

CRATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2014 at 7.15 pm

In the Village Hall

OPEN FORUM 7.15pm

There were no Parishioners Present

Present Lotty Barbour, Richard Chivers, Michael Oliver, Robert Sannick,
Robert Stratford, Gloria Steward, Barry Cable (Clerk)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30PM

1/ Chairmans Welcome Lotty welcomed all to the meeting

2/ Apologies for absence Received from Chris Mobbs and PCSO Hinton

3/ Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items~ Lotty declared DPI in Item 10

4/ Minutes of Last meeting held on 14th July 2014 were agreed and signed

5/ Matters arising

Weed spraying to Play area ~ Lotty is to hand spray the weed in the play pit-the Play area will be closed for 2 days during the school week **LB**

Hedge Cutting in Play area – Paul Mills has been approached and asked to cut the hedge in the Play area himself and not subcontract out. A Quote will be obtained prior to the work .The cut will be made in the spring. **LB**

Replacement of leg to Climbing Frame~ Bob is to meet Lester Baker on site and show him the work to be done. New timbers will be purchased as required and concreted in. Application is to be made to HHCFT for funding. **RS/BC**

6/ Police, County & District Councillors Reports Once again there was no Police Presence but the PCSO had sent a report which was read out and is filed with these minutes

7/ Chairman's remarks~ Lotty expressed her disappointment at the poor standard of the re-surfacing of Church Road, and a letter is to be sent to Highways recording this. **BC**

8/ Clerks Report

Residents' Hedge cutting. After an appeal was placed in the Cratfield News after the last meeting, 2 of the worst hedges have now been cut back, however some still require some trimming, and the owners have been notified

Potholes and Signs~ Bob and the Clerk had driven around the village noting some 60 potholes and 4 missing signs which will be reported to SCDC

To Consider request from Heveningham Hall C F T to submit proposals for funding. It was felt that PC should apply for funds to assist in the maintenance of the Play Area. It was also discussed as to whether there might be sufficient funds to help with the Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment. The Hall committee are to supply some quotes for the Clerk to submit. Lotty is to enquire and inform the Clerk. The Clerk also reported that he had contacted David Bracey and arranged for the Annual Playground Inspection to be conducted. **BC**

9/ R F O Report

To Note Receipt of balance of Play-space funding of £580.00 and Wayleave from U K Power of £ 58.18, The following payments were approved E 16/15 Barbour Farms £ 414.00 for Play-area Bark supplied~ E17/15 B Cable Salary £ 344.33~ E 18/15 Broker Network Ltd (Annual Insurance) £ 361.68

Up-to date Bank Balances Barclays Current Account £2139.68 Deposit £3565.05, Total £ 5,705.73 RFO reminded Council that this was not all Councils money , some of it was for village organizations.

10/ Planning Applications Received or Approved since last meeting (*Lotty left the room and Richard Chivers took over as Chair*) A Query had been raised that the questioner had been under the impression when the application to build next to the Old Chapel was made, that it was to be used by the applicant as their home, and was surprised to see that it was on the market, now that it has been finished. The Application had been brought to the meeting, and there was no written statement of that fact, and so not part of the Application. It was agreed that in the circumstances, as no Planning Law had been broken, the matter should rest. (*Lotty returned and resumed the Chair*)

There were no other Planning Matters

11/Correspondance- Hard Copy received since last meeting

2 items had been received, all other had been sent by email as received

A/ Age UK – Poster asking for support

B/ Local Government Boundary Commission- Final Recommendations of Electoral review of Suffolk Coastal

12/ Broadband Speed To report on current position re improvements ~ The Clerk reported that he had contacted C A S and spoken to their I T specialist, who informed that there were no plans for BT to rollout fibre optics in Cratfield in the foreseeable future. However he did suggest that any interested parishioner visit [WWW. Betterbroadbandforsuffolk.com](http://WWW.Betterbroadbandforsuffolk.com) where further information is available.

13/ Councillors Reports

Bob - Neighbourhood Watch ~ Nothing to report

Gloria – Web Site ~ nothing to report

Lotty- Correspondance Circulation ~ Lotty commented on the delays occurring when hard copy correspondence was put into circulation and it was agreed that delivery to White House Farm be last on the list

Richard – Gothic Cottage ~ he had received complaints about vermin from his neighbours on Silverleys Green. Environmental Health had been contacted .

14/ Items for Next Meeting

The Budget for the next Financial Year to be discussed , also review of Standing Orders, Insurance Cover, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, Asset Register

Meeting Closed 8.35pm

Date of Next Meeting 10th November 2014

Signed10.11.2014

Addenda to Minutes

Item 8 Heveningham Hall Funding (*This was subsequently done and the result was that no further funds would be available. The request will be restricted to the Play Area Maintenance*)

Item13 Gothic Cottage (*The following day the Clerk received a call from SCDC saying that a visit had been made to the property, no evidence of vermin at Gothic Cottage but it was noted that several neighbours kept chickens which would attract rats now that the corn fields had been cut and they would come for the hen's food. SCDC will also contact the owners and try to get them to tidy the property up*)