

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm 14th April 2016

Present:	Robert King	RK	Chairman
	Ivor Andrew	IA	Vice Chairman
	Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
	Doug Stephen	DS	Councillor
	Christine Carr	CC	Councillor
	Danielle Harris	DH	Parish Clerk

Apologies: No apologies received.

Declaration of interest: No declarations of interest were received.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th March 2016 had been circulated and read as accurate. Proposed by GG, Seconded by CC and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

- 1. NCC Update:** Not NCC councillor present
- 2. BDC Update:** Not BDC councillors present
- 3. Planning Issues :**
 - We have received a response from Simon Wood (BC) consisting of a “standard statement” which takes us no further forward. Chairman to contact Norfolk County representative initially (Jonathon Larter) then Environment Agency (Neil Goudie) if required. Conclusion was that BDC had provided no real help at all which was felt to be disappointing but not unexpected. Councillors all agree that the situation is stagnant as nobody at BC is addressing the issues, neither old issues nor new issue at High Meadows.
 - DS queried accountability?? To be actioned as detailed above.
- 4. GTDP**

IA Attended meeting today in Bell Hotel.

 - Within the board Rob Cooper NCC was appointed – Health committee to cover health matters and social care.
 - Changes which have taken place, Ellen Jolly BC no longer cabinet member, Tig Armstrong joined Board
 - Advertising for an Independent Chair (Anna Graves current Chair) has provided 3 potential candidates, interviews to follow.
 - Advertising to be actioned from Meeting inviting local residents to apply to join Communities Sub Group. **Four** representatives are required from residents aged 16+, with Applications closing on 6th May 2016. **Three** parish nominees will be appointed,

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one from each of Croxton, Brettenham & Kilverstone, and Thetford parishes to ensure wider community representation. The Community Sub Group is intended to meet 6 times per year or more as necessary.

- Two other Sub Groups, one for Inward Investment and one for Projects review had Terms of reference (TOR) agreed. for these Sub Groups.
- B&K Chairman requested that GTDP needs a vice chair – Terry Jermy was appointed.
- GG mentioned article in the EDP on subject, councillors discussed.

5. Highways Issues

- Traffic survey underway in The Street, date for completion to be requested from Highways.
- Possible slight subsidence of the repair was raised, to be investigated.
- David Jacklin (highways) agreed to a walk through and discussion date for Street surface drainage, GG to advise suitable date.
- CC raised question of surface drainage at Bretwick House. Understanding is that this is responsibility of resident, if silt build up from the ditch creates flooding and water on the road it is not necessarily Highways Agency responsibility

6. JNP / Funding

- IA has done a sterling job obtaining £3,354 funding from Locality Community funding
- Phil Mileham BC highlighted that match funding for JNP will be available only on 'one off' payment basis. RK and DS to investigate definition of 'match funding' in view of Locality system allowing multiple fund packages e.g. funding A, plus funding B, would BDC match funding be allowed for each of A & B separately??

7. Defibrillator

- Awareness Meeting scheduled for 16th April (Saturday 10am) Dr de Bass attending to answer questions relating to medical issues. Also to discuss the possibility of first aid courses for 14/28 people. Main topic of debate – Training vs. Limitations/danger of untrained use of defibrillator.

8. Litter Pick

- 14 People turned up despite the miserable weather which was a wonderful turnout. In excess of 30 bags of litter were collected. It was suggested another clear-up be organised in the autumn.

9. Other Matters

- Council agreed to renew Westcotec maintenance contract as per latest quotation.
- CC raised subject of slip roads which are in poor condition. Chairman to contact responsible authority.

10. Finance:

- Finance (2nd April statements):

Current a/c	£ 2519.50
Business a/c	£ 5991.71
- Outgoings since last statement
- The current finance Summary was reviewed and discussed.

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11. Planning:

3PL/2016/0099/HOU – Permission granted
3PL/2016/0044/F – UNDECIDED
3PL/2016/0045/LB – UNDECIDED

12. Correspondence:

Reviewed and discussed.

13. AOB:

- Vodafone still awaiting new funding clarification. Update by DS. It was suggested that Elizabeth Truss be contacted if Vodafone appear to 'drag their feet' on this.
- Recycling reclaim forwarded to NCC for action.
- Telephone problems in Harefield Road were noted for possible future action. Speedwatch group leader (CC) provided an update on success of temporary flashing sign.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting – Thursday 12th May 2016 Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm in Village Hall

Minutes approved at Meeting of 12 May 2016



R King
Chairman

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