

CREATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Creaton Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th January 2010 in the Village Hall, Teeton Lane at 8.00 pm

Present: Councillors Stanley Perrins (Chair), Reginald Thomas, Linda Toombs, Richard Hollingum, Margaret Jack, Bob Osborn and David Watt

In attendance: Lynne Compton, Clerk

Open Forum:

Allotments: It was suggested that the Parish Council consult residents to see if allotments were necessary in Creaton. Action: Cllr Hollingum to write a piece for the next Village Link newsletter.

Village Calendar: It was suggested that a village calendar of events would be a good idea for the newsletter and website. Action: Clerk to consult with Post Office (who used to hold a diary with village events) and then produce a calendar of events for January to March.

Village Spring Clean: It was agreed that the date for this should be **Saturday 20th March 2010**

118. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE **Power Action**

Parish Council resolved to approve apologies for absence from Cllr Maureen Titman (Personal reasons)

119. RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AND AGENDA dated 1st December 2009

These were proposed by Cllr Toombs, seconded by Cllr Perrins and resolved to be approved by Parish Council as an accurate record of the meeting.

120. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (for information only) **Clerk**

Creaton Cemetery Noticeboard –Cllr Osborn had repaired this and handed the Clerk the new keys. Action: Clerk to put Burial regulations on the Cemetery noticeboard

121. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

There were none.

122. FINANCE

a) Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

The payment of the outstanding accounts were proposed by Cllr Hollingum, seconded by Cllr Toombs and resolved to be approved by Parish Council.

LYNNE COMPTON Dec Salary	£295.70	168
HMRC Clerk PAYE	£72.80	169
MERLAND copying of Parish Plan	£189.36	170
DAVID GRAINGER Village Green Mowing 2009	£1045.35	171
EON Streetlighting Maint for quarter ending Dec 2009	£106.92	172
Total	£1710.13	

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b) To receive details of income (if any)

There was no income to report.

c) Parish Council Resolution to approve David Graingers quotation of £927 plus vat for mowing of the Village green in 2010. **Clerk**

This was proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Osborn and resolved to be approved by Parish Council on the grounds that they were happy with the standard of work and agreed to continue the contract at the price quoted. Clerk to write to Mr Grainger informing him that the quote had been accepted.

- 123. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (if any)**
 DA/2009/0971, Extensions to side and rear - Creaton House 24 , The Green, Creaton,
 Northamptonshire, NN6 8ND – Respond by 20 January 2010 Case Officer M Baynham
 01327 302591/mbaynham@daventrydc.gov.uk.

Creaton Parish Council resolved to make the following observations:-

1. The front walls should be in dressed stone in keeping with the rest of the property and Creaton Design statement. Clerk
2. The slate used on the roof should be the same used on the rest of the property. k
- 124. TO REPORT PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION NOTICES (if any)**
 There were none.

125. CREATON CEMETERY/CHURCHYARD

- a) **Burial/memorial requests** 1.
 Joseph Healy Plot No 57 15th January 2010 – Parish Council resolved to accept the request for burial. Clerk to issue burial confirmation letter and complete usual forms. Clerk
- b) **St Michael’s and All Angels Churchyard**
A letter had been received from Evonne Carr (DDC) detailing the costs if Daventry District Council took over maintenance of the Churchyard which would be as follows:-

“DDC schedule includes weekly cutting of front areas and fortnightly/three weekly cutting of areas at the back of church. Our schedule also includes maintenance of the church wall and any trees within the churchyard, the breakdown of costs is listed below...

First monthly spring cut of both A and B areas = £1,216
 A areas x 26 = £7,488
 B areas x 13 = £4,160

Total for cutting: £12,864 per annum
 Plus additional trees works at £500 per day”

After some discussion it was agreed that this amount seemed excessive and Parish Council resolved that an advisory group should be set up to discuss the matter, this would include:- Michael Rogerson (treasurer of the Friends of St Michaels), Cllr Hollingum, Cllr Toombs and the Clerk. The remit of the advisory group would be to discuss the current programme of maintenance and look at the obligations of both parties eg Parish Council and the PCC. Parish Council also resolved that this matter should be put to Creaton residents at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Clerk

- c) **Burial/Memorial Regulations** 1.
 Cllr Hollingum reported that there had been some problems with the links from the ICCM disk as the website had since changed. Creaton Parish Council current burial regulations were currently following ICCM guidelines. Action: Clerk and Cllr Hollingum to go through ICCM guidelines to ensure best practice was being followed and report back to Parish Council. Clerk/
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- 126. PROVISION OF COMPUTERS FOR USE BY RESIDENTS**
 Cllr Osborn had provided a reclaimed box which would be ideal for storage of the laptops. A local tradesman had quoted £324.89 to install it. Action: Cllr Watt to organise a second Joint URC/Parish Council meeting.

127. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) **Rain water Gully in front of URC gate** – this is being looked at again by NCC Highways to decide if a flat grating can be put over it (NCC StreetDoctor Ref 398639) – After some discussion, it was agreed that Ian Smith (NCC) would contact Cllr Watt to discuss this matter – Clerk to pass Cllr Watt’s number to Mr Smith.
- b) **Salt/Grit Bins** – It was reported that the grit bins were empty again and that there was a possibility that they were being used by people for their own personal use. Action: Clerk to report the bins were empty

to NCC and write an article for the newsletter stating that the grit was for keeping the public highways clear eg roads and footpaths (subject to checking wording with NCC). It was also suggested that clear notices on the bins would be a good idea.

- c) **New Grit bin for Grooms Lane** – It was suggested that this would be a good idea because of the slope coming down to a dangerous junction. Action: Clerk to investigate
128. **THE NEXT BIG LUNCH – 18TH JULY 2010 (Cllr Osborn)**
To discuss whether Parish Council should get involved and if so, the level of involvement (see website www.thebiglunch.com)
After some discussion it was agreed that the event was too close to Creaton in Bloom to organise a village wide event.
129. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED (not already on the agenda)**
- | From | Details |
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| a) DDC | email confirming change to collections - only one collection of Christmas Trees and not 3 – <i>noted and advertised</i> |
| b) DDC | EMAIL: REVISED version of Councillors Briefing note on Wind Turbines |
| c) NatWest | Bank Statements : Current £200, Reserve £7689.75 - Not enclosed |
| d) WNDC | EMAIL Consultation on WNDC Sustainability Manual comments due by 5.00pm on 22nd January 2010
<i>Parish Council resolved to follow the Daventry District Council line.</i> |
| e) POLICE | Email from Sgt Jacqui Harris regarding meeting to discuss funding of a PCSO – <i>Action: Clerk to attend</i> |
| f) DDC | Posters confirming Christmas Tree Recycling will be collected on Tues 12th Jan 2010 (not enclosed - put on nb and in shop) |
| g) DANWST | Minutes of meeting held on Nov 18 2009 - <i>noted</i> |
| h) DDC | EMAIL: Regarding costs to DDC if they took on maintenance of Creaton Churchyard |
| i) CLERK | NCC County Councillors Empowerment Fund requesting match funding for VAS signs |
| j) WNJPU | Publication of Draft West Northamptonshire Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
This indicated that there was land for 167 houses in Creaton. After some discussion, it was agreed that no action could be taken until a planning application had been received |
| k) ACRE | Town and Village Services Survey and Village Viewpoint (one copy put in shop) and NALC publication "It takes all sorts"
<i>Clerk completed survey</i> |
| l) EON | Important info regarding maintenance and replacement of streetlights
<i>Action: Cllr Thomas to investigate on how it will affect Creaton and report on how Parish Council can manage the change effectively.</i> |
| m) David Grainger | Quotation for mowing of Village Green in 2010 - £927.00 plus VAT
<i>See point 122c</i> |
| n) Anon | Copy of a letter sent to DDC about DA20090860 |
130. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 2nd February 2010
Meeting Dates for 2010
Tuesday 2nd March 2010
Tuesday 6th April 2010

Meeting Closed 10.10 pm

Chairman's Signature:..... Date:.....

Statutory Powers

1. Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 and 10 etc.
2. Local Govt Mis Provisions Act 1976 s.19
3. Parish Councils Act 1957, s3; Highways Act 1980, s301

4. Local Govt and Rating Act 1997 s26-29
5. Lotteries and Amusement Act 1976, s.7
6. Local Govt and Rating Act 1997, s.31

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