

# Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the village hall on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 8.00pm following a presentation on The Academy by Mr Adrian Ball, Executive Principal.

<b>Present:</b>	R King	RK	Chairman
	D Stephen	DS	Councillor
	G Goucher	GG	Councillor
	I Monson	IM	Councillor

**Residents**

Mrs C Carr  
Mrs L Medhurst  
Mrs M De Bass  
Mr L Purday  
Mr & Mrs White

<b>Apologies received:</b>	Robert Childerhouse	BDC
	Ivor Andrew	CPC Vice Chair
	Beverley Beal	CPC

**Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations recorded.

## **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed as accurate. Proposed by GG and seconded by DS.

## **Matters arising**

### **1. NCC Update**

Budget was agreed on 16<sup>th</sup> February with 0% increase in council tax.

Recycling centres: suggested a £2 charge per visit but this is under discussion. Also a suggestion for centres to open only 4 days per week, but this is also under discussion.

Increase in budget for elderly care.

129 items for road improvement/repair scheduled during the summer 2015 in our area.

IM referred to Item 9 after his visit to Wereham parish council where they have expressed frustration at lack of results on removing Travellers. IM will follow up with NCC and forestry commission. RK agreed to pass on relevant Forestry contact details to IM. Current information from Forestry Commission is that their Legal Section is progressing the issue as promptly as they can.

### **2. Breckland Council Update**

RC not present, consequently no update provided.

### **3. Greater Thetford Development Partnership**

RK provided update of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February attended by RK and IA. Process of forming Board is proceeding slowly and Terms of reference/Remit still not clearly defined.

### **4. Joint Neighbourhood Plan**

JNP questionnaires were sent out 12/3/2015 using Breckland Council postal facilities. Mail boxes for return of questionnaires have been erected at PC Notice board and No.3 Hill House Lane. Closing date for returns is 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 return RK and DS to research grants and funding as costs are growing. BC have confirmed they will be providing up to 50% Match Funding where required/approved.

### **5. Aircraft noise**

Follow up letter to Sqdn.Ldr. Neild has been sent as agreed.

### **6. BDC Planning Issue**

RK has contacted BC advising that no confirmation of agreed action has been received to date.

### **7. Power Station**

EPR Liaison Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February was attended by RK and IA. It was confirmed that there are **NO** definitive sound levels conditions stated in the Plant Operating Permit.

### **8. Travellers**

Previously discussed under Item 1 above. Councillor GG queried unregistered pigs/livestock running loose. Councillors discussed the coincidental increase of fly-tipping with possible link to Travellers. Agreed to formally press Forestry Commission for quicker action.

### **9. CPC Website**

Actioned, to be available/updated by 20<sup>th</sup> March. Councillor BB suggested placards around Croxton advising 'release' of website, HR offered assistance.

### **10. Highways Matters**

A resident raised query regarding pond and possible blocked drains. NCC Highways have been informed to add to routine maintenance.

### **11. Council Elections**

Timetable discussed and councillors informed of new 2015 procedures relating to:

- a) Councillor Application forms completion/submittal
- b) Costs to PC concerning contested/non-contested election of Parish Councillors.

### **12. MOD Planned visit**

Councillor DS advised that bookings for the visit on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 are progressing well.

### **13. Vodafone Service**

DS advised has received no further information to date since confirmation that 2 Boosters, one on DS house plus one at the village hall will be required and relevant landline installation, rental, fees and running costs, including electricity, will be absorbed by Vodafone.

**Planning**

3PL/2014/0935/F - Bennett Homes, The Street – Permission Granted  
TRE/2015/0042/TCA - 3 Earl Warren Tree felling – Expired/Undecided

**New business**

BDC Local Plan – Consultation results currently being analysed/actioned

**Correspondence**

Helimedi letter requesting funding reviewed and declined.  
Thetford Bus Station – Opening attended by IA. Contractor (Keir) Brochure plus Bury Free Press report circulated and reviewed.

**Finance**

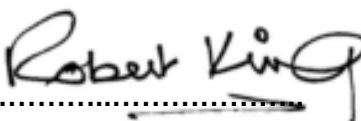
1	Finance:	Current a/c	£ 164.86
		Reserve a/c	£ 8504.04
2	Cheques issued since last Meeting:		£ 274.83

**AOB**

- 1 The Chairman requested Clerk to obtain tariffs for comparison with EON to see which would be more cost effective for the village street lighting.
2. The Chairman was requested to arrange a visit and tour of The Academy, as discussed at presentation by Mr Adrian Ball, Academy Executive Principal. RK to action.
3. Residents raised the subject of speeding through village, and queried the possibility of Village group carrying out independent speed checks? RK to investigate with Police.

**The Meeting was closed at 9.30 pm**

**Note:** Between 7.00 – 8.00 pm, Mr Adrian Ball, Thetford Academy Executive Principal, gave a presentation on The Academy, past and present and answered questions. This presentation was well received by the Croxton residents and Councillors, and grateful appreciation was expressed by all to Mr Ball.

Approved by Chairman:   
Date ..... 9 April 2015.....

**Date of next meeting – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in Village Hall**