

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Cretingham, Monewden & Hoo  
Held in the Village Hall Monewden 15 March 2017**

**Present:** Brian Martin; Alister Gourlay;; David Defoe; Alan Peat; Caroline Saxby (acting clerk); Jan Wild

**In Attendance:** Cllr Robin Vickery

No members of the public attended. No items were brought to the attention of the Parish Council in the time allocated to the Public Forum

**17.1 Chairman's welcome**

**17.2 Apologies for Absence were received from and accepted:** George Ralli, Richard Chenery

**17.4 No dispensations had been requested**

**17.5 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2017 were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.**

**17.6 There were no Declarations of Interest**

**17.7 Councillors' Reports:**

**17.7.1 Environment** – nothing to report

**17.7.2 Finance:**

**17.7.2.i Approval of Accounts for Payment**

Payments requiring approval are:

300030 £266.70 Carol Smy's owed hours Feb/March

300031 £37.20 Carol Smy PAYE Jan – March  
£12.40 x 3

CA Smy  
HMRC

Proposed: AG seconded: AP - agreed unanimously

**17.7.2.i.a Banking:** Change to Coop happening but cheque books etc sent to Carol. Will transfer money over to Coop by cheque once all set up

**17.7.2.ii Financial Report**

Balances at 15 March 2017:

Current Account: £2,394.89

There was one outstanding cheque -£173.52 for SALC as this is not due yet

**17.7.2.iii Charitylands accounts:** Community Account £335.01 Savings £810.11

**17.7.2.iv Transparency Code Funding** – Laptop still needs to be purchased

**17.7.3 Health, Education** – no report

**17.7.4 Highways** – Speeding signs – it was agreed that at the moment Monewden would not participate in the speed sign but Cretingham and Hoo were both interested. Hoo sign post still needs to be repaired. The condition of Church Road in Monewden had been reported to the Council with the response that it was under review. Some potholes had been repaired on Ipswich Road Cretingham and filled in fairly quickly. Nothing is happening on foot bridge in Cretingham probably due to lack of available funds. Previous Clerk had reported this but it was thought to be very costly to repair. Alister and Alan will report damage to footpaths in Cretingham and Hoo to the Council.

**17.7.5 Planning** –

**17.7.5.1 Applications for consideration at this meeting:**

DC/17/0812/FUL – single story extension to guest house – *The Cart Lodge, Green Farm, Monewden*

Approval with no further comment was recommended unanimously for the above

The parish council has received a pre planning application re a mast at Cretingham and decided not to comment until planning permission was requested.

**17.7.5.2 Applications considered at previous planning meetings:**

DC/17/0812/FUL – Beech tree to be felled – *Rookery Farm, Cretingham*

*Approval recommended for application above*

**17.7.5.3 Decisions made by SCDC**

DC/16/5031/FUL – boiler and oil tank *286 Kittles Corner, Cretingham*

*All the above applications had planning approval granted*

**17.7.5.4 Other planning matters**

**17.7.6 Police** – No report

**17.7.7 SALC/Community Action Suffolk** – No report

**17.7.8 Services & Amenities** – No report

**17.8 Correspondence** - None

**17.8.2 Tabled Items:**

## **17.9 Clerk's report**

17.9.1 Laptop – still to be purchased

17.9.2 Last payment to Carol of £266.70 to be made and her P45 to be sent. Keep payroll scheme open so that it is available for new clerk

17.9.3 New clerk – we have received an approach from the previous parish clerk at Earl Soham, Jane Page. Acting Clerk had spoken to her and let her know that the employment was for only 2 hours a week and she was interested. It was agreed that Brian and Caroline would meet Jane Page and report back to the council.

## **17.10 Reports from County and District Councillors**

17.10.1 **County Councillor** – Cllr Robin Vickery reported that there were elections on 4 May for the County Council. There had been 0% increases in the budget over the last 6 years and the budget for this year also had a 0% increase but there was a 3% additional charge for Adult Social Care as allowed for by the government. The £8M raised by the increase would go to upgrading the pay of workers so that they would be paid the National Living Wage. There was an overrun this year of £8M due to Social Care for Adults and Young People – this will come out of reserves. There are usable reserves of about £48M – the remainder of the monies held by the Council have already been earmarked for big infrastructure projects such as the Lake Lothian Crossing in Lowestoft and Bridge in Ipswich. £10M was spent last year on road surfacing to try to avoid the constant repair of potholes. The Highways Department at the Council is being transformed to set up more specialist teams. Education is improving – for GCSE the County was 55 out of 151 counties. Broadband – the aim is 96% coverage by 2019. Cllr Vickery advised that if he were reelected we should apply to him for the cost of the speed signs, estimated to be £3,000 and he would consider this from his Locality Budget. Suffolk County Council would pay for the posts separately.

17.10.2 **District Councillor** – apologies received for meeting

17.11 **Monewden Airfield** – Council has received two letters from Glenn Read, a flyer at Monewden airfield. First letter described a visit to the airfield following a visit from the Council and his response to the complainants. He invited to meet the complainants to discuss their points. As the Council does not know the complainants we are not able to assist on this. The second letter concerned microlights – a conversation with Suffolk Coastal ascertained that the issue was one for them. It was agreed that the Clerk would write back to Mr Read and confirm that the council is supportive of the current planning conditions relating to the airfield. Also that the Council was unlikely to support microlights at the airfield and refer him back to Suffolk Coastal.

17.12 **OneSuffolk website** – no updates given

17.13 **Matters of Information brought by Members** – Jan Wild mentioned that she had been broken into while she and her husband were away from the house for about an hour. The thieves took furniture and valuables. Jan had heard that there was a communication system in Dallinghoo for such an eventuality and wondered if our parishes could have some method of communication when there had been such events. She was concerned about the elderly and isolated. Alistair mentioned a phone tree which worked well for notifying parents at his school. Clerk will look into alternatives.

17.14 **There was one item for inclusion in the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - 17 May 2017 which would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meetings (commencing 7pm)**

Neighbourhood Watch or similar

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45 hrs**

**Signed:  
Chairman**

**17 May 2017**