



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Cressing Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7pm, at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing for the purpose of transacting the following business.

In attendance:

Cllr. J. Lawton (Chair), Cllr. T. Sim, Cllr. C. Haines, Cllr. E. Mottershed

£ = Expenditure decision ✓ = Resolution made

Chairman reported Locum Clerk unwell and Chair was appointed to take the minutes

- 26/1. **Recording of the Meeting**
To receive notification from any person present of their intent to record the meeting.
None declared.
- 26/2. **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.
- 26/3. **Apologies for Absence** ✓
To receive and agree any apologies for absence. Cllr. Lapper – none received.
- 26/4. **Chair's Report**
The Chair reported the Clerk had sourced a local company for maintenance tasks.
- 26/5. **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.
- 26/6. **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 209-211).
Residents are to note that once the sessions is closed, they may no longer participate in the meeting.
- 26/7. **Approval of Minutes** ✓
Deferred.
- 26/8. **Report from County & District Councillors**
Cllr. B. Wright provided an update on the current BDC local plan.

26/9. **Planning**

25/02846/OUT Land South Of, Witham Road, Cressing

Outline application with all matters reserved for up to 120 dwellings including affordable homes, public open space including equipped play trail, landscaping, sustainable drainage system, vehicular access from Braintree Road and all associated infrastructure and development. – PC Comments: Objections to be submitted.

26/00004/HH 44 Mulberry Avenue, Cressing, Braintree

Proposed summerhouse in rear garden - No comment.

25/02802/VAR | Land Opposite Sandiacres, Long Green, Cressing

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of approved application 21/03214/REM granted 28.03.23 for: Application for the approval of reserved matters (in respect of layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping) pursuant to outline planning permission 18/00549/OUT granted 14.12.2020 (Allowed on appeal) for 250 dwellings, open space and associated ancillary works.

Variation would allow :- An amendment to the internal layout of the first floor for the Bradwell house type | No comment.

26/10. **Action Plan**
Members to review the plan. Deferred.

26/11. **Finance £ ✓**

- a) Draft Budget for Precept report for 26/27 was reviewed and approved for submission to Braintree District Council on 15th January 2026. The Precept was agreed at £59,800. The Clerk & Chair to sign the Precept form.
- b) Bank reconciliations/statements for December 2025 were approved.
- c) Members approved a structural survey of the Cressing Sports & Social Club @ £900 & VAT.
- d) Members considered a grant application from Cressing Community Magazine and resolved to award £2,000.
- e) Members approved the following payments:

PAYMENTS COUNCIL MEETING 14.1.26

INFORMATION	BACS	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
K. Kuderovitch Invoice 11		confidential		
K. Kuderovitch - Reimbursement for Xmas gifts for Cressing School	BACS	£468.00		£468.00
K. Kuderovitch - Reimbursement for Festive Lights battery boxes & batteries	BACS	£104.08	£20.02	£124.90
T. Schlaich Xmas Lights - removal 10.1.26	BACS	300.00		TBC
Sue Lees - Invoice 7327	BACS	£30.00		£30.00
Sue Lees - Invoice 7328	BACS	£50.00		£50.00
Braintree Association of Local Councils	BACS	£48.00		£48.00

- 26/12. **Proposal for allotments- Land at Mill Lane Cressing/S106 Funds**
Members resolved to accept the offer and Clerk to advise and make further enquiries of site plan/parking etc. Residents have registered their interest in allotments.
- 26/13. **Community Items/Projects**
- Trees – Cllr. Sim - ongoing evaluation.
 - Asset of Community Value – The Willow – further evidence required. Applicant sent.
 - Closure of Village Hall for redecoration – noted.
- 26/14. **Meetings for 2026**
Members resolved to agree the schedule.
- 26/15. **Communications** ✓
Neighbourhood watch. Suggestion was made to ask the residents would they be interested in a local scheme.
- 26/16. **Councillors to share any further information**
Consider requesting Essex Highways for reduction on speed limits in Tye Green, Polecat Road and the village.
- Confidential Section (resolution taken at item 26/6)**
Public & Press were excluded.
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- 26/17. **Lease – Pavillion/Cressing Sports & Social Club** ✓
Members reviewed the draft contract, with changes. Clerk to send to solicitor for review.
- 26/18. **Lease - Cressing Playing field and changing rooms** ✓
Members reviewed draft contract, with changes. Clerk to send to solicitor for review.
- 26/19. **Locum Clerk**
It was discussed and resolved to proceed with arrangements for the employment of a permanent Parish Clerk & RFO. Agreed for an advert to be sent to the EALC for issue/advertise locally.