

CREATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Creaton Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd February 2010 in the Village Hall, Teeton Lane at 8.00 pm

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

In attendance: Lynne Compton, Clerk

Open Forum: There were no members of the public present

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| 130. | RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
There were no absences | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 131. | RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AND AGENDA dated 5th January 2010
These were proposed by Cllr Toombs, seconded by Cllr Watt and resolved to be approved by Parish Council | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 132. | MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (for information only) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) | Village Calendar
The Clerk had produced a Village Calendar for events up to and including Easter. This had been put in the Village Link Newsletter (previously discussed in Public Forum on 5 th January 2010) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) | New Grit Bin for Grooms Lane
Parish Council had been informed by NCC that this issue would not be looked at until the new financial year starting in April 2010. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c) | Retention of Barn, Land off Welford Road, Creaton
There was nothing further to report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 133. | MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda
There were none. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 134. | FINANCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) | Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts
The following were proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Osborn and resolved to be approved by Parish Council | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| b) | To receive details of income (if any)
HOLLWELL & SON (J Healy Burial)- £50 - Noted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c) | Resolution to approve Bank Reconciliation and Receipts and Payments report to 31st December 2009
Parish Council agreed that this could be circulated prior to the March Meeting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d) | Resolution to approve VAT Return
Parish Council agreed that this could be circulated prior to the March Meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| e) | Resolution to agree a further County Councillors Empowerment Form Application (one for a new VAS sign has already been submitted)
Proposed suggestion: £2000 towards Computers for internet style café at the URC and £1000 for new toilets at the Village Hall
Parish Council resolved to approve the £2000 County Councillors Empowerment Form Application towards the joint URC/Parish Council Computer project subject to the Clerk confirming with Cllr Millar that the money did not have to be spent by April 2010 as it was unlikely the project would be completed by then. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Clerk

- Parish Council resolved to speak to the Village Hall Committee and let them know about the application from Ducklings for the repairs to the Village Hall. Clerk
- f) **Grass Cutting**
1. Length of Contracts – Parish Council resolved to continue reviewing the contracts on an annual basis.
 2. Resolution to consider Mr A Gillott’s quotation of £580 for mowing and maintenance of Creaton Cemetery in 2010/11 – this was proposed by Cllr Perrins, seconded by Cllr Jack and resolved to be approved by Parish Council. Clerk
Clerk to write to Mr Gillott
135. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (if any)**
DA/2010/0051 Replacement Dwelling – Garden House 14, The Green, Creaton, Northamptonshire
Parish Council agreed the following initial observations on Cllr Toombs advice:-
1. The Old Wall on the North East side has not been mentioned – Is there any reason for this?
 2. The rare species report has only been included on the internet and not in the Parish Council hard copy Clerk
- Action: Clerk to write to the case officer with the observations. Clerk
- Parish Council also agreed that it would be prudent for all Councillors to read the reports to ensure nothing had been missed. Action Clerk to circulate
136. **TO REPORT PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION NOTICES (if any)**
DA/2009/0860 – Retrospective application for the erection of a Pole Barn, Land at Brixworth Road Creaton
137. **DDC Planning Permission Granted**
CREATON CEMETERY/CHURCHYARD
- a) **Burial/memorial requests (if any)**
 - b) **St Michael’s and All Angels Churchyard**
To receive and discuss report from Advisory Group meeting held on Thurs 28th January at Cllr Hollingum’s house. Notes attached – Paper A
It was also pointed out that English Heritage were a statutory consultee for any works to the Church or Churchyard.
 - c) **Churchyard Trees**
Parish Council agreed that no action should be taken at present but that in the future Mr Venton (DDC) should be invited to look at the trees to see if any should be protected by a TPO (Tree Preservation Order). Parish Council also agreed that the trees should be inspected and reported on by a qualified tree surgeon prior to the relevant body taking on maintenance of the Churchyard.
138. **PROVISION OF COMPUTERS FOR USE BY RESIDENTS**
Cllr Watt reported that the ordination of the new minister had been somewhat delayed and that there was due to be a meeting of the Church Elders on Weds 10th Feb where the impact on the Church, security arrangements etc would be discussed. The issues of storage, insurance and risk assessment had now been sorted.
139. **NEW LEGISLATION ON MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT OF STREETLIGHTS**
See attached – **Paper B**
Parish Council resolved the following
1. 2 further quotes should be obtained in view of the high costs involved.
 2. To request from Eon how many pole brackets would need to be replaced
 3. To request from Eon approximately how much future bills would be once the new more efficient lighting had been installed
 4. That a few should be replaced each year to spread the cost
 5. The precept would need to be increased each year to cover the costs involved
140. **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**
- a) **VAS Sign** – It was reported that a couple of residents were concerned about the location of the sign. Action: Clerk to request site meeting with Mr N Gore (NCC Highways) to discuss. Clerk
 - b) **Pedestrian Controlled Crossing** – It was reported that a resident was concerned about the noise it would cause if a pedestrian controlled crossing were to replace the current Zebra crossing. It was agreed that no action should be taken at present as this was not likely to happen for at least a year or more. It was commented that in some countries there were crossings where the traffic lights went red if a vehicle was speeding – Action: Clerk to ask if these were available in England. Clerk
 - c) **Grit Bins**
Cllr Perrins agreed to check the Creaton grit bins to see if they needed filling.
141. **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER**
To discuss Clerk’s report from a meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2010 – previously circulated
It was reported that the recommendation from Chief Inspector J Harris was that a PCOS

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142. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Parish Council resolved that the Village organisations should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting which this year would be held on a separate date to the Annual Meeting of Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting would either be held in the Village Hall or the United Reform Church.

Action: Cllr Watt to find out what dates in May the United Reform Church was available. Clerk to check Village Hall availability and draft a poster for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr
Watt
Clerk

143. CREATON SPRING CLEAN – Saturday 20th March 2010

Resolution to provide a skip for residents for this event. Parish Council resolved that a skip was not necessary.

It was also commented that instead of waiting for DDC to collect the bags, a trailer could be used (courtesy of Cllr Osborne) to take the bags away either to Highgate House or to the DDC Refuse and Recycling plant at Brixworth.

Action: Clerk to check with DDC if this would be acceptable.

144. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED (not already on the agenda)

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| a) | DDH | Request for forthcoming events for 2010 and suggestion that they may be able to contribute towards some events as well as provide free publicity | |
| b) | MGWSP | Safer Winter Driving - asking if they sent enough leaflets and giving web addresses for further info | |
| c) | Northants Fire | Any groups who might wish the fire service to attend and give talks etc on Fire Safety? | |
| d) | Debbie Skinner | Action: Clerk to pass details to Village Organisations PR Consultant questionnaire | |
| e) | Clerk | Alan Gillott - confirmation of receipt of quote for 2010 and asking him to invoice us for 2009 asap | |
| f) | Clerk | David Grainger - Quote accepted plus thanks and enc cheque for 2009 | |
| g) | NALC | Details of Local Council Awards 2010 | |
| h) | unlockdemocracy | Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill - requesting us to lobby MP for support | |
| i) | Police | Details on Special Constables | |
| j) | Communities and Local Govt | WNDC News Release
Funding from WNDC could be used for Creaton Playing Field – Cllr Thomas to look into for the Playing Field Assoc. | Cllr
Thomas |
| k) | SIA | Spinal Injuries Assoc - Hold a Fish Supper to raise money for SIA on Friday 21st May 2010 | Clerk |
| l) | NALC | Action: Clerk to pass details on to Village Organisations | |
| m) | Guilsborough Cluster Schools | National Training Strategy Review - website and survey open until end Feb
Computer Course details
Action: Clerk to advertise | Clerk |
| n) | | | |
| o) | IMI | Company that does Memorial Stability Inspections
Action: Clerk to obtain a quote | Clerk |
| p) | NALC | Research into Bullying and standards of conduct | |
| q) | NALC | Incorporation of Northants CALC and notice of Special General Meeting | |
| r) | keepbritaintidy | Big Tidy Up photography competition - closing date 15/02/2010 | |
| s) | NALC | National Policy Statements for Energy Infrastructure | |
| | Fire and Rescue | Brochure and update | |

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**145. DDC Standards for England Annual Assembly 2009
Summary of Key Issues raised at the Assembly plus the third edition of
Governance Toolkit for Parish and Town Councils**

Action: Clerk to study and see if there were any issues that needed addressing.
Councillors commented that they preferred having the agenda via email.

Clerk

146. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2nd March 2010

Meeting Dates for 2010

- Tuesday 6th April 2010
- Tuesday 4th May 2010
- Tuesday 1st June 2010
- Tuesday 6th July 2010
- Tuesday 3rd August 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