

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Thursday 13th August 2015

Present:	Robert King	RK	Chairman
	Ivor Andrew	IA	Vice Chair
	Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
	Doug Stephen	DS	Councillor
	Christine Carr	CC	Councillor
	Danielle Harris	DH	Parish Clerk
	Croxton Residents		Mr & Mrs White

Apologies:

Apologies were received from County Councillor Ian Monson . No other apologies were received.

Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of Interest were recorded.

Minutes of previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Thursday 9th July were read and agreed as accurate. These were proposed by DS, seconded by IA and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

1. NCC Update

No update as NC Councillor Monson was not present.

2 BDC Update

No update as Councillor Chapman-Allen was not present.

It was noted that no apologies for the previous 2 Meetings or response to earlier attempts to contact him had been received. In addition none of the issues raised by CPC with SCA have been actioned (refer to item 2 of CPC Minutes dated 11 June) RK has been in touch with Phil Mileham and Bennett homes over one such issue related to drainage problems at High Meadow, Harefield Road, and the relevant documents were passed to SC-A at 1t June Meeting for action.

Councillor's discussed moving to the next step of a formal complaint communication to SC-A copied to the local Conservative Party Chairman expressing dissatisfaction at this lack of service and unacceptable communication procedure from our District Council representative. Chairman to action.

3 Greater Thetford Development Partnership

RK circulated minutes from the meeting on 3 August, which was chaired by Anna Graves Breckland Joint CEO. Applications will be canvassed for an **independent** Chairman. Applicants will be interviewed by a group of 3 board members. Salary for this Chair position will be funded by Breckland Council.

RK expressed the view that with some reservation "there is a possibility of success" but noted the absence of the Thetford representative (T. Jermy) which A. Graves will follow up.

The main focus of the meeting was to resolve the fundamental structure and purpose of the board. There will be more information to come but a certainty is that there will be an independent Chair, criteria to be confirmed. Next meeting is scheduled for October 2015. Unfortunately the overall views have been that it has been a lot of talking about talking; lacking results. GG queried action of this GTDP for next phase of SUE development and local infrastructure. RK reported that the legalities of the S106 requirements have just been clarified/agreed and this should allow matters to proceed.

IA queried the balance of funding left from the now defunct MTF Board. The remaining funds (some £750k) has now been transferred to the GTDP. Councillors discussed in some depth and await further advancement.

4 Joint Neighbourhood Plan

RK reported that data from Questionnaires has been entered to computer and preliminary graphs of results prepared and circulated to Council. The proposal was to agree presentation of this information and place these on the website(s).

The Council felt that there should be a joint meeting to review current position and discuss/agree next stages before releasing the graphs on the website. Councillors feel that more clarification on wider engagement by relevant partners (Highways, Police, BC Planning, etc.) who now need to be brought into the development process and clarification as to development of 'Policies' is required.

RK to liaise with Chairman of B&K to arrange a joint meeting.

5 BDC Planning issues

Complaint linked with item 2 above. Disappointingly no progress.

6 Vodafone Service

DS reported that agreed installation of 2 masts system had been completed however there is still a 'gap' in service in the middle of the village so a third mast will be required. DS is following this up with Vodafone. Otherwise the system works in areas covered. Vodafone/BT wishes to have a press launch at V Hall on 16th September with CPC and BC to be present. DS liaising with Vodafone on this and will advise arrangements finalised.

7 PC Laptop

The various options were discussed and the Council agreed to look at laptops in £500 - £600 range (excluding program transfer charge)

8 Village Clock

The report from N. Manderfield was discussed and it was agreed for routine 'maintenance' to be carried out by N. Manderfield with possibility of full servicing on 3 to 4 year frequency. IA stressed that wear & tear monitoring is important aspect.

9 Homewatch

A resident had expressed concerns about strange vehicles in the village and 'chalk markings' on gates noticed. The resident highlighted that there had been a number of 'dogknappings' in Thetford. Apparently there was also an incident of somebody in a dressing gown walking around the bottom lane during heavy rain? Everyone was asked to be vigilant and report **any and all** strange events to 101.

Finance

1. Finance (at 3 rd August 2015)	Current a/c: £ 1322.13
	Business a/c: £ 7490.65
2. Cheques issued since last Meeting:	£ 1493.89

Planning

3PL/2015/0767/F	-	Ground Mounted Solar Panels –	New Location
		Resident N. Morris has posted comments/concern	
3PL/2015/0702/F	-	Ground Mounted Solar Panels –	Undecided
3PL/2015/0719/F	-	Rotation of Skatepark & amendment to Design a second bowl	Undecided
3PL/2015/0524/F & 0525/LB		Church Cottage (Grade II Listed Building)	Permission

Correspondence

Refer to correspondence from 9 July to current date.
MOD Activity lists (latest) circulated and posted to notice board.
Norse Printing Services (circulated)
CPRE Documents/Magazine (circulate)

AOB

- 1 Speedwatch. Training excellent, first day operating showed 5% vehicles speeding.
- 2 Information from Mrs. Emberton concerning information received by her to effect that RAF helicopter flight activity over Croxton will be reduced due to 'exclusion area'.

- 3 Highways – Underpass now has 2 lights not working. Clerk advised that Highways are looking at programme to replace/upgrade all such lights in near future
- 4 Carter Jonas follow up letter (actioned by Chairman)
- 5 Dispensation letter renewal to be requested form BC allowing CPC to discuss/make decisions on VHMC matters.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Date of next Meeting – Thursday 10th September at 7.20pm in Village Hall

Minutes agreed at Meeting of 10th September 2015



R. King
Chairman

Date: 10 September 2015