

# CREATON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Creaton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in the Village Hall, Teeton Lane, Creaton at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllr Stan Perrins (Chair) Cllrs Richard Hollingum (Vice-Chair), Reg Thomas, Maureen Titman, Caroline Pugh, Reg Thomas and David Watt,

**In attendance:** Lynne Compton, Clerk

### 70.11 PUBLIC FORUM 15 mins

There were no members of the public present.

### 71.11 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Perrins proposed acceptance of apologies from Cllr Jack, seconded by Cllr Hollingum and **resolved** to be approved by Parish Council.

### 72.11 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AND AGENDA dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

These were proposed by Cllr Hollingum, seconded by Cllr Thomas, **resolved** to be approved by Parish Council and subsequently signed by the Chairman.

### 73.11 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (for information only)

#### a) Planting of trees in the Village (Sept Minutes Point 52.11a)

To receive an update from Cllr Hollingum

Cllr Hollingum reported that Highgate would be having a large proportion of the trees. John Harper had spoken to Cottesbroke and Creaton Playing Field Association who were both happy to have a selection of trees on the Playing Field.

#### b) BBC Programme on Bees, Butterflies and Wildflower

Cllr Hollingum had received an email from the BBC indicating that transmission of the programme featuring Creaton had been delayed.

#### c) Planning (Sept Minutes Point 58.11)

Residents had been reported to DDC regarding pollarding of trees without permission. It was suggested that the personal approach would perhaps have been better eg a telephone call or letter from the Parish Council and that it might be an idea for DDC to explain via an article in the next Village Link about which trees to pollard etc.

Action: Clerk to ask Michael Venton (DDC Tree Officer) to do an article for Village Link (in the context of tree management ) and possibly links from the Creaton Website to the relevant DDC pages

Clerk

#### d) Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

It was reported that the resident who had originally expressed an interest in setting up NHW in Spratton had since declined to do so. Action: Clerk to put a request for an NHW co-ordinator in the next edition of Village Link

Clerk

#### e) Youth Club

Cllr Winter reported that a new resident had suggested starting a Youth Club in Spratton. Action: Clerk to forward details of the National Association of Youth Clubs Co-ordinator to Sylvia together with details of the DACT bus (possibility of funding a bus from Creaton to the Brixworth Youth Club), Clerk to put on the agenda for the November meeting.

Clerk

### 74.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in respect of relevant items of business on the agenda

There were none.

### 75.11 FINANCE

#### a) Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

Cllr Watt proposed payment of the following accounts, seconded by Cllr Titman and **resolved** to be accepted by Parish Council:-

Date	Details		Chq No.	Amount	Account
04/10/11	ELM TREE MAINTENANCE	Churchyard Mowing	315	£285.00	Churchyard
04/10/11	LYNNE COMPTON	Wages & Exp	316	£303.79	Salaries
04/10/11	NCC LGPS	Pension	317	£97.54	Salaries
04/10/11	HMRC Only	PAYE	318	£72.80	Salaries
04/10/11	BDO	Audit Fees	319	£162.00	Audit
04/10/11	COUNCILLOR HOLLINGUM	Re-imbusement for payment of Domain Name fee to Calico UK	320	£15.00	Website
04/10/11	SPRATTON PARISH COUNCIL	BT Phone July & Aug	321	£13.49	Office
04/10/11	EON	Streetlighting maintenance	322	£111.56	Streetlighting
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1061.18</b>	

- b) **Receipts(if any)**  
Cash from Village Organisation Raffles held to raise money for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 – - £267.50 handed to Clerk. Action : Clerk to pay in asap. **Clerk**
- c) **Review of Finances and Budget for 2012/13**  
To agree date for Finance meeting prior to the November meeting.  
Parish Council **resolved** to fix a date at the November meeting.  
Action: Clerk to notify Village Organisations of deadline for receipt of grant applications (31<sup>st</sup> October 2011) **Clerk**

- 76.11 **UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS (if any)**
- a) **Buckton Fields Development** – This matter had now gone to DDC appeal. After some discussion, Parish Council **resolved** to re-iterate the concerns raised in its original letter eg lack of infrastructure. Cllr Hollingum reported that the development had previously been rejected due to failure to agree a bypass route. **Clerk**  
Action: Clerk to send in letter on original lines

- b) **Mabbutts Timber Yard** – Parish Council were concerned that no update had been received on this proposed development. Action: Clerk to investigate **Clerk**

77.11 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED To consider (if any)**

**Application No:** DA/2011/0718  
**Description:** Conversion and change of use of existing barn to ancillary residential use  
**Location:** The Garden House 14, The Green, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8ND

Case Officer: M Baynham on 01327 302591 or email [mbaynham@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:mbaynham@daventrydc.gov.uk).

Respond by 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Cllr Perrins had spoken to the applicants and ascertained that the change of use of the barn was purely for storage purposes. The Clerk reported that DDC had confirmed that "Ancillary residential use" meant that no money could change hands eg the barn could not be rented out or sold separately to that of the rest of the house.

Parish Council **resolved** "no observations"

- Action: Clerk to send in response **Clerk**

78.11 **PLANNING DECISION NOTICES To report (if any)**

There were none.

79.11 **SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PLANNING FRAMEWORK To discuss and agree responses (Draft circulated)**

	<b>Planning Level</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Opportunity to Influence</b>
a)	National	National Planning Policy Framework	A radical streamlining of existing Planning Policy Statements, Planning Policy Guidance Notes, and some other circulars to form a single consolidated document. The Framework reduces the nearly 900,000 words and 1,000 pages currently comprising national planning policies – into a user-friendly and open document. It will become a single document accessible to everyone nationally who has an interest in contributing to the development of their local area.	Consultation documents Deadline for responses: 17 October 2011

After some discussion, Parish Council **resolved** that this should be discussed at a Planning Advisory group meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 7.30 pm at Cllr Hollingum's residence – Cllr Hollingum, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Perrins, Cllr Winter and the Clerk to attend. The Clerk reported that DDC would be circulating a copy of their response to the consultation for interested parishes.

Action: Clerk to provide full copy of the consultation for the meeting plus a copy of the DCLG easy to read version and DDC response (if completed). **Clerk**

b)	Community	Neighbourhood Plan	Produced by the community itself it identifies the strengths and weaknesses of a defined area, and sets out what an area should look like, where new shops, businesses and homes should go and what green spaces should be provided.	Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners Scheme Deadline for applications: 4 November 2011
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After some discussion, Parish Council **resolved** that it would be a good idea to join with Spratton to do a Neighbourhood Plan. The benefits to joining with a neighbouring village to do a Neighbourhood Plan were to spread the cost, to help ensure ribbon development wouldn't take place and to aid with gaining 21 people for a village forum (currently required by Government to produce a Neighbourhood Plan). Noted: Government actively encouraged villages to join together to secure the peripheries of villages. The only reservation was that Creaton had been suggested in the SHLAA Land Audit as being suitable for a medium sized housing development whereas Spratton had not been identified as having any areas suitable for development. Parish Council unanimously agreed to join with Spratton on the basis of equal representation. It was suggested that the following residents (who had previously been interested in planning issues) might like to join the Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Group:- Geoff White, Ian Keer, a member of the Chudley family, Cllr Hollingum and Cllr Perrins. Action: Cllr Perrins to discuss further with Cllr Heaton (Spratton). Action: Clerk to contact residents who had previously expressed an interest in planning and do an article for the next Village Link. **Clerk**

- 80.11 HIGHWAYS ISSUES (if any)**  
**To consider and agree action.**
- a) **Update (if any)**
- i) **Fluorescent Stickers on Lamp Posts** – several complaints had been received about these.  
 Action: Clerk to notify EON Clerk
  - ii) **Speeding** – It was reported that there was still speeding on the top road (A5199). Action:  
 Clerk to request speed survey. Clerk
  - iii) **Village Assessment – Bus Shelter** – It was reported that Virginia Creeper was now growing  
 inside the bus shelter. Action: Cllr Hollingum to assess. Cllr  
Hollingum
  - iv) **Village Green Pathway** – It was reported that this was still in a poor condition. Action:  
 Clerk to report to NCC Highways again. Clerk
  - v) **30 mph sign in Grooms Lane** – it was reported that this was now in place.
- b) **Community Payback Scheme for Highways/Greenworks**  
 To receive update  
 The Clerk reported that the Probation service had requested a meeting to assess the suitability of the  
 areas outlined. Cllr Thomas and the Clerk to meet with them. Clerk
- Action: Clerk to organise a date
- 81.11 CREATON CEMETERY/CHURCHYARD**
- a) **Burial/Memorial Requests (if any)**  
 There were none.
- 82.11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT (not already on the agenda)**  
 To review and agree action where necessary
- a) ACRE Annual Report - awaiting hard copy Clerk
  - b) Chris Millar Village SOS - Lottery money available  
*Action: Clerk to notify village organisations*
  - c) NCC Highways Maintenance Update
  - d) Richard Hollingum Notice from BBC that programme featuring Creaton has been  
 postponed  
 Parish Enhancement Teams Questionnaire Clerk  
*Action: Clerk to complete – Noted: Parish Enhancement Gangs  
 had not not done any work in the village yet this year.*
  - e) NCC New Laws for Dog Owners Clerk  
*Action: Clerk to advertise*
  - f) Lisa Hudson-Fryer Northants CALC eUpdate - September/October 2011
  - g) Danny Moody NAB Winter Edition of Viewpoint
  - h) Ray Foster Local Wind farms & Kelmarsh Public Inquiry details
  - i) David Unwin Re: Moulton Over Fifties Roadshow an overwhelming success!
  - j) Della Butcher Final Recommendations and Details of 2013 Review of  
 Parliamentary Constituencies in England Clerk  
*Parish Council noted*
  - k) Boundary Commission for  
 England
  - l) Danny Moody Something for the weekend? - Councillor Survey
  - m) Several Residents Letters of complaint regarding Wild Flower area on Village  
 Green (see point 83.11)  
 Letter regarding reduced funding for DACT and requesting that  
 Parish Council obtain signatures for their petition. Clerk  
 Action: Clerk to provide copies of petition for Creaton Post  
 Office
- 83.11 VILLAGE GREEN**  
 To discuss mowing.
- a) **Wildflower Area** - After some discussion, Parish Council resolved that the resident who had planted  
 the wildflowers would be informed that the area would be mown over due to the inappropriate site of  
 the area, Parish Council also asked for another more suitable area to be suggested. A draft letter had  
 been circulated (after an email consultation), Parish Council unanimously approved the draft letter. Clerk  
 Action: Clerk to send letter and inform those residents who had complained.
  - b) **Contractor Mowing** – After some discussion and advice from residents, Parish Council resolved to  
 leave mowing of the Village Green until the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011. It was also  
 suggested that the Green could not be cut as short as some areas had gone brown (although it was  
 agreed that might be due to the lack of rain this year) Action: Clerk to inform the contractor and Clerk  
 discuss possibility of not cutting the Green as short.
- 84.11 CREATON CONTACTS**  
 To receive revised draft  
 The Clerk had copied the new edition of Creaton Contacts (as Village Link had been produced before  
 the meeting) – copies were circulated at the meeting. Cllr Perrins proposed a vote of thanks to the  
 Clerk for all her hard work on this. Clerk
- Action: Clerk to amend (where inaccuracies had been identified) and produce copies for Creaton Post  
 Office. Clerk
- 85.11 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**  
 To discuss ideas for commemorating this event. Clerk  
 Action: Clerk to check with the Primary School and Village Hall if there were any plans for a Jubilee  
 celebration plus try to ascertain the numbers of children in the village.

**86.11 VILLAGE TIDY UP – HELD ON SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2011**

**To receive a report**

Cllr Pugh reported that this had been very successful (for the time of year) with a total of 13 adults and 4 children litter picking. 11 bags of rubbish had been collected. All those adults present had been entered into a raffle to win a bottle of wine (kindly donated by Highgate House). It was suggested that School could do a Colouring Competition to tie in with the next tidy up (prize to be provided for winner) and that the event should be advertised more widely – reminders going out a week or two before the event (this was agreed as several residents had indicated they saw the event advertised in Village Link but then forgot about it).

Clerk

Action: Clerk to do a write-up of the event for the next edition of Village Link

**87.11 COUNCILLOR SURGERIES**

**To receive a report from the September Surgery and agree a date for the November Surgery**

Cllr Perrins reported that Cllr Pugh, the Clerk and he had run the Surgery – which had been a great success – 10 people had turned up in the 2 hours (10-2). The main items discussed had been:-

- i) Suggestion of a 20 mph speed limit on entering the village
- ii) Objections to the Wildflower area on the Village Green
- iii) Suggestion of a Slow sign on the road near the Alms Cottages
- iv) Poor state of the path on the Village Green (which was a hazard to pedestrians)

Clerk

The date for the November Surgery was agreed as **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

Action: Clerk to investigate with NCC Slow sign and 20 mph speed limit, report the poor state of the path and advertise the November surgery.

**88.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011**

**Meeting Dates for 2011/2012**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012

*Meeting Closed 9.35 pm*

Chairmans Signature:.....

Date:.....