a problem restricted to this location. Cllrs discussed other locations and without removing greensward no immediate resolution was presented. The Clerk confirmed that an application to the Local Highways Panel had already been submitted in this respect.

22/040 PLANNING

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

B. **Appeals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:**

Planning Enforcement Appeal APP/Z1510/C/22/3290978 - Land at Il Salice (formerly known as) The Willows Inn, The Street, Cressing, Essex, CM77 8DQ (see minute 22/032 above)

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

D. **Applications received by Braintree District Council:**

- i. 22/00334/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 6 (ARCH) 12 (construction traffic management plan) and (part discharge)13b (residential travel packs) of approved application 21/01940/OUT | Land Adjacent Leyfield Braintree Road Cressing Essex -Councillors continue to have serious concerns regarding vehicle movements and traffic for this site. **No comment to be made.**
- ii. 22/00388/FUL | Installation of 2No. electric vehicle charging units | McDonalds Galleys Corner Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8EZ. **No comment to be made.**
- iii. 22/00424/FUL | Alteration and refurbishment works including the provision of 2 Jumbrellas, feature archways, fences, paving, and installation of new and replacement lighting, together with various minor internal works. | Fowlers Farm Vintage Inn Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8DJ. **No comment to be made.**
- iv. 22/00425/LBC | Alteration and refurbishment works including the provision of 2 Jumbrellas, feature archways, fences, paving, and installation of new and replacement lighting, together with various minor internal works. | Fowlers Farm Vintage Inn Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8DJ. **No comment to be made.**
- v. 22/00492/ADV | Signage to include: 1 x set of non-illuminated individual letters 1 x non-illuminated sign consisting of hand painted letters 2 x non-illuminated post signs 1 x externally illuminated post sign 1 x non-illuminated directional sign | Fowlers Farm Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8DJ. **No comment to be made.**
- vi. 22/00454/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by Conditions 18,20 and 22 of approved application 16/02144/OUT | Land Adjacent To Braintree Road Cressing Essex. *The Chairman referred to additional comments made by residents concerning Condition 18 in particular (SuDS). Councillors also expressed their concerns and included reference to the safety of the water run-off ponds on this and the now occupied Avondale site. The Clerk to look into this.*

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. 22/0068/HH - Single storey rear extension – Wakering Villa, The Street, Cressing, CM77 8DQ Cressing Essex CM77 8JB – **No comment to be made.**

F. **Applications bordering parish for information** – none advised.

22/041 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Clerk updated the meeting on discussions with CSSC and advised that their

preferred date, due to other bookings for the hall, would be Sunday 5th June. Councillors were unanimous in their preference for this to be held on the Jubilee anniversary date of Thursday 2nd June. It is understood that the CSSC Management Committee would be meeting on 10th March and this would be raised with them. **Action: Cllr Lapper**

The Chairman stated that he would prefer that the Parish take part in the lighting of Jubilee Beacons, but it was acknowledged that there was no suitable site within the Parish for this to be safely undertaken. However, should Cllrs have suggestions for this and any other forms of commemoration they should be advised to the Clerk as soon as possible. **Action: All**

22/042 **PLAYING FIELD**

The Clerk advised that following discussion with the Planning Officer, it was anticipated a decision would be received by or about 23rd March. Immediately following this, and providing the application is approved, the specification of work will be prepared. The Clerk will keep Cllrs and CSSC updated. **Action: Clerk**

22/043 **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The Clerk referred to the reviewed and revised policies issued with the Agenda. There were no comments, but the Clerk drew Cllrs' attention in particular to the Communication & Media Policy. In view of recent "hacking" reports, it is essential that Cllrs comply with the rules for using .gov.uk email accounts: *"This email address must be used at all times for council business and must not be shared with any person outside the council. Nor should any person who is not a Councillor or officer of the Council have access to this mailbox or use this mailbox on behalf of a Councillor or officer of the Council."* The Chairman requested the policies be added to the Agenda for the April meeting when it is hoped all Cllrs will be present. **Action: Clerk**

22/044 **THREE PARISHES MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held at St Barnabas on 30th March. The chairman and Cllr Haines will be attending. Cllrs to advise the Clerk of Agenda items. **Action: All**

22/045 **CRESSING ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The Clerk asked for suggestions to encourage residents to attend the Annual Parish Assembly, which is not a Parish Council meeting, but is an opportunity for groups within the parish to report on their activities throughout the year. These have been poorly attended in the past and it is hoped that by inviting a guest speaker, more residents will attend. Some ideas were put forward and Cllr Lapper and the Clerk will investigate further. An item will appear in the next Community Magazine. **Action: Cllr Lapper/Clerk**

22/046 **INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Items for inclusion on the January Agenda:

1. *The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Clerk)*
2. *Policies & procedures (Clerk)*

22/047 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13th April 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 8th April 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Dates of 2022 meetings

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	