

Minutes of the  
Meeting of the Parish Council of  
Cretingham, Monewden & Hoo  
held in the Village Hall, Monewden 15 January 2014

Present: Brian Martin; Stephen Tuckwell; Chris Barker; Margaret Skeet; Caroline Saxby; Jan Wild

In attendance: Cllr Peter Bellfield; Cllr Bob Snell; Carol Smy (Clerk)

No members of the public attended.

14.1 **Chairman's welcome**

14.2 Apologies for Absence were received from: Alan Peat; PCSO Christian Hassler

14.3 Dispensations: none requested

14.4 The Minutes of the Last Meeting – 23 October 2013 – were agreed unanimously and signed

14.5 There were no Declarations of Interest declared at this time

14.6 **Councillors' Reports:**

14.6.1 Environment – no report

14.6.2 Finance

14.6.2.i Approval of Accounts for Payment

Payment of the cheques was agreed unanimously. Prop MS; seconded ST

300069 £34.50 Stradbroke Parish Council Share of Clerk's bursary

300070 £23.50 Fressingfield Parish Council Share of Clerk's bursary

300071 £230.86 CA Smy Clerk's salary & expenses

14.6.2.ii Financial Report

14.6.2.ii.a The accounts for the period ended 31 December 2013 were:

Current Account: £1,719.60

There were no unresented cheques. Balance at 31 December 2013: £1,719.60

14.6.2.iii Budget 2014/15 – the final document, for the precept demand was agreed unanimously and signed. Prop: MS; seconded ST

14.6.2.iv the Clerk attended the SCDC Budget Review Meeting to take place on 18 November. This gave an overview of SCDC's budget as opposed to pertinent information for T&PCs

14.6.2.v s137 expenditure for 2014//15 was set at £7.20 per elector

14.6.2.vi Donations requested from: CAB; Home Start; Disability Advice Service; Suffolk Accident Rescue Service; magpas;

14.6.2.vii It was agreed to leave the banking arrangements as they were.

14.6.2.viii A request had been received for funding from the Charity Lands account. Monewden members agreed to a payment of £800.

14.6.3 Health, Education, Services & Amenities – nothing to report

14.6.4 Highways - confirmation of a footpath diversion had been posted on the Monewden notice board. A missing sign had been reported. Nothing had happened to the proposed resurfacing of the triangle of land at Church Corner, Hoo. cClerk to

action

14.6.5 Planning –

14.6.5.1 Applications for consideration:

DC/13/3559/LBC addition of new dormer window to rear elevation to match existing dormer windows  
*Green Farm, Monewden*

DC/14/0045/FUL formation of pitched roofs over existing flat roof dormer windows  
*Brayfield, The Street, Cretingham*

*The Council recommended approval for the above applications with no further comment*

14.6.5.2 Applications awaiting SCDC Decision:

DC/13/3295/FUL change of use – agricultural land to domestic curtilage  
*Chimers Farm, Chimers Lane, Hoo*

14.6.5.3 SCDC Decisions Made:

*The following applications were granted planning permission:*

DC/13/3085/FUL erection of detached garage building (revised scheme to that approved under application C13/0722)  
*Ten Pots, Swan Lane, Cretingham*

DC/13/3401/FUL proposed single storey side extension and alterations  
*Willow Tree Cottage, Rookery Road, Monewden*

14.6.5.4 Other Planning Matters:

14.6.5.i DC/13/2929/FUL erection of two storey extension to existing detached dwelling  
*The Mill House, the Street, Monewden*

The above application had been withdrawn

14.6.5.4.ii a gateway (gates and concrete splay) had been opened up at East View Lodge, Cretingham seemingly without planning permission Clerk to action

14.6.6 Police - nothing to report

14.6.7 SALC/Suffolk ACRE – nothing to report

#### 14.7 Correspondence

14.7.1.i email from HealthWatch concerning a listening event to be held on 30 Jan 14 at Wickham Market.

14.7.1.ii email from the editor of Canine County offering publicity

14.7.1.iv letter advising changes of personnel at Suffolk Constabulary

14.7.2 Tabled Items: Leiston CAB Annual Report; Orwell Housing Annual Report; Clerks & Councils Direct; Suffolk View; information from Home Start; SALC Annual Report; Coastline; SCDC Factfile 2013; War Memorials Trust information; SCDC information on safety of trees;

#### 14.8 Clerk's Report

14.8.1 The Clerk attended the SCDC November Finance Briefing.

14.8.2 War Memorials Trust suggests that Councils undertake to record their memorials.

14.8.3 Email received concerning recruiting a village recorder for Monewden & Cretingham.

#### 14.9 Reports from the District and County Councillors and the Beat Officer

14.9.1 County Councillor – Cllr Bellfield reported that savings for the coming financial year had already been identified with virtually no front line services affected. The biggest saving would come from land fill taxes (£9m pa) once the incinerator was operational. There would be minimal impact on highways and waste recycling and other important services. There was still a discrepancy in the take-up of free school meals. This was an important supplement to school funding and all those eligible to claim for their children were encouraged to do so. Planning permission had been granted for the ninth of ten care homes due to replace those previously owned by SCC. SCC had taken up grants from Central Government to provide apprenticeships. Further cross border partnerships were being investigated. Demand for Cllr Bellfield's Locality Budget had been low this year so there was still funding available.

14.9.2 District Councillor - a Community enabling fund had been established and Cllr Snell had £4,000 available for community projects/activities. A judicial review of the new Core strategy was taking place following challenges to environmental issues. SCDC would be moving to more suitable premises at some time in the near future. A new consultation from the Boundary Committee would be circulated soon.

14.9.3 Police – PCSO Hassler reported that there had been one crime in Cretingham since the last meeting – a theft which took place between 8/9 November 2013. One crime had occurred in Monewden – a burglary between 08/14 December 2013. No crimes had occurred in Hoo. PCSO Hassler stressed the usefulness of Police Direct and gave a reminder to test smoke alarms regularly.

14.10 Monewden Airfield – the Clerk had pursued this matter but had not received anything more than an acknowledgement and perhaps it would be more effective for the Pressure Group to request information

14.11 Land at Oak Corner – nothing to report

14.12 Carpet Bowls for Monewden – The available mat still had to be viewed.

14.13 Cretingham Bell - the Clerk had been advised the pub had closed and enquiries were made about listing it as a community asset. A link had forwarded. Over the Christmas period the Clerk was advised that the Bell had been sold and was under refurbishment prior to re-opening.

14.15 Affordable Housing – nothing further had been heard about the proposal for Cretingham.

#### 14.16 Matters of Information brought by Members

14.16.1 A resident of Cretingham had enquired about the provision of dog waste bins

#### 14.17 Items for Agenda 19 March 2014

14.17 Possible provision of dog bins

Meeting closed 20.40hrs

Signed: *BA Martin*  
Chairman

19 March 2014