

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Thursday 10th November 2016

Present:	R King	Chairman	RK
	I Andrews	Vice Chairman	IA
	G Goucher	Councillor	GG
	D Stephen	Councillor	DS
	I Monson	NCC Councillor	IM
	S Chapman-Allen	BDC Councillor	SC-A
	D Goucher	Clerk/RFO	

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor W Nunn BDC

Declaration of interest –

No declarations of interest were received

Minutes of the Previous Meeting –

Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record, proposed by DS, seconded by IA and signed by the Chairman

County and District Council Reports –

It was agreed to receive the District Council report first as Councillor SC-A wished to attend another meeting

Report from District Councillor

Councillor Chapman-Allen updated meeting on progress with the Cambridge/Norwich efforts to drive forward the A11 'Development Corridor'

Breckland DC is still against the proposed devolution plans, and await outcome of County Council vote due to be held on 21st November.

Yaxham (near Dereham) Neighbourhood Plan has been signed off and are offering to give help to other parishes should they so require.

Crown Estates are being lobbied to take action (as landowner) with regard to the Travellers site on A11 Thetford bypass but have not responded to date.

The PC has received an invitation to attend the Town and Parish Forum on the 8th December at Dereham, where A11 Technology Group, Council Tax and other relevant matters will be discussed

RK requested best contacts for reaching BDC Neighbourhood Plan Officer as he experienced difficulty. SCA will investigate and report back.

RK asked whether Local Plan's slow progress will affect our Neighbourhood Plan.

SCA reported Local Plan will not be ready before May/June 2017 but should not hold up NP's.

DS asked for progress on TEP – is it correct work will begin in January 2017. SC-A thought this might well be the Baxters/Mundford Road Roundabout starting date.

SC-A left the Meeting.

Report from District Councillor

Councillor Monson confirmed this is final week of Devolution Consultation and NCC will be voting on decision on 21st. He will be voting against the proposal as in his opinion it is all far too expensive. The funding available with devolution offer will be spread over 30 years. His view is it will also mean demise of local democracy and even some of our MPs. NCC budget is presenting a big problem, NCC has already overspent this year and public expectations are high. Care and social services are very expensive and roads and fire services are suffering.

There is no news on Croxton/A11 Slip Road repairs and apparently not much enthusiasm for doing anything at present.

Councillor Monson reported no news on drainage problems raised regarding Bennetts Woodland Vale development. IM will look into situation of drainage drawings requested. RK highlighted that The Street drainage would appear to have big problems which may be linked with the Bennetts development drainage issue and has raised this to both NCC highways Departments concerned. IM agreed to follow this up. .

GG asked about situation on A11/Mundford Road Roundabout and commented on the tremendous build-up of traffic at rush hours IM said there would be no work on this for a long time yet but will make enquiries re tailback of traffic and what may be done.

GTDP

Draft minutes of October 21st meeting have only just been released. DS reported minutes of Sub-Committee group are due to go on Croxton Website along with dates of meetings when available

Planning Matters

TRE/2016/0180/TPO

No further news on Ash Tree in Vicarage Garden to Planning Dept proposals.

TRE/2016/0223/TCA

It is presumed work to fell Rowan Tree at 3 Earl Warren has been carried out.

3PL/2016/1203/F

Bretwick House Annexe was thoroughly discussed, the applicant being present to clarify any queries. The annexe will be at the rear of existing dwelling and largely unseen from the highway. It will basically be a Pre-Fab unit and having a life span of 50years, with colour of the exterior finish 'blending' with the brick colour of existing building. In principle the PC has no objection; however one Councillor had reservations relating to possibility of setting a precedent for future similar applications within the conservation area, and was advised he could note comments individually to BDC.

Road access at 36 The Street

Councillor Andrew has spoken with owner of No 36 the Street who agreed he is aware of all regulations and conservation area requirements etc. He informed IA that the cost to relocate the lighting pole was prohibitive and he will not be doing this. IA highlighted that the pavements within the conservation area are forecast to be resurfaced and therefore it would be prudent to ensure that any planning for a drop kerb should be done at soonest to enable the work to be done during/before resurfacing.

JNP- Informal Drop-in Meeting (29th October)

59 people attended the Open Viewing morning which A Long thought was a very good turnout. A number of comments were recorded at the drop-in which will be recorded and logged together with all comments received during the consultation period for review, response and action. As yet RK was not able to make contact with BC (Phil Mileham) regarding the earlier response from English Heritage. Everyone appreciates that there is much work yet to be done! RK suggested it might be advisable to involve a few more people for fresh ideas and to help with the forthcoming work load. Some discussion took place on this but nothing final was decided. Councillors agreed the publication will need some presentation improvement for final formal document(s) and agreed this would be progressed as documentation preparation proceeds and may need to involve some professional input e.g. graphic design. As 30th November is the finish date of public consultation a meeting with Andrea at the beginning of December was suggested. Before this the PC need to consult with a graphic designer e.g. Andy Poore of Rollmark was suggested.

Defibrillator

The Defib. Unit has been installed and is operational. 3 dates have been suggested for the Defibrillator seminar, which have been passed to CHT for organising. A flyer will be circulated when date/details are known. It was agreed to explore the possibility of running other basic First Aid courses independently.

The Village Hall light adjacent to the Defib. Unit is now not working! Nick Manderfield to be asked to investigate.

For the present RK and IA will take responsibility for routine checks of defibrillator.

Slip-Roads at A11 Bypass

Nothing to report

Play Area Repairs

Minor repairs to be carried out when weather is better

Matters Arising –

Vodafone

Plan for 3rd mast installation on No 1 All Saints Court agreed, no firm timescale

Croxton Kiosk

PC happy for it to be used as a Book Swap if required but meanwhile content for it to be seen as a well-maintained village feature

Local Plan

No further progress on publication of this Document which may be later in 2017 rather than earlier as anticipated

Finance

- 02 November Statements
Current a/c: £ 4119.52
Business a/c: £9290.81
- Outgoings since last statement £ 2711.59

Planning Applications

No new applications

AOB

Street Lighting

A resident reported falling on the pavement outside 99 The Street due to insufficient lighting. Westcotec have been informed of church footpath lights not working, and also that some additional lighting might be required. Joint site Inspection to be arranged

EPR Liaison Meeting

IA and RK attended EPR meeting on 20 October. Some complaints have been received re a steady droning noise at intervals.

The Environment Agency has agreed to approach Breckland Environmental Department to carry out survey to identify the actual source and level of this noise to determine whether and what action may resolve the issue in future.

EPR also reported there had been a spillage to the Little Ouse River.

Community Governance Review

A discussion followed on the Thetford Town Council's recent discussion at a committee meeting on the subject of requesting a Boundary Review, with the purpose of bringing the SUE development within the Thetford boundary.

There being no other matters the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm



R. King
Chairman

Date of next meeting - Thursday 12 th January 2017 at 7.30 pm on Village Hall