

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Thursday 14th May 2015

Present:	R King	RK	Councillor
	I Andrew	IA	Councillor
	G Goucher	GG	Councillor
	D Stephen	DS	Councillor

Note: The above candidates were returned uncontested at the election of 7th May 2015

D Harris	DH	Parish Clerk & RFO
Ian Monson	IM	Norfolk County Council

Apologies: No apologies were reported

The Election of Officers was chaired by Parish Clerk & RFO:

Election of officers:

Chairman. R King was proposed by G Goucher, seconded by I Andrew, accepted the nomination, and signed an Acceptance of Office form.

Vice Chair I Andrew was proposed by R King, seconded by D Stephen, accepted the nomination, and signed an Acceptance of Office form.

Councillors: Elected Councillors G Goucher and D Stephen accepted re-election, and signed the relevant Acceptance of Office forms.

Register of interests

Councillors' were provided with required Register of Interest Forms to be completed and returned to the Parish Clerk.

Declaration of Interests: There were no declarations of interest recorded.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th April were read and agreed as accurate. These were proposed by I Andrew, seconded by D Stephen and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

1. NCC Update – Councillor Monson provided a report of current County decisions and actions together with a hard copy (see attached). He also agreed that this update could be posted on the PC website if so desired.
2. Breckland Council - Our new District Councillor is Samuel Chapman-Allen who will hopefully be joining our meeting on 11th June.
The chairman requested Councillors to give some thought as to what the Parish Council needs/expects from the District Councillor, as the previous District Councillor was very active on behalf of Croxton. This will allow us to discuss our perceived role with Councillor Chapman-Allen at the next Meeting.
3. GTDP
Email received 13th May scheduling Meeting proposed for 11 June and including proposed members for this initial meeting.
4. JNP
RK reported that 126 questionnaires (37.2%) had been returned from Croxton which was a very good response.
R King/T Poulter to discuss/organise questionnaire analysis. DS/IA/GG offered to help and RK to discuss with volunteers on how assistance can be set up.
RK informed meeting of complaint from resident regarding mounting postbox on wall without approaching them. RK had contacted resident, apologised and the apology was accepted.
RK also explained the grant situation to Councillors, further information will follow.
5. BDC Planning issues
An additional problem has been raised concerning Bennett Homes drainage affecting High Meadow, Harefield Road. This together with existing outstanding Planning issues need to be raised to Phil Mileham (and Councillor Chapman-Allen) for further action.
6. Street Lighting
Ongoing investigation, Parish Clerk to provide Councillors with data for comparison.
7. Speedwatch
Actioned to resident Mrs C Carr who has agreed to organise.
8. Vodafone service
BT installation/Vodafone scheduled for installation on 26th May 2015. D Stephen to follow up.
9. Play area maintenance
Councillors, GG, IA, DS and RK agreed to carry out repair work with inspection to be arranged for 18th May 2015.

10. Recycling

RK received posters from BDC and discussed the noticeable decline in recycling at the bottle bank. There has been a 20% reduction in glass tonnage over the past 3 years.

Councillors discussed various options regarding how to encourage parishioners to continue using the recycling facilities which provide a sizable income to the Parish income. BDC are offering a one off compensation payment for loss of income from glass recycling.

11. PC Representatives to VHMC

Ivor Andrew and Doug Stephen were appointed as CPC representatives to the VHMC.

12. Election Result

One Councillor did not apply for re-election therefore we are short of one elected Councillor.

It was agreed to co-opt an additional Councillor and after discussion the Chairman was tasked with approaching a resident who had expressed interest in being active in the community. If agreeable this resident will be invited to attend the Meeting scheduled on 11th June.

Presentation of Accounts for the year to 31st March 2015

The Accounts are currently being audited for presentation at next PC Meeting.

RK and Councillors to review the assets list, as previously discussed to review "ring fencing" funds for future asset replacement purposes.

Planning Matters


3PL/2015/0524/F & 0525/LB - Church Cottage (Grade II Listed Building)

AOB

1. RK Update Skate Park – Construction under way, tarmac road constructed.
2. DS MOD trip – Still some spaces available.
3. Underpass lighting – One light still remains off, others on 24/7.
4. RK sent letter of appreciation to R Childerhouse on behalf of PC.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm

Date for next meeting - Thursday 11th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed: 

Date:11 June 2015.....