



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 8TH January 2025 at 7.00pm at
St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing.

Present: Cllr John Lawton - Chairman
Cllr Eileen Mottershead
Cllr Tony Sim

Cllr Colin Haines joined the meeting late at 7.35pm

In attendance:

Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer)
No members of the public

25-6/001 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance, declared the meeting open and commented as follows:

- i. New Year wishes to all present
- ii. This meeting to finalise budget and agree Precept request, no other Agenda items for discussion
- iii. No public participation session scheduled, and the Clerk had confirmed no matters had been requested by members of the public for discussion
- iv. Meeting arranged for the Parish Council to meet with the Management Committee of Cressing Sports & Social Club to discuss new lease, waiting for confirmation from CSSC that 15th January is convenient for them
- v. A report has been received from District Councillors and this has been circulated to all Councillors.

25-6/002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Ives and duly accepted.
Due to County and District Council commitments, Cllrs Thorogood, Abbott and Wright were unable to attend.

25-6/003 MEMBERS 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.

25-6/004 PUUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters to be recorded.

25-6/005 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th December 2024 were confirmed as a correct record. **Resolution:** to confirm the Minutes as a correct record. **Proposed Cllr Mottishead, seconded Cllr Sim. All in favour.**

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

25-6/006 FINANCE

The Clerk/RFO presented the financial reports previously provided to Cllrs. There were no queries. **Resolution:** To confirm receipt and approval of financial statements, together with schedule of payments to 31st December 2024. **Proposed Cllr Lawton, seconded Cllr Sim, all in favour.**

Cllr Haines joined the meeting.

25-6/007 BUDGET and PRECEPT 2025-26

- i. Councillors considered amendment as follows:
 - a. Events, Open Day, etc – Cllr Sim suggested a project working with Cressing Primary School regarding VE Day commemoration. A competition for the children was agreed in principle with prize-giving to be at an Exhibition being organised by the Art Group on 10th May. The Clerk to speak with the School and report back to Councillors. **Action: Clerk**
 - b. Costs to be obtained for flashing speed signs and whether grants are available to cover costs. Clerk to investigate. **Action: Clerk**
 - c. The Clerk to discuss tree planting with the tree Officer. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. There being no other amendments to the draft budget, **it was resolved to agree the figures now presented.** **Proposed: Cllr Sim, seconded Cllr Haines**
- iii. Based on the budget figures, the Clerk/RFO suggested three options for the amount of precept to be requested. After discussion, a Precept of £57,500 was agreed. **It was resolved to request the amount of £57,500. Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Haines.** The Clerk/RFO to complete and submit request to BDC and to publish the budget on the website prior to 1st April. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

25-6/008 PLANNING

There were no urgent items to be considered.

25-6/009 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Communications Strategy
- b. Local Highways Panel
- c. VE Day Commemoration
- d. Tree Planting update

25-6/010 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing.

25-6/011 MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, the Chairman of the meeting declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Dates of meetings for 2025

12 th February	12 th March	
9 th April	14 th May	11 th June
9 th July	13 th August	10 th September
8 th October	12 th November	10 th December