

# CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup>. February 2016

<b>Present:</b>	Robert King	RK	Chairman
	Ivor Andrews	IA	Vice-Chairman
	Christine Carr	CC	Councillor
	Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
	Doug Stephen	DS	Councillor
	Ian Monson	IM	Norfolk County Councillor
	Tony Poulter	AP	Brettenham & Kilverstone Parish Council
	Martin Whitby	MW	Brettenham & Kilverstone Parish Council
	George Brown	GB	Brettenham & Kilverstone Parish Council
	Martin Engwell	ME	Brettenham & Kilverstone Parish Council
	Andrea Long	AL	JNP Specialist Advisor
	Diana Goucher	DG	Minutes

**Apologies:** No apologies were received.

Note: *Apologies received post meeting from S. Chapman-Allen on behalf of himself and W. Nunn.*

**Declaration of Interests:** No declaration of interests were received

## **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, had been circulated and read as accurate. Proposed by DS, Seconded by IA, and signed by chairman.

## **Matters Arising**

### **NCC Update.**

IM reported a NCC meeting to discuss the precept. Things currently are very difficult at County Hall with no escaping of cuts in finances, however the Administration and Opposition have joined forces to set precept by end February:

- Council Tax will be raised by 2% to maintain support to Adult and Social Care together with the allocated Government funding.
- A further 2% to Council Tax will it is hoped restore some of the cuts in Personal Allowances giving an increase of 4% overall.
- Proposed cuts at recycling depots have been given a reprieve.
- Fire services have been restored and £1,500,000 has been reserved for road repairs.
- AP asked about Traffic Management. IM replied there would be no general cuts but some not so necessary extras have already been delayed.

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**BDC Update.** No BDC councillor present.

**Planning Issues.**

RK reported on meeting held at Dereham with M. Brennan and S. Wood on 09/02/2016 regarding complaints previously raised.

In summary there was a clarification as to the extent of BD Planning powers and agreement to establishing better communications, involvement and co-operation.

Although limitations were discussed BD agreed that matters raised Breckland's responsibility. Specific matters to be actioned:

- The drainage/soak-away problems at High Meadow, Harefield Road are still not settled and need further investigation. M. Brennan agreed to contact Environment Control for response to this matter.
- The matter of whether there was ever a document specifying noise/pollution at the Fibrowatt Power Station initially which could be examined. M. Brennan/S. Wood agreed to investigate and advise.
- Parish Council should inform BD Compliance Department of any non-compliance of Planning Conditions. BDC have promised to answer all questions within a reasonable time.

Hopefully there will be a better relationship between parties from now on.

**GTDP.**

There are a number of procedural matters to be resolved and these are ongoing

The Next meeting is on 15/02/2016 at Charles Burrell Centre and will be open to the public.

**Highway Issues.**

RK asked if anything had been reported to NCC re. the requested Traffic Survey in Croxton. RK said it badly needed attention as the village appears to be being used as a rat run (possibly by drivers avoiding the Mundford Road/A11 Bypass Roundabout). IM said he had heard nothing.

AP and other B&K councillors remarked this was becoming a problem in their villages also.

The subsidence in The Street has been fully repaired (earlier repair was only a temporary patch) – it will need to be carefully observed for any signs of further subsidence.

Highways have been advised of concerns that there may be damage in the new drainage system which is of course much deeper in the ground.

Surface Water Issue. Highways will observe surface water at the bottom of the village next time there is heavy rain. RK has asked for a visit anyway to discuss problem. IM will also pass this on.

**Breckland Local Plan.**

All comments need to be submitted to BDC before consultation closure date of 22/02/2016.

## **The Croxton PC Meeting was closed.**

### **JNP – Briefing and Discussion**

**Andrea Long (Specialist advisor) was introduced to the meeting.**

AL began by explaining what would be necessary in the Plan.

From analysis of the questionnaire results each Parish reviewed what was valued in their areas – what was important to be retained and how improvements could be made together with how they see their parishes in the future. A number of points were noted for use in Plan development, including levels of growth, affordable housing, and retaining the area character.

Need for further public services would probably be covered in the SUE. But this needs to be progressively monitored.

AL to forward draft of discussion notes before the next Parish Council Meeting.

It was agreed the aim was for the plan to be in draft by July 2016.

## **The Croxton PC Meeting recommenced.**

### **Defibrillator.**

RK reported that response from the village had been mixed and minimal, and on further detailed investigation the subject is more complicated than at first appears.

A degree of training would have to be given and informed medical opinion suggested that:

- Location would be critical to ensure availability to a large number of possible users at any given time.
- Value to community (non-financial) would be limited due primarily to the very limited time constraint imposed.
- It might be worthwhile to investigate other options related to medical help.

### **Litter Pick.**

This has been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup>. April at 10.00am – volunteers to meet at The Shop.

### **Other Matters.**

Croxton Road Residents Association minutes of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. have been distributed. Either IA or RK try to attend these meetings.

Croxton PC will be informed if there is anything of interest to Croxton.

## **Finance**

1	Finance (2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016 statement)	Current A/c	£ 3417.38
		Business A/c	£ 5987.30
2	Outgoings since last Statement		£ 70.65

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## Planning applications

3PL/2016/0099/HOU	40 The Street (Two single side extension)	Undecided
3PL/2016/0044/F	Hill Farm (2 storey and single storey extension)	Undecided
3PL/2016/0045/LB	Hill Farm (Demolish porch etc)	Undecided

## Correspondence

Refer to correspondence from 14 January up to current date.  
MOD Activity lists (latest) circulated and posted on notice board.  
Thetford Mayors Ball 9th April 2016

**All**

## AOB

No other business was raised.

**The Meeting closed the meeting at 9.40pm**

**Date of next meeting - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30 pm in Village Hall**

Minutes agreed at Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016



R. King  
Chairman

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