

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Creaton Parish

Held on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7.30 pm The Village Hall, Teeton Lane, Creaton

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to enable the registered electors of Creaton to discuss parish affairs. This meeting is also an opportunity for the Council and community groups to update the community about their activities over the last year.

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Present: Councillor Stan Perrins, Chairman, Creaton Parish Council plus 18 electors (list of attendees held by Clerk)

In attendance: Ian Smith, NCC Highways, Lisa Hudson-Fryer, DDC Environmental Officer and Lynne Compton, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Creaton Parish Council

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence.** – Cllr Perrins welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed those present that this would be his final year as Chairman. Apologies had been received from Susannah Carr (Creaton Walking Group), Kate McEwan (Creaton Village Hall), Ruth Davies (Creaton in Bloom) and Emma Mercer (Creaton Primary School)
2. **To sign and approve Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2012** – Cllr Stan Perrins proposed the minutes be approved as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Hollingum and agreed by those present who had attended. There were no matters arising.
3. **Dog Related Issues** – Question and Answer Session with DDC Environmental Health Technical Officer – Lisa Hudson Fryer who reported the following:-
 - a) Village Green – It is an offence not to pick up your dog mess on the Village Green. A recent incident of dog fouling on the Green had resulted in a ticket being issued. There had been numerous other complaints about fouling on the Green.
 - b) Dog Control Orders – under the Clean Neighbourhoods Act, owners who have been identified as letting their dogs foul without clearing it up can be issued with a Fixed Penalty fine of £75.
 - c) Reporting offences – Intelligence was needed from the community. Photographic evidence would be useful plus a description of the person and dog, roughly what time of day walks usually take place.
 - d) New Signs – If hotspots were identified, new signs could be put up.
 - e) Nuisance Dogs – these can be put on a lead by an authorised person (several parishioners reported sightings of unaccompanied dogs loose on the public highway).
 - f) Dog Bins – it was commented that the one in Teeton Lane had not been emptied.
4. **Highways Issues** – Question and Answer Session with Ian Smith, Area Manager Kettering and DDC Districts, MGWSP Northamptonshire Highways who reported the following:-
 - a) Potholes – There were many in Creaton and Teeton which would be done by patching as there was not much wholesale re-surfacing any more. There had been a rash of potholes after the long winter which had caused a back log. A resident commented that Naseby and Clipston roads were in a very bad state. Ian responded that these had been done twice in the Winter and would be done again in the next couple of weeks. The material that had been used for patching/surfacing 10 years ago was failing and NCC were aware of the problem.
 - b) Gullies (Drains) – Previously the Gully crews knew exactly where all the gullies were but as contractors had changed over the years and this knowledge had been lost. Several residents reported gullies that needed attention. As gullies were emptied (due to being reported), it was programmed in and that gully was added to the list. The best course of action was to report to the Clerk to the Parish Council who was the liaison with NCC.
 - c) Over hanging vegetation – this was down to landowners to sort out.
 - d) Footpath between Creaton and Welford – this was due to be sided out in the next 3-4 weeks
 - e) Refurbishment of White Lines – it was reported that the turn of Brixworth Road and High Street that the lines needed re-instating – **Action: Ian Smith to put on list.**
5. **Creaton Playing Field Surface** – urgent action needed – to discuss – This was covered in the report – See Paper B

6. Reports from Village Organisations and Under Section 37 of the Charities Act 1960, and accounts of village charities to be received

- a) Ducklings Pre-School Playgroup Jude Burditt
Jude read out the attached report – **Paper A**
- b) Creaton Relief in Need – there was no report Michael Rogerson
- c) Beynons Educational charity – there was no report Michael Rogerson
- d) Beynons Eleemosynary Foundation – there was no report Michael Rogerson
- e) Creaton Playing Field Association Mandy Nolan
In Mandy’s absence, the attached report was read out by Ian Horne, treasurer **Paper B**
- f) Village Hall Committee Kate McEwan

In Kate’s absence, the following report was read out:-

“As you can see from our bank statement the Hall finances are quite sound, the Hall is in frequent use and is available on Sundays although it does not say so on the Parish Council website. Our plans for the future start with a new fire door and refurbishment of the cloakroom.” **Note: Parish Council was currently implementing a programme which would allow Village organisations to update their own pages. The information would be available shortly.**

7. To Receive the following Annual Reports (3 mins each)

- a) Northamptonshire Police PCSO Jo Hillery
In PCSO Jo Hillery’s absence, the Clerk summarised the reported crimes in 2013 in comparison to those last year.
- b) Report by Northamptonshire County Councillor Catherine Boardman

Catherine Boardman introduced herself as the new County Councillor elected in May 2013. As a result of the Boundary Commission changes, there had been a decrease of 73 County Councillors to 57. Catherine had replaced Chris Millar who retired from County Council to focus on his work at District Council (he is currently leader). Catherine had retired from District Council to focus on District Council and was delighted to be elected as Brixworth Ward County Councillor (which covers over 2000 properties and 22 parishes). From an agricultural background, Catherine is a partner in a farm business with her husband. She was elected to Daventry District Councillor in 1998, taking a strategic role as Environment Portfolio Holder from 1999 including, two years experience, as deputy leader, also serving as a member of Planning, Standards and various other committees.

Elected to Northamptonshire County Councillor in 2007, Catherine has been able to expand her engagement in these areas as a member of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and Adoption Panel. Catherine is also a cabinet member for Children and Education and hoped to drive forward the current programmes to improve the quality of services. Catherine reported that the County Councillors Empowering Councils fund (which now stood at £7,000 – down from £10,000) was available to assist with Community projects. Previous uses had been:- West Haddon – to build a Pre-School in the grounds of the school, over £200,000 had been raised some of which had come from local funds eg £10,000 West Northants Development Corporation (WNDC), £10,000 2nd homes money, £10,000 Empowering Councils Fund.

It would be quite a task to visit all the Parish Council meetings as most meet monthly but Catherine said she would be delighted to be informed of local events taking place and informed where a service should be there but isn’t.

- c) Creaton Parish Council, a report from the Chairman Stanley Perrins
Cllr Perrins, read out the attached report – **Paper C**
- d) Creaton Parish Council Financial Report David Watt
The Clerk gave an overview of the attached report **Paper D**
- e) Creaton Primary School Emma Mercer, Headteacher
(Great Creaton Primary School was now federated with Clipston Primary School)

In the Headteachers absence, the attached letter was read out **Paper E**
A resident asked what the numbers were at the School. Action: Clerk to investigate

8. Reports from Creaton's Clubs and Societies (if provided)

- a) Friends of St Michaels, Bell ringers and Bowls Clubs Michael Rogerson
There was no report.
- b) Bridge Maggie Jones
There was no report
- c) Church Choir Susannah Carr
In Susannah's absence, the following report (received via email) was read out:-
"The Church Choir is flourishing and sings at all services. Anyone who would like to join is very welcome. Practices are on Wednesdays at 5.45 – 7 pm with David Maw, the organist in St Michael's Church
- d) Creaton in Bloom Ruth Davies
In Ruth Davies absence, Jane Kimberlin reported the following:-
"Susannah Carr and Michael Rogerson are on the Creaton in Bloom committee. The date for the event is Sunday 2nd June. BBQ on the Green from 12 till 2 pm. 12 gardens open—4 at Highfield Park and 8 in the village. Teas will be served at Orchard House and the URC Church. A risk assessment has been undertaken. All that hasn't been organized is the weather!"
- e) United Reform Church (incl. Luncheon Clubs) Elaine Boutle
Carolyn Wilson reported in Elaine's absence. The Men's luncheon is called "Nosh and Natter" held on the 1st Thursday in the month and is for the over 70's (although all those who cook for it are over 70 too!). Numbers had dwindled due to natural wastage. Thanks to all the excellent cooks and helpers eg Elaine Boutle, Ann Townsend (Spratton), Sylvia Watt and Reg Thomas for providing lovely dinners at excellent value. Councillor Boardman is welcome to attend!
- f) Natural Creaton John Harper
The attached report was read out in John Harper's absence – **Paper F**
- g) Creaton Walking Group Jane Kimberlin
Jane Kimberlin read out the attached report **Paper G**
- h) Creaton Singers Stan Perrins
Stan reported that there were currently 12 active members (10 ladies and 2 men). Singing practise takes place Tuesday evenings at Jane Kimberlin's house. The group sings for fun and has a wide repertoire of songs. There is no arduous audition, just turn up and find a chair. Several events are planned which will be advertised.
- i) Pilots and Keep Fit Carolyn Wilson
i. Keep Fit - It was reported that the Keep fit group continues to meet at the United Reformed Church every Tuesday morning for a very enjoyable session of gentle exercise to music. The term is now finished until next September.
ii. Pilots – there are now 20 pilots all together in 3 different groups and they continue to have fun times on a Tuesday evening.
- j) Medical Car Service Bud Davies
It was reported that this volunteer service was still running.
- k) Womens Institute (WI) Daphne Clark
Cllr Stan Perrins read out the WI report in Daphne's absence.
- l) Poppies – It was reported that this had been a tremendous success! It is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning. There had recently been a bit of a problem with the coffee machine but this had been sorted now. The volunteers who run Poppies were aware that some people could not come because of the opening times but unfortunately quite a lot of training was involved on the coffee machine

9. The date for the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting was agreed as Tues 13th May 2014

10. Any Other Business – there was none.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and extended special thanks to Mr and Mrs Winter (Creaton Post Office) for donation of the biscuits.

Meeting Closed 9.15 pm

Chairman's acceptance signature..... Date.....

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