

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Little Cressingham and Threxton Parish Council

Held on Thursday 27/10/2022 at All Saints Church Threxton.

Present: Councillor Tim Leonard; Councillor Chris Cannon; Councillor Austin Ashton; Councillor Marion Goldstone; County Councillor Fabian Eagle and Mrs. Jean Williams, Parish Clerk. There were no members of the public present.

1. Welcome: Councillor Leonard took the chair and welcomed those present. He stated that this may be his last meeting because he is moving house very soon and has tendered his resignation to Councillor Abel.

2. Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tony Abel. The apology was accepted by those present.

3. To consider dispensations and declarations of interest. None

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12/05/2022. The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting

5. To note matters arising from the minutes not included in this agenda. None

6. To receive reports from the County Councillor and the District Councillor.

Councillor Eagle stated that the County Council were in the process of Budget consultation, there is a need to save large sums of money because the County Council is currently running with a £60 million debt. There will need to be cuts in services to cope with this deficit. There are many meetings taking place to discuss the issues, he said there definitely will be changes to the library service. Councillor Eagle informed the meeting that Avian Flu is causing immense problems to the poultry industry. He also spoke about the conservation of wild birds and their feeding grounds.

Councillor Eagle reported that Breckland Local Plan is currently under review.

7. Chairmans report. The Chairman was not present, no report given

8. Report from Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk stated that she had forwarded all relevant correspondence to the Councillors as she received it. A new laptop has been purchased, the clerk asked what the Councillors wished to do with the old one, which is beyond economical repair. It was agreed that it could be taken to Wayland Men's Shed to be stripped down and relevant parts recycled. **Action Clerk**

The Clerk's contract was available to sign, it was agreed it would be signed at the next meeting, when, hopefully, the Chairman would be present. The Bank mandate required signatures; this would be dealt with at the end of the meeting. Councillor Cannon agreed to be a signatory, in place of Councillor Leonard.

9. Update on the Defibrillator. The defibrillator in Little Cressingham is now fully installed, Councillors advised the Parish Clerk that they are hoping to have a second one installed in The Alms for the residents. The previous Clerk had taken some steps to seek funding, to date none has been found. A member present suggested that the Village Fund may be able to give a contribution. The clerk will make an application to the

Village Fund. The Clerk stated that she would like to apply to the National Lottery fund, all present agreed.

Action Clerk

10. Update on siting of Dog Waste Bins. Councillor has suggested two suitable sites for the dog waste bins, Clerk to contact Breckland to seek advice to ensure the contractors will empty them.

Action Clerk

11.Update on Stanta. Nothing of note has been received, Councillors agreed all information is posted on their website and is easily accessed.

12.Information: Re SAMS2. No information has been received by the Clerk from Martin Kay. The clerk agreed to remind him of the next Parish Council Meeting so that he can provide any available data.

Action Clerk

13. Update re: Planning Applications. There have been no significant new Planning applications received since the last meeting. STV had various conditions on their Planning Approval 8, 9, 10 &11. The signage is now in place. Vehicle Management, the condition stated that there should be a one-way system on the site to stop vehicles reversing out onto the road. Wheel Cleaning should also be carried out. It is not known at this stage if the company has complied with these conditions. Councillor Eagle will make enquiries of what is happening and inform the Clerk.

14. To receive the Financial Report

Barclays Business Current Account at 01/09/2022	£100.00
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Barclays Business Savings Account at 01/09/2022	£561.64
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Items Owing

Mrs M Cousins, Handover to Clerk and expenses	£127.75
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Insurance due 08/11/2022	£200.84
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Reimburse the Clerk for the Laptop replacement	£409.99
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Salary for Parish Clerk June to October 2022	£270.20
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HMRC Tax Liability for Parish Clerk	£ 67.30
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Discussion took place re the lack of finance to cover the expenditure at the current time.

The Parish Clerk stated that unfortunately she was not aware that the funds were so low. The precept amount is not realistic and will need to be increased by a substantial amount. The Clerk said that the insurance must be paid, and she advised that Mrs. Cousins should also be paid for her time.

15. To discuss the Budget in preparation for the Precept Request

Councillors stated that as far as they were aware there was no formal budget set. The Clerk advised that a budget should be set in order that the finance needs of the Parish Council were provided for and that there should be cover for any contingencies that may occur.

16. To discuss the possibility of a celebration for the Kings Coronation in May 2023. The clerk asked if the Parish Council would be providing any celebration for the Kings Coronation. Councillors stated that the Village Fund Committee arranged social gatherings for the villages.

17. To discuss any items not included in this Agenda, Councillor Cannon stated that he had some ideas of residents who may be interested in becoming Parish Councillors, he is happy to ask if they would wish to be co-opted onto the Council. Members informed him that this could not happen at the current time because the Council has a full membership. Once Councillor Leonard has moved house then there will be a vacancy.

Councillors discussed that some of the hedges at The Alms are overgrown, need attention. No decisions taken.

Signage needs to be cleared of vegetation obstruction, Councillor Cannon to notify the Clerk of the person to contact at West Toft's.

Action Councillor Cannon & Clerk

18. To receive information from Speed Watch Co Ordinator. None

19. Open the Meeting for Public Discussion. None

20. To confirm the date and place of the next meeting. The next meeting will take place at 7:30pm on 19/01/2023 at St Andrews Church, Little Cressingham.

21 To receive items for the next Agenda

Spacewatch Report

Defibrillator

STV

Tree Plantation

The Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed Chairman

Date