

CRETINGHAM, MONEWDEN AND HOO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 7.30pm at Monewden Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Alister Gourlay (Chair); Brian Martin; Alan Peat; Richard Chenery; Caroline Saxby (Acting Clerk) Michael Oliver; Brigit Parker

SCC Councillor Elaine Bryce

52. Apologies – received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Branton

52.1 Declarations of Interest and to accept any dispensations – none received

52.2 To consider confirming the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings on 9 May 2023, 17 June 2023 and 19 August 2023 – these were confirmed and signed by the Chair

52.3 Public forum - to receive and note comments from members of the public present, through the Chairman only – no public were present

52.4 Matters for debate

52.4.1 Update on road signs – Cllr Peat confirmed that the order for the signs had been placed with Leander and final drawings had been received and reviewed. There had been several revisions but the drawings were now signed off and Leander will provide a provisional delivery date when the signs will be delivered to Holmes. Cllr Elaine Bryce agreed to look at providing some support for the installation costs – Cllr Peat will provide her with the two quotations and Cllr Bryce will endeavour to come back to the Council with her proposal by the end of the week.

52.4.2 Insurance renewal – Clerk advised Councillors by email that the current insurer RSA was no longer offering insurance for Parish Councils. CAS provided a quotation for a new policy with Ansvar. There were several changes from the current policy advised to Councillors by email. The new proposed policy included no cover for Business Interruption, Money, Hirers Liability and Libel and Slander. It was agreed that the council did not have any significant risk exposure for Business Interruption, Money and Hirers Liability.

However it was agreed that the Council should have Libel and Slander insurance. CAS provided a quotation for £100,000 of Libel and Slander cover for £4.18 and £250,000 cover for £78.77. It was agreed that the Parish Council should have a limit of £250,000 for this. The Clerk would go back to check the premium for this and it was agreed that the Clerk should authorise CSA to go ahead with the renewal including the £250,000 limit for libel and slander.

The total premium for the insurance including the libel and slander would amount to £325.83.

An alternative indication for Parish Council insurance had been received from Zurich of £400.00 per year.

52.4.3 Footpath maintenance – Cllr Gourlay had looked into the responsibilities of footpath maintenance. Suffolk County Council is responsible for maintaining footpaths while landowners are responsible for hedges and trees. The Public Rights of Way department at Suffolk County Council advised that there was a limited budget for footpath maintenance and footpaths were limited to 2

cuts per year of those routes that people want or need to use. Cllr Gourlay will write a piece for the parish magazine to let parishioners know where to report problems with footpaths.

The continuing problem with the bridge in Cretingham was discussed – it has been in need of repair for 9 years. Cllr Elaine Bryce will follow up on this with the County Council.

52.4.4 Casual Vacancy for Cretingham – the Council is now able to co-opt a councillor to replace David Egan who has resigned as a councillor for Cretingham. Cllr Gourlay will advertise the vacancy in the parish magazine.

52.5 To hear reports from:

52.5.1 SCC – Cllr Bryce gave a brief report. The Trading Standards team at the county council is an exemplar as they have had success with prosecuting a high level fraudster, and looking into 200 cold calls. The Social Care division has been shortlisted for local council awards. The Fire and Rescue service is being brought back to Suffolk and has spent £1.3 million on a new fire and rescue training centre.

52.5.2 East Suffolk District Council – no councillor present. Report sent to Councillors by email

52.5.3 Councillors Reports – Cllr Chenery discussed the recent thefts in Monewden. Three roadside stalls had been targeted – Cllr Martin had money from his vegetable donation box stolen, one resident had her eggs and egg money stolen and there was a theft of flowers and money from another resident as well as damage to the stall itself. Police had been notified.

52.6 Planning applications and Notifications

To consider any planning applications received by the date of the meeting where reasonable and practical to do so

Public consultation on a draft supplementary planning document – Custom and Self Build Housing – this was discussed. The parish council had no comments on this.

Decisions made since May meeting –

DC/23/2420/FUL | Retrospective Application - Proposed change of use from agricultural storage building to general industrial use (Class B2) for boat repairs. | Corner Farm The Street Cretingham Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 7BL *Application permitted*

DC/23/2429/FUL | Demolition of conservatory, new single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension | Green Farm Hoo Green Hoo Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 7QT *Application permitted*

DC/23/1747/FUL | Renovation of the existing barn and stable wing into a 2 storey, 3 bed dwelling. | Land And Buildings At Kiln Farm Chimers Lane Hoo Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 7QF *Pending consideration*

52.6.1 Monewden Airfield – it was noted that there were some noisier planes using the site recently.

52.7 Correspondence since May 9th Meeting - emailed to Councillors

East Suffolk District Council Parish Reports
Multiply Suffolk Project Newsletter
Fund for Community Hub
Funding Opportunities
Information from Suffolk Police
ES Council August Bulletin

Energy Projects Update
Womens Community Forum
Planning Forum
Suffolk Highways Update
Meet and Greet at Suffolk Show
Sizewell C Update

52.8 Financial matters and payments due:

The following payment was agreed -

100065 C Saxby – Reimbursement for stamps - £5.50

The accounts and budget had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Peat confirmed that he had checked the accounts to the current bank statement and agreed that they were correct.

The summary of budget to actual expenditure was also emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

52.9 Dates for meetings in 2024 – Suggested dates January 16th, March 12th, May 14th, Sept 17th 2024 – these were agreed by Councillors

52.10 Items to go forward to next Agenda – Road signs, footpaths, new councillor

The meeting ended at 8.25. The next meeting is at 7.30 on January 16, 2024 in Monewden Village Hall

Signed

Dated