



CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council meeting** held at the Village Hall, Creeting St Mary on **Thursday, 25th June 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: J Palmer (Chair)
M Broodryk
R Coton
L Plummer
K Buckle

In Attendance: J Blackburn - Clerk

CSM26/26/27 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mitchell.

County Cllr Hicks and District Cllrs Piper and Lawrence also sent their apologies.

CSM27/26/27 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

CSM27/26/27 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

CSM28/26/27 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st MAY 2026

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2026 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSM29/26/27 – PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

CSM30/26/27 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hicks' report was circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the website.

Cllr Palmer stated that she was going to raise with Cllr Hicks why the Highways Department could not pay for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Dunches Lane if the lane belonged to the County Council. She suggested that the Clerk liaise with Cllr Hicks to ask the question. **Clerk to action.**

CSM31/26/27 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lawrence's report was circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the website.

CSM32/26/27 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report other than what was on the Agenda.

b) **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk reported on the Council's current financial position and movements since the last meeting. It was reported that the balance in the accounts on 15th June 2026 was **£58,187.27**.

c) **TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS**

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Ray Palmer	Concrete for Play Equipment - Reimbursement	£7.50
Suffolk County Council	40mph speed limit - Professional Services	£7,028.70
Glasdon	Dog Bin - Flordon Road	£159.38
SALC	Councillor Training (Ariane Droogmans)	£42.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (June)	£462.54
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Jun)	£34.33
HMRC	PAYE to end 5 th Jul	£20.49

There were no payments to be ratified.

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £7,754.94 be approved.

The following receipts were also noted:-

MSDC	Precept (1st Instalment)	£6,793.50
MSDC	Recycling Glass Bin Credit	£598.88
HMRC	VAT Reclaim 2025/26	£1,139.69

d) **BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was AGREED: That the Bank Reconciliation was approved.

CSM33/26/27 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/26/02493 - Application for Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline Planning Permission DC/25/00817 dated: 22.05.2025 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of up to 2 no. dwellings - Land North East of The Mere, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary

Members discussed the application and noted that the changes made from the previous application had been the access being made larger and the bungalows smaller.

Following a brief discussion members objected to the application due to poor visibility splay onto All Saints Road.

They noted that they had been approached recently by neighbouring properties who were having problems with the visibility splay when turning onto All Saints Road of which the residents had been advised to contact the builder.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council object to the application. **Clerk to action.**

CSM34/26/27 - PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decision was noted:

DC/25/05210 - Full Planning Application - Self-Build Conversion of an existing redundant agricultural building into 1no. two storey dwelling house with ancillary parking - Grange Farm, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – **Granted subject to conditions.**

CSM35/26/27 – PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS TO BE RATIFIED

Ref: DC/26/02209 - Application for Planning Permission Without Compliance of Condition(S) - Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/23/05604 dated 30/01/2024 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - To vary Condition 2 - 26 St Marys Road, Creeting St Mary – **No Objections**

CSM36/26/27 - FIREWORK NIGHT – INSURANCE / COST OF FIREWORKS

The Clerk reported that she had received a quote for fireworks, similar to those of last year, for £1,429.46 (inc. VAT).

Members discussed the quote and felt that if a grand finale was wanted then to increase the order for fireworks by £200 to achieve that. The extra fireworks should be 'loud' ones.

The insurance was discussed for the Firework Night event with the Clerk reporting that the quote had been £798 + IPT, which was for 1,500 attendees.

Cllr Plummer felt that the attendance would not exceed 1,000 attendees and following a discussion it was agreed that the insurance company should be notified that the attendees would be expected to be up to 1,200, so the appropriate cover was in place.

The Clerk reported that the insurance quote given to the Parish Council was an idea of cost, as the actual cost would be available in September.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk order an extra £200 worth of fireworks.
That the Clerk liaise with the insurance company and ask for the quote to be amended and re-quoted for in September.

CSM37/26/27 – BLACKSMITHS FIELD – USE FOR EVENT

Andy Pallent, Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC), contacted the Parish Council in relation to Blacksmiths Field being used as an overflow car park for a possible event at the Village Hall by Community Action Suffolk.

The event would be during October and would require parking for up to 80 cars, of which the car parks would be used for 35-40 of them.

Members discussed the request of which concerns were raised about the possible damage to the field and also it would set a precedent for others to request the same in the future.

Following discussions the Parish Council agreed that they were not in favour of the request and asked the Clerk to inform Andy Pallant of their decision. **Clerk to action.**

CSM38/26/27 - UPDATE ON THE REPAIR WORK TO THE GRATE – VILLAGE HALL FRONT CAR PARK

Cllr Palmer reported that the works to the grate would commence on Monday, 29th June.

CSM39/26/27 - UPDATE ON THE FLASHING SIGN(S)

Cllr Palmer reported that the flashing sign on the green had now be installed and was working.

CSM40/26/27 - LILLEY'S WOOD

There was nothing to report.

CSM41/26/27 - DUNCHES LANE

Cllr Palmer reported that information from Enforcement had yet to be received.

CSM42/26/27 - UPDATE ON THE 40MPH AT CREETING BOTTOMS

Professional fees for the speed limit reduction had been requested and would be paid. A completion date for the reduction was unknown.

CSM43/26/27 - REPORTS

Blacksmiths Field – Cllr Palmer had circulated her inspection report prior to the meeting which stated the following:

- The entrance to the field was in good repair.
- The playing field had been cut by Vertas.
- The pond was still looking healthy despite the dry spell.
- Overhanging stinging nettles had been cut from some of the pathways to make them more easily accessible.
- Repairs to the Zipwire had yet to be carried out. However, it had been advised that it remained safe to use, but the seat needed to be raised.
- The post giving instructions on the Paired Dip Bars had been replaced as it was rotten.

SALC – Cllr Coton reported that the AGM was due to be held in July.

Footpaths – There was nothing to report.

Village Hall – Cllr Broodryk reported that the VHMC AGM was due to be held tomorrow evening. The VHMC had asked when the yellow lines were due to be painted and also the potholes in the rear car park filled in.

She also reported that youngsters had been caught on the CCTV driving around the rear car park at the hall. As number plates had been retrieved the Police had been informed.

Members asked about external lighting around the hall, to which Cllr Broodryk stated she would speak to the VHMC about.

CSM44/26/27 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Noticeboards in the village – possible replacement
- Positive feedback had been received about the installation of the dog bin along Flordon Road
- Hedges at The Watering Hole – required attention
- Village Hall still not received blue recycling bin
- Bottle Bank – emptying / collection

CSM45/26/27 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 10th September 2026.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

Chairman: Dated: