

## CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Present :**

<b>R King</b>	<b>RK</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>I Andrews</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman</b>
<b>G Goucher</b>	<b>GG</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>D Stephen</b>	<b>DS</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>Diana Goucher</b>	<b>Clerk/RFO</b>	<b>Responsible Financial Officer</b>

**Apologies :** Apologies received from William Nunn BDC, Ian Monson NCC, Sam Chapman-Allen emailed he would endeavour to attend, however did not.

### **Declaration of interest –**

No declarations were received

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting –**

Minutes of previous meeting held Thursday 13 October having been circulated and read, were approved by GG, seconded by IA, and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters Arising –**

No reports from either NCC or BDC as neither officers were able to be present.

### **Planning Issues – High Meadows**

Response not available from NCC as IM did not attend. RK still waiting for requested Drainage drawings from Highways NCC, and also drawings from L.Purday (resident)

### **GTDP meeting to be held on 21 October.**

RK will attend. Draft minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> August meeting already circulated to Councillors.

DS has agreed to serve on the Sub Committee. Sub Committee minutes will eventually be on the Village Website, RK to action.

### **Highway Issues –**

RK has not been able to make much headway water in the street is causing problems – had hoped for IM report this evening. CPC has raised the question of the village street drainage system being examined. There would seem to be no point in the planned upgrading of village pathways by Highways, until drainage issue/concerns are sorted out. GG pointed out that although the top drain (near the Church) appears to be working there is no water in the lower drain (near Village Sign) so water is leaking out somewhere in the street.

### **JNP Progress –**

RK and IA attended meeting with B&K and A.Long on the 10<sup>th</sup> October. The initial draft report(s) have been prepared. Some will be printed in time for the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October and for the Parish Councillors plus BDC officer. It is hoped that once reviewed by BDC they will find no need for an environmental assessment. IA reported current period of funding for JNP has now closed and the remaining

£874.50 has to be returned. Fresh funding will now be sought for further work to hopefully complete the JNP. It was agreed if possible we should have a meeting of the JNP Group before the 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss layout plans, flyers for the village etc. GG (PC Church Rep) agreed work in the churchyard could be postponed to another day ensuring all village attention could be centred on JNP. People will be requested to make their comments about JNP via email. The consultation documents will be posted on the website for review/reference. RK will request BDC representation at drop-in meeting if possible.

The Chairman thanked the Church representative for his consideration.

#### **Defibrillator/First Aid Course –**

RK reported defibrillator unit had already been delivered. The electrician is booked for 9.30 am Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - IA/RK/Nick Manderfield available. Defibrillator 'in service' date will be announced after installation and registration by local Ambulance Service. RK reported funding is sufficient and should cover electrics and First Aid Course (in addition to Seminar provided by CHT). RK has written to donors and will check on wording preferred for any public acknowledgement.

#### **Slip Roads at A11 Bypass –**

Nothing to report. Discuss dropping this item at next Meeting.

#### **Play Area Repairs –**

Major repairs now completed and Invoice received.

There are still one or two small items to be completed by CPC as per Inspection Report

#### **Vodafone –**

Vodafone advised they will honour booster signal agreement, but so far no more has been heard about date to carry out installation.

#### **Finance –**

1	Finance (3rd October statement) (£874.50 JNP remaining funding to be returned)	Current a/c £ 2,830.11
		Business a/c £ 12,787.97
	Outgoings since last statement	£ 719.31

#### **Planning –**

**TRE/2016/0180/TPO**

Tree at Vicarage – Tree officer advised pollarding  
Awaiting owner's response.

**Local Plan –**

**Preferred Sites and Settlement Boundary Consultation-Now until 31 October 2016.**

CPC had long and full discussion which resulted in the conclusion that - without a settlement boundary Croxton is entering into untried and untested planning.

It was noted that within the PDO5B the number of dwellings allowed has apparently been altered from 5 to 10! RK questioned the settlement boundary map for Thetford in the current Local Plan document in connection with the SUE– is this a mistake or has SB been changed without notification?

Croxton does not meet the current criteria to keep SB – which means Croxton's Neighbourhood Plan is now vitally important for the future. At the end of the discussion the Parish Council unanimously agreed their wish was for Croxton Settlement Boundary to remain in place.

**AOB –**

IA agreed to visit the owner of No. 36 the Street to ascertain his intentions for lowering the pavement and altering the wall entrance outside his property and ensure he is aware this is within the Croxton Conservation Area.

RK discussed the need for a replacement Councillor and asked Councillors to notify him if they have any suggestions.

The Chairman advised that Diana Goucher has act as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council and expressed his thanks to DG for taking on the role(s).

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Date of next Meeting - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in Village Hall**

Minutes approved at Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016



R. King  
Chairman

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016