

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of
Cretingham, Monewden & Hoo
held in the Village Hall, Monewden 19 March 2014

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

In attendance: Carol Smy (Clerk)

No members of the public attended.

14.1 Chairman's welcome

14.2 Apologies for Absence were received from: Alan Peat; George Ralli; Cllr Bellfield; Cllr Snell

14.3 Dispensations: none requested

14.4 The Minutes of the Last Meeting – 15 January 2014 – 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

Cheques requiring approval:

300072	£ 47.50	The Post Office	Clerk's PAYE 4/4 2013/14
300073	£ 6.00	SALC	Clerk's course
300074	£ 35.00	Fressingfield PC	Share of Clerk's annual subscription to SLCC
300075	£292.14	CA Smy	Clerk's salary & expenses

Payment proposed JW; seconded MS approved unanimously

14.6.2.ii Financial Report

14.6.2.ii.a The accounts for the period ended 28 February 2014 were:

Current Account: £1427.89

There were no unrepresented cheques. Balance at 28 February 2014: £1427.89

14.6.2.iii Donations had been requested from: CAB; Home Start; Disability Advice Service; Suffolk Accident Rescue Service; magpas. It was unanimously agreed to make a grant of £50 to Leiston, Saxmundham and District CAB.

14.6.2.v Repeal of s150(5) Local Government Act 1972 would mean that it would no longer be necessary to adhere to the two signature rule and so online banking would become legitimate. However, should the Council wish to make use of this legislative reform order (LRO) it must ensure that rigorous systems were in place to minimise the risk of fraud. It was advised that, in this event, a small working party meets to draw up an appropriate code. It was unanimously agreed to remain with the status quo for the time being.

14.6.3 Health, Education, Services & Amenities –

14.6.4 Highways - potholes were being reported regularly. The work on the triangle at Hoo had been completed.

14.6.5 Planning –

14.6.5.1 Applications for consideration:

DC/14/0569/LBC retention of internal alterations to dwelling *Poplar Farm, Cretingham*

The Council recommended unanimous approval for the above (CB did not vote)

14.6.5.2 Applications awaiting SCDC Decision:

DC/13/3295/ful change of use of agricultural land to domestic cartilage and retention of outbuilding for ancillary domestic use. *Land south of Chimers Farm House, Chimers Lane, Hoo*

14.6.5.3 SCDC Decisions Made:

DC/13/3558/ful addition of new dormer window to rear elevation to match the existing dormer *Green Farm, Travellers Road, Monewden*

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DC/14/0045/ful formation of pitched roofs over existing flat roof dormers *Brayfield, The Street, Cretingham*

14.6.5.4 Other Planning Matters:

14.6.5.4.i East View, Cretingham: this was reported and the Senior Planning Officer stated he would contact the householder and suggest a planning application be submitted. No further information received.

14.6.6 Police - nothing to report

14.6.7 SALC/Community Action Suffolk – SALC wished to collate information on the areas with a poor mobile phone signal. The draft regulation on recording council meetings (at all levels) was likely to become law in the very near future. Prior notice of recording must be given.

14.7 Correspondence

14.7.1.i SCDC Litter Action – as the villages regularly ‘policed’ litter there would be no participation in the annual Spring Clean Suffolk?

14.7.1.ii Councillors were invited to attend an event explaining the working merger with Waveney DC and the resultant changes to the online system.

14.7.2 Tabled Items: Clerks & Councils Direct; TLC;

14.8 Clerk’s Report

14.8.1 Draft recommendations on the Electoral Review of Suffolk Coastal - consultation now open; last submissions by 28 April 2014.

14.8.2 The Clerk would be unavailable for the October meeting; it was agreed the Clerk should arrange an alternative date (8 Oct or 24 Sept) with Wendy Heath and inform Members.

14.8.3 CS to submit her Declarations of Interest online

14.9 Reports from County and District Councillors and PCSO

14.9.1 Cllr Bellfield advised that the County Council would be discussing education, in depth, at its forthcoming meeting.

14.9.2 Cllr Snell’s written report appended to these minutes

14.9.3 Police – The next SNT public priority setting meeting would be held at Saxmundham Market Hall on the 9th of April 2014 at 2pm. All were welcome to attend.

14.10 Monewden Airfield – SCDC had been shown little interest when contacted and uncommunicative thereafter.

14.11 Land at Oak Corner – the tree had survived the strong winds and so appeared very sound. The land was still in the ownership of SCDC.

14.12 Carpet Bowls for Monewden – The available mat had not been viewed. This item would be removed from the agenda.

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

14.14 Provision of dog bins - it was agreed the cost of emptying was not justified at this time. This item would be removed from the agenda.

14.15 Matters of Information brought by Members

14.15.i The Bell at Cretingham had reopened and appeared to be thriving and very busy

14.15.ii Village of the Year competition: closing date for entries 17 May 2014

14.15.iii Margaret Skeet announced her decision to resign from the Council. A resident had expressed an interest in being co-opted. As required, the vacancy would be advertised.

14.16 Items for Agenda 19 May 2014 - this meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meetings

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.17

Signed:
Chairman

19 May 2014