



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Cressing Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 7pm, at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing for the purpose of transacting the following business.

In Attendance:

Cllr. J. Lawton, Cllr. T. Sim, Cllr. C. Haines, Cllr. E. Mottershead
Karen Kuderovitch, Locum Parish Clerk

£ = Expenditure decision ✓ = Resolution made

- 26/20. **Recording of the Meeting**
To receive notification from any person present of their intent to record the meeting. None recording.
- 26/21. **Declaration of Interests**
At this point, all Members are to be reminded that they must disclose any interests they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda either at this point or during the agenda item. If not already done so, they are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the meeting. None declared.
- 26/23. **Apologies for Absence** ✓
To receive and agree any apologies for absence. Cllr. A. Lapper – no apologies received.
- 26/24. **Chair's Report**
The Chair reported that The Willows application for an asset of Community Valued was not granted, and that the Council would be appealing the decision.
- 26/25. **Public Participation**
Members of the public will be offered the opportunity to speak on items on the agenda. (reference: standing orders item 4). The period will be no more than 15 minutes.
2 members of the Bullford Mill Lane Action Group were present and presented to Council the severe concerns at this location for safety. It was noted that previously representations had been made to Priti Patel for assistance, but had not materialised into any action being taken. After discussion, the Parish Council pledged their continued support and would action as follows:
- put the group in contact with the police liaison for the area
 - set up a meeting between the Bullford Mill Lane neighbours and Dame Priti Patel
 - provide a contact for the Braintree and Witham Times
 - help with getting onto the next LHP agenda and putting forward the safety issues and possible solutions
 - understand longer term plan for the new developments and infrastructure and how we can influence

- Consider holding an open public meeting/request for a further meeting with Piri Patel.
- Look into a Local Highways Panel application for reduced speed/increase in footpath to the station
- Write to the Head of Essex County Council Highways Department/Essex County Councillors

26/26. **Confidential Section** ✓

Admission of the Public In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Members to resolve whether to exclude members of the public from all or part of the meeting as the items to be discussed are confidential (agenda items 26/35). ***It was resolved*** unanimously to exclude.

Residents are to note that once the sessions is closed, they may no longer participate in the meeting.

26/27. **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

26/28. **Report from County & District Councillors**

None present.

26/29. **Action Plan** ✓

Members reviewed the plan.

- Play area – replacement equipment – Clerk reported that feedback had been received from residents with suggestions for inclusive play equipment, picnic tables, a range of equipment to suit all ages. Clerk to invite companies to quote for the project.
- Rainbow Field – discuss future plans – it was agreed to consult with residents and review feedback.
- Cressing Sports & Social Club – surveyors report – Clerk to chase the report.
- Playground Inspection – actions points – Clerk to arrange for items to be actioned.

26/30. **Finance £** ✓

- a) Bank Reconciliations for December 2025 & January 2026 were approved & signed.
- b) Braintree District Council – street cleaning agreement. The Clerk advised that certain tasks were required to be carried out to meet the conditions of the grant. Clerk to action.
- c) Members approved the following payments:

PAYMENTS MADE

	PAYMENT TO	INFORMATION	BACS	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
15.1.26	Locum Clerk	K.Kuderovitch - Invoice 12		confidential		
23.1.26	T. Schlaich	January invoice - Xmas lights/play area inspection		£300.00		
23.1.26	Structure	Level 3 Survey - Cressing Sports & Social Club		£900.00	£180.00	£1,080.00
23.1.26	Cressing Community Mag	Grant		£2,000.00		£2,000.00
31.1.26	Unity	Bank Charge		£6.00		£6.00
9.2.26	BT	PC Office phone				£120.05

11.2.26	Locum Clerk	K. Kuderovitch - Invoice 13		confidential		
11.2.26	Defib Supplies	Inv 208856		£480.00	£96.00	£576.00
PAYMENTS TO BE MADE						
11/02/2026	A&J LIGHTING	INV 39860 FEBRUARY - MARCH 2026 MAINTENANCE		£525.00	£105.00	£630.00
11.2.26	T. Schlaich	INV PLAYGROUND CHECKS/LITTER PICKS				£137.55

26/31. Proposal for allotments- Land at Mill Lane Cressing/S106 Funds ✓

A working party to be considered. The Clerk reported she had a group email for interested parties and would email to start the creation of a working group. No further information had been forthcoming from the developer at present.

26/32. Community Items/Projects ✓

- Trees & Greenward– Cllr. Sim suggested planting trees @ Mill Lane. The Clerk advised Council could only plant on land owned by themselves.
- Safety of children – parking on the verges was an issue, Council to make representation to Essex County Council Highways Dept.
- Asset of Community Value – The Willow – discussed an appeal to the decision not to grant.

26/33. Communications

Contact from residents.

26/34. Councillors to share any further information

Confidential Section (resolution taken at item 26/6)

Public & Press to be excluded.

26/35. Lease – Pavillion/Cressing Sports & Social Club✓

Clerk updated.

26/36. Lease - Cressing Playing field and changing rooms ✓

Clerk updated – needs further review.

26/37. Contract for services

Members to review – a query to be clarified.

26/38. Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Clerk reported and make a recommendation to appoint. Agreement of schedule for handover.