

# CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the village hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm

<b>Present:</b>	R King	RK	Chairman
	I Andrews	IA	Vice Chair
	D Stephen	DS	Councillor
	G Goucher	GG	Councillor
	B Beal	BB	Councillor
	D Harris	DH	Parish Clerk
	H Raker	HR	Resident
	I Monson	IM	NCC
	J Neild Sqn Ldr		RAF Lakenheath

**Apologies:** R Childerhouse RC BDC

## Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were recorded at this time.

## Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, one amendment was noted. With the agreed amendment the Minutes were agreed as accurate. The Minutes were proposed by IA and seconded by GG. The Chairman to sign Minutes after amendment is made.

## Matters arising

### 1. Aircraft noise

JN from RAF Lakenheath informed the meeting that there are usually between 11/15 thousand hours of flights and 2014 has been a very busy year. Runway 06 is the one most used which means aircraft fly over the Croxton area. This can be variable dependent upon conditions which determine flight paths used Brandon account for 40% of the noise complaints. JN provided a map and illustrated departure patterns from Lakenheath, usually in north-easterly direction but sometimes towards Norwich area. The PC letter of concern was acknowledged and RAF Lakenheath is currently reviewing procedures/options with regard to possibility of improving matters. JN provided in depth information on heights, turning speeds and other technical aspects .IM queried use of afterburners as noise can be heard from Oxborough. It was highlighted that future new aircraft noise levels will be louder according to studies.

DS highlighted that what triggered the original complaint was during August 2014 due to the number of departures with easterly drift and discussed possible area avoidance suggestions. JN agreed that these would be reviewed with a view to directing take-off to less populated areas away from Croxton where possible.

### 2. NCC update

County council budget plan meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, with the aim for 0% increase in council tax. But if necessary as a last resort a maximum of 2% might be considered.

Police Commission has a separate budget and propose an increase of 4% mainly to combat rise in 'technical crimes' which is expensive to police.£128 million has been budgeted for

improvement to Norfolk roads as due to increase in traffic together with heavier vehicles the roads have suffered. This will invariably cause some delays due to road works. The Broads Authority now has National Park status including elements of navigation and a grant of £1 million has been awarded for tourism and cycle paths on the broads. No further cuts to the bus services are anticipated at present.

### **3. BDC update**

RC Not present therefore no update was available.

### **4. Greater Thetford Development Partnership**

Meeting scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> February at Cloverfields Community Centre at 2pm. The Chairman felt that councillors who are available might be interested in attending and he will circulate relevant documents on the formation of the group/board when these are received. The documents from the initial meeting attended by RK were circulated in envelope 09/14 - 03

### **5. Joint Neighbourhood Plan**

Questionnaire is moving toward being finalised. It is proposed to send a copy to all residents (approx. 650 to 409 household). The will be distributed through Breckland Council postal system, and a 6 week allowed for completion and return. Discussion took place on subject of having two collection boxes, one at Parish Council notice board and another located at Hill House Lane.

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

RK, IA and DS had meeting with Phil Mileham and Martin Pendlebury (BC and Capita) who have taken concerns on board agreed to investigate and report back to CPC

### **7. Power Station**

RK has spoken to Neil Goudie (EA) and agreed on 24<sup>th</sup> February to arrange the next Liaison Meeting with at the Power Station. It has been confirmed by EA that Operating Permit has no stipulation as to specific noise level figures. RK and IA will be attending the meeting. HR enquired whether he could attend the Liaison Meeting; RK said he would find out and advise HR.

### **8. Social Media**

Competition winner drawn by Rev. Bob Baker was Alun Williams. GG advised the meeting that the winner has kindly donated his £20 winnings to All Saints Church.

### **9. Memorial bench**

Order placed, awaiting delivery details.

### **10. Travellers**

Awaiting further information from Forestry Commission regarding outcome of court decision.

### **11. Thetford Academy presentation**

Presentation by Executive Principal Mr Adrian Ball arranged for 7.00pm prior to March 12 Parish Council Meeting. Information distributed in February Newsletter for residents who wish to attend.

### **12. CPC Website**

Agreed the CPC website will be available from 20 February. BB agreed to post some placards around village, HR agreed to help.

### 13. Highways visit/walk

Walk through village with Paul Groom Highways Engineer. Discussed possible future problems at Bennett homes with parking on the brow of the hill. As no requirement for any action was raised at planning approval stage he advised that he cannot take any action until an issue arises!

Agreed any information/issues will be informed to his office.

### Planning

1      **3PL/2014/0935/F** – Bennett Homes - **No decision yet made**

2      **3PL/1995/1072/F** - Power Station issue - **Ongoing**

### New Business

1. BDC Local Plan Consultation - RK actioned Parish Council comments

### Correspondence

1. Rockland community shop
2. Elveden employment information
3. Miss Madders x 2 regarding possible parking issues – see Item 13 above
4. Streetlife.com
5. Greenfinger garden services circular
6. Planning forum (attended by RK/IA) – Slides handout )  
Plain English Guide to Planning )  
Ombudsman NIMBY ) Circulated  
Planning Enforcement Breckland )  
BDC Planning & Building Controls )

### Finance

Current A/c.	£ 650.23
Reserve A/c.	£ 8,501.11

Cheques issued since last Meeting:      £ 224.65

### AOB

1. Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities - Circulated and adopted.
2. Workshop on Neighbourhood Plan 27 March. Three places booked.
3. Forthcoming Elections. Documents relating to Parish Elections distributed (email)/adoption
4. DS awaiting village hall meeting to confirm Vodafone plan (for information)
5. DS advised that MOD Battle area trip bookings are increasing.
6. Letter of complaints from resident to be replied to by RK. Two of 4 matters to be referred to VHMC, two to be referred to Highways Maintenance for comment...

**Meeting closed at 9.45pm**

**Date of next Meeting: - Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.30 in Village Hall**

**Note: This Meeting will be preceded by a Thetford Academy presentation at 7.00 pm by Mr Adrian Ball (Executive Principal) which is open to members of the public.**