

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Thursday 10th September 2015

Present:	Robert King	RK	Chairman
	Ivor Andrew	IA	Vice Chair
	Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
	Christine Carr	CC	Councillor
	Ian Monson	IM	NCC
	Danielle Harris	DH	Parish Clerk

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor Doug Stephen. No other apologies were received.

Declaration of Interests:

No declarations of Interests were recorded.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Thursday 13th August having been circulated and read were agreed as accurate. These were proposed by IA, seconded by GG, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising;

1. NCC Update

Councillor Monson reported that currently the situation is somewhat in turmoil as the first quarter budget has reported a 12million overspend.

The Northern distribution route, with supposed huge benefits is around 2yrs behind schedule and estimated to cost £30 million. To date £10 million has been allocated from NCC 2016 budget; apparently primarily out of road maintenance budgets.

Economies are to be sought from waste recycling centres/ tips.

Thetford hazardous waste amnesty dates were noted as 19th/20th September.

The matter of the A11 bypass slip roads and underpass lights situation was highlighted to IM to be raised with NCC Highways. (refer also to item 9 following in Minutes)

Councillor Monson mentioned his understanding that funding discussed with MTF Board for refurbishment of the Charles Burrell Museum may no longer be being considered by the GTDP board which has superseded the MTF board.

RK who is Croxton representative on the GTDP board stated that no discussion had taken place on this matter and he would enquire at the next meeting as to current position. It was unclear what stage the MTF funding bid had reached in terms of a decision.-

2. **BDC Update**

Again no District Council representative was available and the Clerk advised that no apology had been received.

We have also received no response/progress update on the complaints items raised to Councillor Chapman-Allen at our June meeting.

The Council discussed moving to the next step of formal communication to Councillor Chapman-Allen as this is not acceptable representation

3. **GTDP (Greater Thetford development Partnership)**

The Chairman had circulated **Draft** minutes from the Board previous meeting for Councilor information only. The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd October 2015.

An independent Chairman is to be appointed.

Unfortunately the overall view has been that to date there has been a lot of talking but a lack of results.

GG queried action of this GTDP for next phase of development which apparently was due to agreeing S106 local infrastructure levy issues. Further information will hopefully come from the next meeting on 2nd October.

4. **Joint Neighbourhood Plan**

Information has been collated and in preliminary graph form.

Councillors feel we need a meeting between both Parishes to review these preliminary analyses and discuss publishing the information on the two Parishes websites. RK asked Croxton Councillor's for input on their views and expected outcomes from the next stage and also their initial interpretation of initial data/comments analysed so far.

5. **BDC Planning issues**

No further progress. RK will get in touch with Phil Mileham again for further status and any progress from our BDC Representative.

6. **Vodafone Service**

Councillor Stephen was not present but GG advised PC that the 3rd mast is currently under consideration by the landowner. Other than the 'signal strength gap' in the centre of the village overall the service is up and running.

7. **PC Laptop**

Agreed that Windows 10 will be loaded to new laptop. Chairman to action as agreed.

8. **Village Clock**

Further to discussions/decision at last meeting Nick Manderfield advised that he will be carrying out minor maintenance work which will not involve cost at this stage.

9. **Highways visit:**

At 'walk through' by D Jacklin (NCC Highways Engineer) and RK on 1 September the following was agreed:

- Refresh 30mph road signs
- Weed treatment
- Road resurfacing near Bennett homes

- Paths in conservation areas to be surveyed (for future budget allocation)
- Survey through potential conservation area
- Possibility of 20mph through the village queried but apparently unlikely?
- RK forwarded map of Croxton conservation area to D.Jacklin as requested.

Councillors discussed the following:

- Possible vibration damages to Church and what needs to happen for Highways to receive this evidence.
- Possible weight limit through village
- GG (or CC ??) to contact diocese and English Heritage
- Independent survey required.

Councillor Monson suggested formally approaching NCC with request for a traffic survey to be carried out. Chairman asked IA/CC to draft a letter to be forwarded to NCC Highways as suggested.

10. Dispensation

RK had contacted Breckland regarding this and current position is the Parish Council can grant Councillors necessary dispensation allowing discussion of Village Hall matters. A copy should be forwarded to Breckland Council (Sue Daniels).

Finance

1	Finance (at 3 rd August 2015)	Current a/c	£ 849.51
		Business a/c	£ 7483.51
2	Cheques since last Meeting:		
		Total (7 cheques issued)	£ 556.15

2nd Qtr, 2015 Summary to be prepared for next meeting.

Planning

3PL/2015/0160/TCA	– Silver Birch Reduce from 60FT to 30FT	- Undecided
3PL/2015/0767/F	– Ground Mounted Solar Panels	- Undecided
3PL/2015/0702/F	– Ground Mounted Solar Panels	- Permission
3PL/2015/0719/F	– Rotation of Skatepark + 2nd Bowl	- Permission

Correspondence

Reference to correspondence distributed since 13 August to current date.
MOD Planned Activity lists (also to notice board)

AOB

1. Right of way Croxton (FP3) Two mile Bottom Lane
2. Speedwatch – An enquiry received by RK as to distance of police warning signs CC to speak to Janet Overton. **Note CC subsequently provided information that Police Speedwatch team had decided on signs positions.**
3. Apparent traffic increase through village was confirmed by Speedwatch coordinator.
4. EPR liaison meeting 6th October 2015
5. Hedge cutting required. To be arranged with volunteers.
6. Grit bin to be relocated (a few feet). GG requested to action this.

Meeting closed at: 9.15pm

Date of next meeting - Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7.30pm in Village Hall

Minutes agreed at Meeting of 8th October 2015



R. King
Chairman

Date: 8th October 2015