

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the village hall on Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:	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
Apologies:	I Monson	IM	NCC
	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 and agreed as accurate. The Minutes were proposed by IA and seconded by GG. The Chairman signed the minutes.

Matters arising

1. NCC Update

Councillor Monson was not present therefore no update at this time

2. Breckland Council update

Councillor Childerhouse was not present therefore no update at this time

3. Greater Thetford Development Partnership (relating to previous MTFGroup and future Development Plans). Still awaiting BDC update from September 25th 2014 initial meeting. RC relayed that he is unsure of reason for delay in moving GTDP forward.

4. Neighbourhood Plan

1st draft of questionnaire was circulated to councillors of Croxton, plus Brettenham & Kilverstone. Feedback from various parties/councillors together with input and suggestions from local GPs'. Current revisions to be re-circulated by 15/1/2015, reviewed by all for further feedback. RK confirmed that the process will be extensive until final document is produced. The possibility of use of professional services if felt necessary will be assessed.

DS raised correspondence giving information on "bridging grant" which has a deadline of 24/1/2015 RK has asked DS to investigate for further joint review.

5. BDC Planning Issue

RK has heard from Phil Mileham (BDC) who wants to include Martin Pendlebury at any meeting. Issues need to be listed as these have increased. A date for meeting to be agreed. In order to query the progress of conditions etc. related to a planning

application planning it appears that the BDC Enforcement Procedure has to be used. A formal complaint needs to be logged in order for the Enforcement section to Investigate queries. RK raised queries on Bennett Homes conditions, which has been acknowledged but no further response has been received to date.

6. Street Lighting

New bracket has been fitted to street light fitting at The Shop. BB advised that all affected are very pleased with the difference it has made. Councillors also expressed satisfaction with the service received from Westcotec.

7. Power Station (Major issue)

RK/IA reviewed relevant planning documents dating back to 1994 at Breckland planning office, these documents relating to 3 applications. The documents were not as definitive as hoped and in fact created as many questions as they answered. A major change occurred in 2006 when the responsibility for issuing the Plant Permit to Work transferred from BDC to the Environment Agency. The Permit conditions may have changed at this changeover but this has to be clarified by EA.

Additional documentation was provided by DS and HR from the previous MP (Christopher Fraser) about the original noise expectations which also fails to provide definitive answers. Councillors engaged in considerable discussion at length on the subject. There was also considerable discussion on how best to measure 'noise'. The main point of agreement on this was that sound surveys should be carried out by an independent professional body.

RK advised that as he and IA had agreed with the EA Regulatory Officer Mr N Goudie to provide more information at the next EPR Liaison meeting in February 2015 there was little to be gained from in further discussion until this information became available. The PC will follow the matter up through available channels.

HR queried the number of complaints passed to the Power Station during the period of major noise problem. IA and RK estimated 15 persons complained.

8. Complaint from residents

These have been addressed and actioned.

9. Social Media

1. Unfortunately there has been a disappointing response from residents to the internet/broadband prize draw with only 14 responses to date. It was agreed that as the intention was to obtain individual responses, the list kindly forwarded by a resident would not be used.

Discussion on how to increase engagement with the community (electronically) continues.

2. The decision by BDC to accept glass in black bins has been recognised as having an adverse effect on those Parish Councils who operate Recycling schemes and BDC are offering 'once-off' contribution by way of compensation. Clerk to provide figures for glass tonnages and income for 2014, 2013 and 2012 if possible for February meeting.

3. The Chairman and Clerk are working on Parish website to be active by end of February.

10. Memorial bench

Confirmed for action and quotation agreed upon. RK to order bench from Stebbings (with hard fixings).

11. Travellers

RK has been in contact with the Forestry Commission. The Forestry commission legal dept is seeking a court date to obtain a formal Removal Notice. The police and other relevant authorities have been informed and are aware. Awaiting further updates.

- 12. Note:** It was noted that the decision made at Meeting of 13th November to maintain the Parish Precept at the current figure not been minuted. This decision is now minuted.

Planning

- 1 **3PL/2014/0935?F** – Bennett Homes - No decision yet made
- 2 **3PL/1995/1072/F** - Discussed above under Item 7 above

New Business

1. BDC Local Plan Consultation - RK actioned comments for Parish Council
2. Agreed to take up Academy offer of presentation. Format - presentation prior to March PC Meeting from 7.00 to 7.30 pm. Advertise in Feb/March Newsletter.
3. Aircraft Noise - To action. Meeting to be arranged BB explained current issues at RAF Lakenheath. BB to pursue meeting with Sqn. Ldr. Nield or invite him to next PC meeting.
4. Travellers – Commented in Item 11 above
5. PC website to be available from February

Correspondence

1. CPRE Light pollution – Circulated to councillors
2. Parish Elections – Changes to Charging Practice discussed
3. Rural Housing Alliance – New Guide for Parish Councils available online
4. General Power of Competence – Chairman responded to this
5. Subscriptions renewed – NRCC (Bronze) Parish Online (Mapping)
6. Norfolk Constabulary – Shared PCSO costs discussed decided no action to be taken
7. AGE UK request for donation – No action

Finance

Current ac	£ 711.09
Reserve ac	£8,497.86

Cheques issued in November/December 2014 were reviewed Total £ 953.72.

AOB

1. DS advised that MOD visit 10th June 20 was booked and places are still available.
2. Chairman and Clerk completed WordPress course successfully.
3. DS provided an update on the progress with Vodafone booster as a potential benefit, awaiting results of the feasibility survey. Possible locations for main boosters – GG Farm barn, DS home and the village hall. Further information to follow pending clarification on costs related to minor charge for electricity etc.
4. IA confirmed that resident Frank Myers in Douglas Close has rats and that BC no longer has pest control service. HR offered to provide details of Pest Control service companies.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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