

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Thursday 8th October 2015

Present:	Robert King	RK	Chairman
	Ivor Andrew	IA	Vice Chair
	Christine Carr	CC	Councillor
	Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
	Doug Stephen	DS	Councillor
	Sam Chapman-Allen	SCA	BDC Councillor
	Danielle Harris	DH	Parish Clerk

Apologies: Apologies were received from NCC Ian Monson.
No other apologies were received

Declaration of interests:

No declarations of interests were recorded.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 10th September having been circulated, were read and agreed as accurate. These were proposed by IA, seconded by DS and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

1. NCC Update:

As Council Monson was not present there was no update or matters of urgency recorded.

2. BDC Update:

The Chairman RK read aloud the letter received at this Meeting from Councillor Chapman-Allen in response to our official letter of complaint to Councillor Chapman-Allen dated 15 September.

The response from Councillor Chapman-Allen offers an apology to the Parish Council and provides a clear plan of how he hopes to serve the Parish and Ward although not speaking on behalf of Councillor Nunn who is also district Councillor for Forest Ward and Croxton Parish.

In discussion the Councillors expressed unease with the passivity of uncertainty as to who will represent CPC on any specific issue and availability of which representative to be contacted or communicate with.

It was stressed that Croxton Parish Council had been effectively represented by the previous District Councillor and would like this same high level of representation to continue.

Councillor Chapman-Allen stated he would provide a corrected (typographical correction) copy of his letter which is attached to these Minutes.

3. GTDP:

A second meeting of the new Board was held on 2nd October.

The Board is currently in process of looking to appoint an independent Chairperson; meantime Anna Graves is Acting Chair.

A formal/public statement will be issued shortly to clarify the procedural process relating to Meetings and public access to information and outcomes from these meetings. RK circulated related correspondence and discussed the two tier method proposed, i.e. monthly Board meetings with one meeting every six months open to the public. The composition of the Communities sub-group raised differing views and BC were tasked with coming up with a suggested format to best provide a proper representation of the **affected** communities involved.

RK also stressed the necessity of equal representation so there is not a monopoly by any one group particularly considering the Parishes are most impacted by the future development.

The board is to examine the best use of remaining funding from the MTF and it was clarified that Breckland are responsible for this money.

Other matters discussed at the Board meeting included which professionals/officers could be involved, plus formation and composition of the sub committees (groups). So far it has been attempting to obtain the best/correct shape, Board representation and clear ToR..

CPC raised the matter of existing projects that were under review by MTF, BDC stated that alternative match funding was being investigated as the proposal was to utilise the unallocated money from MTF to 'kick start' much larger funding for reactivating the TEP (Thetford Enterprise Park) which had stalled for some time.

4. Joint Neighbourhood Plan:

RK has distributed the comments from the JNP questionnaires, which being considered for be publishing on the website (RK felt that these may need to be summarised prior to uploading). Sarah Robertson of BC is back from a sabbatical which is great news as she has been most constructive and helpful.

After uploading analysis (graphs and comments) the next stage will be a joint meeting whereby the formation of the actual Plan will be drawn up. This should lead also to policy development, which of necessity will involve other agencies/parties e.g. such as BDC, education, highways and medical groups in order to fulfil the brief of the consultation phase.

RK requested agreement to proceed on this basis, IA urged progress as we seem to have lost momentum, and DS advised a degree of caution over the analysis release. These factors will be addressed accordingly.

5. BDC Planning Issues.

This was covered in agenda Item 1 and hopefully will be investigated with further assistance from Councillor SC-A.

6. Highways Traffic Survey

To date no response has been received to letter sent requesting a Traffic Survey through the village. RK to action follow up to Highways.

7. Vodafone Services:

The official **launch** has been postponed.

After consideration Carter Jonas and the Crown Estate have decided against allowing erection of a mast/aerial on Councillor GG’s roof.

Vodafone emailed DS 7th October 2015 stating that they can ‘tweak’ the software which should be enough to provide more coverage in the centre of the village. The PC is sceptical and will await results. IA advised that the Cynthia Della Hoy Croxton Charity is responsible for various properties in the village and suggested contacting the Secretary of CDHCC, Nick Manderfield to talk over possible sites. DS to follow up and update at next Meeting.

8. PC Laptop:

New laptop was purchased (VAT to be reclaimed). Laptop was shown to Councillors with short demo. All agreed that it is a vast improvement and uses Windows 10 software. Full spec. available on request.

9. EPR Power Station:

RK and IA attended the Liaison Meeting on 6 October. IA explained that the Power Station is rated by EA as band C which is above average. The station efficiency is 25% which is apparently acceptable for this type of plant. In the past 6 months there were 8 breaches related to carbon monoxide emissions

There were also 11 noise complaints mainly from one individual, some made when the Plant was offline for maintenance..

10. CPC Dispensation:

Addressed and actioned from last meeting.

11. Raised by Residents:

After complaint from villagers RK has written a letter to the MOD requesting an explanation regarding the large military convoys through the village, some 90 plus vehicles.. Awaiting a response.

Finance:

1	Finance (at September 2015)	Current a/c: Business a/c	£ 2624.76 £ 7978.10
2	Cheques (5 No.) issued since last Meeting		£ 1262.11

Planning:

3PL/2015/0160/TCA	Silver Birch-Reduce from 60 to 30 ft.	–No Objection
3PL/2015/0767/F	Ground mounted Solar Panels	- Permission
3PL/2015/0702/F	Ground mounted Solar Panels	- Permission

Correspondence:

Refer to correspondence from 10 September to current date.
MOD activity lists (latest) circulated. And posted on notice board.
CPRE –Subscription renewal agreed.

AOB:

IA – Highways Traffic Survey through the village, requested this be an agenda point next meeting.
DH – To circulate email from Scooper Dooper to see if the PC requires any additional bins (either dog fouling or litter) for the village.
DH – To chase up highways lights on the underpass which are not working.
GG – Requested moving grit bin before the winter when possible.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next Meeting – Thursday 12 November at 7.30 in Village Hall

Minutes agreed at Meeting of 12th November 2015



R. King
Chairman

Date: 12th November 2015