



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 10th April 2024 at 7.00pm at
St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing.

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

In attendance:

District Cllr Bob Wright
Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer)
Three members of the public

24-5/030 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

The Chairman had nothing to add to his report given at the Annual Parish Meeting earlier.

24-5/031 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies to be recorded.

24-5/032 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Two residents attending submitted applications to be co-opted on to the Council. After a short discussion the co-option of Tina Ives was **proposed by Cllr Haines and seconded by Cllr Porrett**. The co-option of Eileen Mottershead was **proposed by Cllr Porrett and seconded by Cllr Haines**. All Councillors agreed the co-options and the Chairman invited them to join the Council. Acceptances of office and agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct, Register of Interests and confirmation to receive documents by email will be signed after the meeting. **Action: Clerk**

24-5/033 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 to be recorded in relation to items on the agenda.

24-5/034 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk confirmed that no requests to speak at the meeting had been received.

24-5/035 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Wright reported;

- i. Ivy Cottage – this has been raised by Cllr Abbott with BDC Enforcement, but no update is yet available.
- ii. BDC Local Plan – BDC have issued a “call for sites”, all of which will need to be considered in relation to developments already started and applications approved.
- iii. There is no further update on what is happening with the proposed roundabout on Long Green.

Cllr Wright left the meeting.

County Cllr Paul Thorogood did not attend the meeting and the Clerk will seek an update.

24-5/036 ESSEX HIGHWAYS

The Clerk will seek a report from Cllr Thorogood on outstanding issues. **Action: Clerk**

24-5/037 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th April 2024 were confirmed as a correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines**

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

24-5/038 PLAYING FIELD

- i. The Clerk reported that final snagging was taking place after a further inspection highlighted where some flooring had not tuck properly. The external signage will be installed on 13th May.
- ii. Arrangements have been made to meet with the Secretary of CSSC on her return from holiday to plan the opening event. In the meantime the Clerk will prepare some suggestions. The Clerk recommended that due to restricted budgets for the current financial year no more than £500 should be spent by the Council with a similar amount being paid by CSSC. This suggestion was noted and **proposed by Cllr Porrett, seconded by Cllr Sim** and all were in favour. **Action: Clerk**
- iii. A site meeting had been held with the provider of the new roundabout (which will be installed end of May/early June) to show them where/how they could access the playground. A full risk assessment was undertaken and safety of the site and access to other equipment will be a primary focus during installation.

24-5/039 FINANCE

- i. **Financial statements:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the April reports issued to Cllrs. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Porrett, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation to 30th April 2024:** It was resolved that the bank reconciliation statement be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Porrett, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve payments for April 2024:** **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Haines, all in favour.** Cllrs signed the cheques.

24-5/040 GRANT APPLICATION

The grant application received on behalf of Cressing Community Magazine was discussed and **it was agreed** that a decision could not be made at this time and a meeting should be held with the CCM Finance Committee member. **Action: Clerk**

24-5/041 PLANNING

Appeals –

24/00020/REF | Change of use of agricultural land to doggy day care site. | Land South Of Sheepcote Wood Station Road Cressing Essex

Applications determined:

None advised.

Applications received:

- i. 24/00896/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 11 (Piling) of approved application 21/03214/REM | Land Opposite Sandiacres Long Green Cressing – no comments to be made
- ii. 24/00898/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by Condition 12 - Archaeological Evaluation (part discharge) of approved application 18/00549/OUT | Land Opposite Sandiacres Long Green Cressing – no comments to be made
- iii. 24/00878/FUL | Change of use of agricultural land to dog walking field, new access and fencing | Land South Of Sheepcote Wood Station Road Cressing Essex – Councillors are concerned that this application covers the same site as the appeal (above) for the doggy day care centre. Councillors object to this application for the same reasons as their objection to the original application. They also expressed concern that this was a way to obtain the original application at a later date should the appeal be refused. **Action: Clerk**

Applications received by Braintree District Council and considered if comments should be made (Householder Application, General Permitted Development Order):

None advised.

Enforcement Enquiries: No updates available.

24-5/042 STISTED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillors had no comments to make.

24-5/043 NATIONAL GRID PYLONS

Whilst these do not cross directly over land within the Cressing Parish, Councillors request consideration be given to underground or offshore routes.

Action: Clerk

24-5/044 20'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN

It was agreed to defer this item until the Community Speedwatch team has been formed and has some data available.

24-5/045 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Agenda items:

Community Speedwatch - update

Changing rooms – final update

Playing field/Pavilion Lease - update

24-5/046 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no more business to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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