



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Cressing Parish Council meeting
held on 13th May 2026 at 7.00pm at
St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing.

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

In attendance:

Monica Da Silva (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer)
District Cllr Bob Wright
Two representatives of the Cressing Sports and Social Club

26/039 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and reported as follows:

- i. The Chairman attended a residents meeting related to the traffic linked to works Persimmon Homes. Roughly 70 attendees. Discussions took place included speeding, preventative speed measures. Upcoming works in August 2026 and lorry's damaging private property belonging to residents and greenery. Highways were asked to attend, however no further contact made. Another meeting is being arranged by residents for 21st May 2026. A resident was going to approach Persimmon Homes for neighbourhood funds.
- ii. Parish Council will investigate a speed indicator device for speed awareness around Cressing. Permission from Highways required.
- iii. Past Clerk supporting new clerk in handover.

26/040 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. A. Lapper – No apologies received.
Cllr. C. Haines – No apologies received.

26/041 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.

26/042 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No queries

26/043 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Last meeting in February 2026

26/044 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No report from the County Cllr.

District Cllr Wright reported:

- i. John Morris (Reform UK) has been elected as the new County Councillor

- for the Witham West & Rural division.
- ii. New bins and bin collection starting 1st June 2026. Information packs will be sent to all homes via Royal Mail over the next few weeks.
- iii. Free shuttle bus between Braintree town centre and Braintree Village to return from September 2026. The service will run hourly between 10am and 5pm. The shuttle bus will not operate on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, or New Year's Day.
- iv. Persimmon Homes closing roundabout again at the end of School year. The same traffic issues may occur.

Cllr Wright left the meeting.

26/045 FINANCE

- i. The Clerk/RFO presented a statement notifying Cllrs of delays with Internal and External audit.
- ii. To confirm remittances and invoices, alongside schedule of payments to be made.

26/046 BUDGET/ PRECEPT 2026/27

- i. Precept agreed and first installment issued.
- ii. Budget for 26/27 draft available – requires amendments.

26/047 PLANNING

- i. **26/00981/PLD 64 Mill Lane, Cressing** Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development: Conversion of the existing attached garage to habitable accommodation, alteration of the existing flat roof to a pitched roof, installation of a rear dormer window and a roof light to the front roof slope and alterations to fenestration.
No comments to make.

26/048 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- i. Secure the services of a maintenance professional to complete repairs.
- ii. Check status of allotments.
- iii. CSSC Lease

26/049 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 10th June 2026 at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing.

Items for inclusion on the Agenda are to be sent to the Parish Clerk no later than midday on Friday 5th June.

26/050 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Chairman advised that a matter had arisen that required discussion by Councillors outside of the public meeting.

- i. Sports and Social Club Lease **Action Cllr Lawton & Cllr Sim**
- ii. Playing Field Lease **Action Cllr Lawton & Cllr Sim**

No further business to be discussed, the Chairman of the meeting declared the meeting closed.