

# North Creake Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of North Creake held at the Village Hall, North Creake on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors A. Bunkle (Chair) J Brettingham-Smith (Vice Chair), J Robinson, J Rocklin, J Robinson, A Culshaw and L Fletcher (Clerk/RFO).

Borough Councillor C Morely

One members of public attended the meeting

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Baker and Cllr S Sandell
3. Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items: None Declared
4. The Minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were circulated before the meeting. It was agreed that they were a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.
5. Parishioners Questions and Statements: A parishioner attended the meeting to raise an issue regarding planning application 24/01853/F (agenda item 16A) – it was agreed to bring the item forward in the agenda. The Parishoner raised an issue regarding the design of the property as one of the planned windows will overlook directly into the living area of his property. It was agreed to support the application with the condition that the first floor, west facing, window is no longer part of the design due to the overlooking issue.
6. County and Borough Councillor Reports – No report was received from the County Councillor. Borough Councillor C. Morley gave a verbal report which was noted
7. Matters Arising / Clerks Report
  - a. An update was received from Oliver Brice regarding Rural Housing advising that e had contacted Flagship Homes who would be interested in sponsoring a housing needs survey if suitable could be identified first. It was agreed that he should contact Althorp Estate in the first instance to see if they had any suitable land.
  - b. Willow Tree on village green – Althorp Estate advise that permission has been granted for them to carry out work on the tree, the tree surgeon is aware that the tree forms part of the Christmas lights display and will not do the work until after the lights have been taken down in the new year.
8. Training – no new training opportunities available
9. Open Spaces
  - a. SAM2 signs – there are still issues with these recording the correct time, clerk to liase with Cllr Culshaw regarding reading of data from the two original signs and contact Wescotec regarding these continuing problems for advise. There has been no response from NSCP regarding requests for speeding data, Clerk to pursue.
  - b. Play area – there were no issues to raise regarding the inspections
  - c. Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) – The clerk advised that the CIL application was successful, it was agreed that the grant should be paid into the councils savings account to accrue interest until invoice is received. The proposed site for the MUGA is approx. 30m from the gate and 4m from the east fence. The original quote will need to be confirmed but is not expected to vary greatly. It was agreed to publish an update regarding the project on the village face book site and to ask for opinions regarding the siting of the MUGA. Work could start as soon as January but the marking of the tarmac can not be done until the weather is warmer so would be expected to be done in April

- d. Christmas lights – the lights will be set up from 9am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, with the switch on happening on the following Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, a budget of £50 for presents for the village children attending the switch on was agreed
  - e. Millenium Green – no update received from Actons regarding a price for the bench extension – Clerk to chase
  - f. Hedge cutting – No information has been received from Highways regarding the hedges along West Street and Wells Road
  - g. Bench refurbishment programme – It was agreed to add to next years budget an amount to cover the replacement and/or refurbishment of the benches in the village.
  - h. Conifer over river – Clerk to report to Environment Agency
  - i. To receive quotes regarding the repair of the zip line steps – two quotes were received and it was agreed to go with the quote of £120 to replace all the steps on the zip line received from Mr Grant Tooth – Clerk to advise Mr Tooth to carry out the work.
10. Water and Drainage Management – It was noted that there has been a meeting organised for 27/11/24 at Burnham Market Village Hall to discuss the flooding issues in the locality
11. Biodiversity – Cllr Culshaw advised that the Village Hall Committee were reluctant to allow the use of glyphosate, the council will therefore need to use a different approach to preparing the verge for the wild flower seed. It was also noted that hemlock is coming back at the woodland site at Shammer, Cllr Robinson to discuss with an agronomist what options the council has to control the hemlock.
12. Footway lighting – No issues reported
13. Finance
- a. Late payments – None
  - b. Payments approved – The following payments were all agreed:  
Sarah Harvey – Web hosting £120.46  
Cozens – Streetlighting maintenance £36  
Clerks Wages - £254.80  
Unity – Service charge £5.40
14. Correspondence – Clerk advised that the council had received a leaflet promoting use of .gov.uk website and email addresses for the council – Clerk to investigate further
15. Potholes on Wells Rd – Chair to forward details to Clerk for reporting to highways
16. Planning
- a. 24/01853/F – Item heard and minuted under item 5 Public Participation  
24/01784/F – New highway entrance & on site parking, 55 Burnham road – Agreed no comment  
24/01938/F – House renovation and replacement rear extension, 38a Church Street – Agreed to support with the condition that no cladding is used in the design and that it is replaced with brick and flint in keeping with the rest of the design of the building and the existing buildings in the village
  - b. Applications approved/refused  
24/01474/F – garage conversion – Approved  
24/01368/CU – change of use of two holiday lets to dwellings - Approved

Date of next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed: 8.11 pm

.....Chairman

.....Dated

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