

# CREATON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Councillor James Hill

## Minutes of a Meeting of Creaton Parish Council

Held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016**  
in the Village Hall, Creaton at **7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs James Hill, Michelle Aveyard, John Palmer, Jane Shanks, Claire Thomas, Geoff White, and Sylvia Winter.

John Palmer also acted as Temporary Clerk.

16/43 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations

16/44 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Reg Thomas

16/45 **Signing and approval of minutes of meetings**

The minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> April were signed by the chairman as a correct record of the meetings.

16/46 **Matters arising**

It was agreed that discussions regarding the appointment of the clerk would be discussed in closed session at the end of the meeting.

16/47 **Appointment of Chair**

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor James Hill should be elected as Chair for the next 12 months. Cllr Winter was appointed Vice-Chair.

16/48 **Finance**

The clerk advised that there had been no payments made since the previous meeting. The bank statement for April had yet to be received but there was approximately £650 of receipts for matters to do with the cemetery to be added to receipts.

16/49 **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

**[1] DA2016/0348 The Red House, Hollowell Road, Creaton  
Conversion of existing barn to studio**

No comment

**[2] DA2016/0375 1 Violet Lane Creaton**

**Revised plans for conversion of dwelling to residential use and plans for parking**

After considerable discussion the meeting confirmed its opposition to the revised plans on the basis that it did not consider that the proposal will improve the current situation regarding parking of vehicles in close proximity to the junction with the A5199.

The meeting was also concerned over the increased risk that could be caused by the creation of 2 dwellings albeit that the current office use is to be "ancillary " to the main dwelling.

By approving the application 3 parking places would be created that require blind maneuvering within 20m of the road junction.

The PC therefore continue to object to the application as it does not consider that the new application will do anything to reduce the risk associated with the extensive parking on the public highway in close proximity of the junction.

16/50 **Drainage and standing water on Brixworth Road adjacent to Playing Fields**

Ian Horn on behalf of the Playing Fields Association brought to the attention of the meeting the repeated problem of standing water on Brixworth Road after heavy rain and its impact on the usability of the playing field.

It was recognised that this was an increasingly common problem caused because of the inability of the culvert to cope with the volume of water flowing through the drainage system, exacerbated by the small diameter of the pipe and the build up of silt. Effectively the infrastructure could not cope with what was required of it resulting in the current situation. This created both a safety hazard to traffic passing along Brixworth Road, and the usability of the playing field for periods of time.

The matter was discussed in some detail. It was accepted that the problem was not one which the parish council had the ability to resolve directly but that in the first instance contact should be made with NCC Highways. A senior manager in highways responsible for this area lived in the village so it was suggested that they might be a good first point of call.

16/51 **Appointment of clerk**

The meeting received an update on the appointment of the clerk. The position had been accepted and an offer and written terms sent for agreement and signature.

Councillor Palmer had acted as temporary clerk for over 10 months. In accordance with regulations a councillor can only undertake such a role on an unpaid basis. A proposal was made to make a payment to Cllr Palmer of £18 per month to cover all expenses incurred in the job, specifically a contribution to heating and lighting, carpet wear and repairs, telephone and other consumable expenses. This payment - non taxable – would be consistent with the payment made to the previous and new clerk for the same use of facilities. The figure would be 10 x £18= £180. It was agreed to authorise this payment. All thanked Councillor Palmer for his support.

16/52 **Any other business**

It had previously been agreed to pay for the removal of a birch tree on Brixworth Road. An estimate had now been received of £200+VAT for the work to be done. This was agreed.