



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Cressing Parish Council meeting
held on 8th July 2026 at 7.20pm at
St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing.

Present: Cllr John Lawton – Chairman
Cllr Eileen Mottershead
Cllr Tony Sim
Cllr. Colin Haines
Cllr. John Morris

In attendance:

Monica Da Silva (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer)

26/073 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and reported as follows:

- i. Playground improvements were mentioned following the inspection report. Multiple quotes will be arranged for repairs.
- ii. CSSC Lease and Insurance
- iii. Football lease needs to be completed before football season starts
- iv. Electrical and fire inspection need to be completed on changing rooms at CSSC
- v. Objection by the Parish Council submitted for 350 dwellings
- vi. Attended the last public meeting regarding the up and coming road closures in August due to the Persimmon Development. County Councillor John Morris also attended. Next meeting 21st July at 7pm.

26/074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. A. Lapper – No apologies received.

26/075 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.

26/076 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No queries

26/078 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Last meeting June 2026 - signed

26/079 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr James Abbott sent a report via email, he was unable to attend the meeting:

- i. Weekly updates sent to District Cllrs. 'The good news is that recycling is well

up compared to the previous system, but the bad news is that there has been an increase in complaints, especially missed bins. We have passed missed bin complaints on to BDC officers.'

- ii. New Leader of Braintree District Council is Cllr Tom Cunningham. A few changes in BDC Cabinet can be accessed on BDC Website.
- iii. Local Plan – Nothing to report. Awaiting BDC setting out the outcomes from the Regulation 18 consultation held in Spring.
- iv. Keen to support Parish council and Residents in the preparation (signage and weight restriction) for next round of closures. Ensuring that the impact from diversions is minimised compared to what took place last time.
- v. Cllr Abbott has reported blocked sightlines at the Ashes Corner and B101/ Temple Lane Junction. Visibility at the Ashes corner for vehicles waiting to turn towards Braintree is now badly affected, forcing drivers to edge out into the road.

Cllr John Morris attended and reported:

- i. Challenging LGR (£160 million)
- ii. Ending commitment to Net Zero
- iii. Review ECC Buildings
- iv. DEI Training review
- v. Declared pothole emergency – 25% more workforce repairing potholes
- vi. Polecat no visibility of speed signage
- vii. Campaign for more foster families
- viii. Member Locality fund available

26/080 FINANCE

- i. Clerk/ RFO presented final reconciliations for April, May and June 2026
- ii. Internal Audit completed and AGAR signed
- iii. To confirm remittances and invoices, alongside schedule of payments to be made.
- iv. Solar Farm agreement signed

26/081 PLAYGROUND

- i. Quotes being collected for playground repairs

26/069 PLANNING

- i. Attended via Teams:
Dom Palmer Tomkinson — founding director Leaper
Adam Towle — development director Leaper
James Armitage — architect James Armitage architects
- ii. Leaper Land joined the meeting to discuss their plans for the land at Ashes Field, The Street, Cressing. (Previous planning Reference 24/00023/REF) Not yet submitted an application for the new plans this has changed from 5 houses to 2 Bungalows with room for extensions.
- iii. No decisions made by Cllrs. during meeting.

26/070 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- i. Further discussions on Playground report and repairs
- ii. Essex Highways

26/071 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 12th August 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 Tuesday 4th August 2026.

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