CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Cressing Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2026 at 7.00pm at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing.

Present: Cllr John Lawton – Chairman
Cllr Eileen Mottershead
Cllr. Colin Haines
Cllr. John Morris
Cllr. Bob Wright

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

26/111 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and reported as follows:

i. Handyman acquired
ii. Lease Social Club and Football Club reviewed
iii. Lack of support from Essex Highways – letter of complaint to be sent to Cllr Webster & Priti Patel

26/112 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

26/113 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.

26/114 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

i. A request for signage to be installed on Longacre Road due to delivery drivers using the road to turn around. Cllr Wright will follow up this request.
ii. Playground double gate to be bolted closed. It is often left open. **Resolution: Approved**
iii. Difficulty parking in Tye Green raised by residents.

26/115 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Last meeting September 2026 – **Resolution: Approved and Signed**

26/116 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr John Morris attended and reported:

i. Full Council meeting – 170 million shortfall (Budget) This could lead to redundancies.
ii. Vanguard is ongoing – 132 interventions 1 in 6 were in relation to the Wethersfield individuals. 3 month review.
iii. Currently in the process of reducing EHCP backlog. As well as increasing capacity in Cressing Primary School.

iv. Cllr Morris will be attending Cressing Primary School for the Barney and Echo Project.

Cllr Bob Wright attended and reported:

i. Local plan consultation with BDC voted through 21st December.
ii. A proposal to establish a joint approach between all Parish Councils, enabling them to work together and present a stronger, united voice when engaging with the Local Plan Inspectorate. This would help ensure that the views, concerns and interests of local communities are properly represented and taken into consideration during the Local Plan decision process.
iii. Local Government reorganisation 2028 is under discussion.
iv. Elections 2027 BDC
v. Rivenhall Committee are currently holding discussions regarding the existing water levels and the concerns surrounding water not being directed in to the reservoir. The matter is being reviewed to establish the reasons for this and to consider any necessary action. The incinerator will have an extra pipe installed to limit water pressure for residents.
vi. Potholes from 7th December to be repaired from Langham Green to A12 (5 nights)

26/117 FINANCE

i. Bank reconciliation
Resolution: Approved and Signed
ii. Budget 27/28
Resolution: Discussed

26/118 WEBSITE

i. A new website design
Resolution: Approved

26/119 HANDYMAN

i. Rate – fixed price per job or £260 for a full day – 55p per mile on fuel.
Resolution: Approved
ii. No parking signs to be installed on Claud Ince Road grass verge behind bus stop **Resolution: Approved**
iii. Bollard and Pedestrian signage for The Westerings installation (Avondale) **Resolution: Approved**

26/120 PLAYGROUND

i. Installation complete
ii. New equipment to be quoted and possibly installed next year

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

i. Tom Christmas Tree & Decorations will go up between 27th November to 1st December **Resolution: Approved**

26/121 PLANNING

i. 26/02234/FUL – Land Rear of New House Cottages Church Road
ii. 26/02373/HHPA – 172 Cressing Road
iii. 26/02372/HH – Holmdene, Witham Road

26/109 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 9th December 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 1st December 2026.

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