

## CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

<b>Present:</b>	Robert King	RK	Chairman
	Ivor Andrew	IA	Vice Chair
	Doug Stephen	DS	Councillor
	Christine Carr	CC	New Councillor
	Tony Yates	TY	Internal Auditor
	Danielle Harris	DH	Parish Clerk
	Sam Chapman-Allen	SCA	Breckland District Councillor (Elected on 7 May 2015)
<b>Residents:</b>	Mr & Mrs White		
	Mr David Vick		

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Councillor Gerald Goucher

**Declaration of interests:**

No Declarations of Interest were recorded.

**Minutes of the previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were read and agreed as accurate. These were proposed by DS, seconded by IA, and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising:**

1. **NCC Update**

As Councillor Monson was not present no NCC update was available

2. **BDC New Council representative**

Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen was welcomed as Croxton's representative. Sam expressed his desire to be used to full advantage with regard to representing parish and community interests. He then brought the meeting up to date of progress with the Local Plan, including the information that the PC was entitled to attend the Local Plan update meetings.

The chairman took the opportunity to pass relevant documents related to various complaints which have been discussed with BC and are still awaiting action of agreed responses

3. **Greater Thetford Development Partnership**

The Chairman stated that progress with this appears to have come to a halt, apparently due to dissatisfaction of Thetford with the proposed representation. Councillor C-A advised his understanding was that the format of the proposed Board was as agreed previously and it was not intended to change it. It was noted that it has taken over 9 months to reach this first important stage which is apparently still not finalised.

4. **Joint Neighbourhood Plan**

Questionnaires data is currently being collected and preliminary analysis being carried out. B&K have almost completed their data input. Written comments will be collected and collated separately for review and brought together for final analysis for discussion.

Funding – Is awarded to parishes from DCLG on a 6 monthly basis so it is only practical to apply when we know we intend to incur costs.

5. **BDC Planning issues**

As covered in Item 1 above documents were passed to Councillor C-A for action.

6. **Street Lighting**

Clerk to finalise collection of comparison information

7. **Speedwatch**

Councillor CC provided an update on this as she is leading the project. Details of the required number of volunteers have been submitted to Janet Overton of the Police Speedwatch Team and after clearance a training date will be arranged. Volunteer group include Gay & Richard Scott, Mr. & Mrs. White, and Malcolm Wright.

8. **Vodafone Service**

Councillor DS updated the meeting on progress with the village Vodafone installation. The landline to the VH has been installed and the work is progressing slowly.

9. **Play Area Maintenance**

The repair/maintenance work was completed and the Annual Inspection successfully completed. The only item highlighted was that grass seeding was required to the new matting.

The Inspection also included the patio benches which are owned by the VHMC. The relevant information will be passed to them.

10. **Recycling**

Posters provided by BC to be posted at suitable locations.

11. **Election Results**

As agreed at the last Meeting the Chairman had approached resident Mrs C. Carr with a view to becoming a Parish Councillor. Mrs Carr formally agreed to accept the nomination at tonight's Meeting. Mrs Carr was provided with the relevant Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interests forms for signature and return to the Clerk DH.

Everybody welcomed Councillor Carr onto the Council.

**Accounts:**

1. The external Auditors Mr T. Yates recorded the 2015 Accounts approved as accurate. The audited accounts were proposed by the Chairman and agreed by all Councillors

2. Cheques issued since last Meeting:		£ 232.33
3 Finance (as at June 2015)	Current a/c	£ 741.18
	Business a/c	£ 9308.05

**Planning Matters:**

**3PL/2015/0524/F & 0525/LB - Church Cottage (Graded II Listed Building)**  
Comments submitted by CPC and G Goucher

**Correspondence:**

Ground rent – The Crown Estate. RK noted that the rental remains same as 2014. Formal request to be sent to VHMC for annual share of Crown Estate rental.

Refer to other distributed correspondence from 15 May to current date.

**AOB:**

1. MOD visit was again a success and a different route was taken this year. This included a different church being visited.
2. Slip road condition and lights on the A11 underpass reported by RK.
3. Mr & Mrs White commented on the lack of traffic visibility at All Saints Court. The Council said that this had been raised to NCC Highways attention who advised they could not act on this as it was a private concern. Similarly the Parish Council adopted this view however did give information as to how this situation might be improved together with general contact information.
- 4 The Assets List needs to be updated and reviewed with T.Yates

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in Village Hall**

Minutes agreed at Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015.



**R. King**  
Chairman

**Date:** 9 July 2015