

# MINUTES OF THE CRETINGHAM, MONEWDEN AND HOO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm

via Zoom

**Present:** Cllrs Alister Gourlay (Chair); Brian Martin; David Defoe; Maria Whelan; Richard Chenery; Michael Oliver; David Egan; Caroline Saxby (Acting Clerk); SCC Councillor Nick Gowrley; District Councillor Maurice Cook

**Public:** none present

**39. Apologies – to accept apologies for absence - None**

**39.1 Declarations of Interest and to accept any dispensations - None**

**39.2 To consider confirming the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 12th January 2021 –**  
these were agreed and will be signed

**39.3 Public forum -** to receive and note comments from members of the public present, through the Chairman only – No public present

**39.4 Matters for debate**

**39.4.1** To provide an update on SID progress - Chairman advised that the council has carried out the work on the posts and so the SID can now be ordered. The SID had a 6 week delivery timetable and Cllr Gourlay will order safety vests, a padlock and brackets for the SID.

**39.4.2** To provide update on Replacement road signs – Cllr Gourlay is still awaiting the council for a quotation for the new signs. He has been waiting for 9 – 10 months. Cllr Gowrley will follow up on the council's behalf.

**39.4.3** To discuss Data Protection and Information Management Policy and General Privacy Notice relating to GDPR – the documents emailed to the councillors were officially adopted.

**39.4.4** Floral Highways – The proposal to leave the verges uncut on the roads from Cretingham to Brandeston and from Monewden to Brandeston until July was discussed. It was agreed that we would agree to the proposal to help wild flowers for a year and see how it went. There was a concern about safety and visibility although the proposal included continual cutting at road junctions for safety reasons. Clerk to respond to accept proposal.

**39.4.5** Update on new Charitylands account – Clerk advised this would be opened once she could make an appointment at the bank

**39.4.6** Internal Audit Councillor Review – Cllr Chenery has carried out the Councillor review and Cllr Gourlay expressed thanks for his work on this. The review was accepted by the council.

**39.4.7** Councillors reports – Cllr Defoe mentioned that there were new potholes on the newly resurfaced Ipswich Road. He will wait for the water to subside before making a report on the online system. Cllr Peat noted that the Highways Department was slow to come out and mark reported potholes. One pothole reported was not looked at by the Highways Department but put on their long term maintenance schedule. Cllr Gowrley will follow up on this and advised that if councillors had problems with this they should inform their County Councillor for assistance.

**To hear reports from:**

SCC – Cllr Gowrley advised the Council that this would be his last meeting standing in for Cllr Vickery. There are elections on 6 May and we will have a new councillor. Cllr Gourlay expressed his thanks to Cllr Gowrley for his help in the last months and for his informative written reports. Cllr Gowrley reminded the council that the locality budget for county councillors of £8,000 would be available from 6 May and if we had a need for funding we should apply early in May.

East Suffolk Council - Cllr Cook advised the council that there was more money available to support local businesses affected by COVID. There was also a new fund for start ups to provide financial and technical advice. Felixstowe has been given Freeport status which will result in 100's of new jobs. East Bags are being distributed to vulnerable residents – these are Jute bags containing things to help residents stay active during winter including goodies, and exercise and diet cards. There is work on hydrogen technology which may enable the Council to refit current large vehicles to assist with reducing carbon emissions. The council has not used up all its reserves on the COVID crisis.

### **39.5 Planning applications and Notifications**

The following was discussed -

DC/21/0688/FUL – Erection of Stable Building, The Spong, Kittles Corner, Cretingham – information sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed there were no objections to this.

#### **39.5.1 Planning Applications since January meeting -**

DC/21/0322/FUL – Construction of New Hay Barn, Red House, Clopton Road – Pending Consideration by Council

DC/21/0459/FUL – Creation of new porch to the front of the property. Build up of existing study to create ensuite for master bedroom. Kitchen extension to rear of the property to include boot room – Ten Pots, Swan Lane, Cretingham. No objections. Pending consideration

#### **39.6 Correspondence since last meeting** circulated to Councillors by email

Maurice Cook Weekly Briefings

Suffolk Coronawatch Bulletins 21/1/21 and 28/1/21 and 1/3/21

Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Bulletins

Nick Gowrley Jan & February Newsletters

Planning model design code consultation

NHS Ipswich feedback request

Feb edition of E Suffolk Council Planning Newsletters

E Suffolk S Area Forum Programme

Sleep webinar from SALC

Ipswich Garden suburb information

Floral Highways Information

#### **39.7 Financial matters and payments due:**

**Current Account Balance as of 10 Feb 2021- £16,311.22 (including £1,738.17 for Charitylands)**

Cheque 100034 for £60 had been presented after 10 February.

VAT reclaimed for 2019/20 and 2020/21 amounting to £79.80 credited by HMRC on 27/1/21

The following payments were approved-

**100035** Suffolk Community Foundation donation agreed at Jan meeting - £50

**100036** Monewden Village Hall donation agreed at Jan meeting - £80

Budget and actual expenditure comparison – emailed to councillors. There were no additional comments on this.

**39.8 Items to go forward to next Agenda – Monewden Airfield and Hillside, Cretingham.**

The meeting ended at 8.20. The next meeting is at 7.30 on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 by Zoom

**Signed**

**Dated**

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