

## CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

<b>Present:</b>	<b>R King</b>	<b>RK Chairman (Part time)</b>
	<b>I Andrews</b>	<b>IA Vice Chairman</b>
	<b>G Goucher</b>	<b>GG Councillor</b>
	<b>C Carr</b>	<b>CC Councillor</b>
	<b>S.Chapman-Allen</b>	<b>SC-A Breckland DC</b>
	<b>i. Monson</b>	<b>IM Norfolk CC</b>
	<b>Diana Goucher</b>	<b>Taking Minutes</b>
	<b>Mr and Mrs P White</b>	<b>Residents</b>

**Apologies** Apologies were received from Councillor D Stephen

**Declaration of interest:** No Declarations of Interest were received.

**Meeting commenced with IA (Vice Chairman) chairing Meeting. RK to attend later.**

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

Minutes of previous Meeting held on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 had been circulated and were agreed as accurate. Proposed by GG seconded by CC and signed by Vice Chairman

### **Matters Arising:**

#### **Report from District Councillor**

IA invited SC-A to give his report. SC-A reported that Croxton is set to lose its Settlement Boundary in the current Local Plan review as it does not meet the necessary criteria for retaining it (already discussed at last CPC Meeting). Croxton residents will be able to give their views and comments at drop-in sessions at various venues including Thetford (Carnegie Rooms – details to be notified by poster). or either online to SC-A, or Breckland website. He clarified that if the proposal is actioned, Croxton will only then be required to have a growth of only 5% of present residences within the next 20 years (by 2036). IA requested CPC be provided with a copy of the consultative Plan, as the Consultation period begins on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> for a period of 6 weeks.

Regarding Devolution as far as BDC is concerned, proposed Devolution is finished and therefore there will be no change to Breckland Council.

Refer also to report from IM with NCC view on current Devolution status later in these Minutes following item entitled **Vodaphone**.

Following complaints, a full time Breckland Officer is to be appointed with sole responsibility for providing support to parishes developing Neighbourhood Plans (apparently 2 previous Officers appointed were not planned to be full time ?). There will also be further discussions with BDC to reflect/clarify aspects raised by NP's.

IA requested an update on the 'travellers' at the BP filling station site. SC-A assured CPC that numbers of travellers on this site were not increasing, but explained the vehicles were being left in the official compound and caravans were parked in the nearby forest area – it would appear with the consent and approval of Breckland Council !! The Crown Estate (the landowner) has the matter in hand, but currently there is no date fixed for removal of 'travellers'.

SC-A left the Meeting, to attend the Weeting PC meeting.

## **RK arrived and resumed the Chair from IA**

### **Planning Issues:**

IA reported that Bennett's had employed a consultant to look into the drainage problems at High Meadows Note: A copy of the consultants Report is attached with these Minutes. CPC have requested detailed drawing plans of drainage which were submitted by Bennetts in the Adoption Scheme approved in 2014. NCC Highways have requested these from Bennett's as NCC do not have available copies. To date NCC have only had the developers point of view. CPC have yet to decide on further action as the issue has become one of much greater concern considering there is a greater amount of surface drain water now draining into the main drainage system in The Street and holes appearing in the pavements together with areas in The Street itself sinking/subsiding there now appears to be an urgent need to review the whole main drainage system in the village as to whether it is still 'fit for purpose'. Note: refer also to IM comments and discussion in these Minutes following item entitled **Vodafone**.

### **GTDP**

Councillor CC reported that she had to resign as CPC representative on the Communities Subgroup for personal reasons and had discussed this earlier with the Chairman. RK asked DG as the parish community representative to update on the Subgroup latest situation. DG reported that the Subgroup Chairman, V. Chair and representative to the Projects Subgroup had all been elected. Meetings will generally be in evenings to allow public to attend. BDC will coordinate on matters of communications (including public/media), and next Subgroup meeting will be sometime in mid-October. The next Meeting of the GTDP Main Board will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Highways**

Holes and subsidence locations along The Street have been marked in white on roads and pavements, and some repair work done. CPC to request whether these are temporary or permanent repairs as there appears to be a larger drainage problem and IA queried whether the road will be excavated to investigate. CPC noted some pavements are still in unsatisfactory condition and could prove dangerous.

### **JNP Update**

The draft review currently runs to 42 pages. Councillors to review the draft and pass comments to RK for consolidating and forwarding to A Long. The JNP group should meet to meet prior to the informal public 'drop-in' on 29<sup>th</sup> October to finalise details. It is clear that more funding will be necessary to complete the JNP, RK & IA to discuss this with B&K and A Long.

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

The Defibrillator Equipment has been ordered and should be delivered by mid-October. N. Manderfield (VHMC) is arranging for electrical work required. We have received a further donation of £500 from a generous resident and this together with the CPC £500 allocation will bring the project fund to £3100 and fully covers anticipated costs. We will arrange with Community Heartbeat Trust to provide initial introductory demonstration shortly thereafter.

### **Slip Road at A11 Bypass**

Nothing further to report, no repairs carried out. CPC express disappointment at being ignored

### **Play Area Inspection**

Main repairs have been completed and Invoice is awaited. Some minor 'repairs' suggested by Inspector still need to be completed by CPC.

### **Vodafone**

DS unavailable for update but had copied Councillors with his email to Vodafone expressing dissatisfaction at their failure to provide service promised.

### Report from County Councillor

IM reported that public response to the Devolution questionnaire distributed throughout Norfolk was **less than 0.5%!!** Some Councils are still pushing for it, and NCC have a final **free** vote in November, which looks as if it will be negative.

NCC has voted to accept 50 Syrian refugees to Norfolk.

RK asked about drainage issue at High Meadows and reinforced request for original drainage plans in Adopted System of 2014. IM asked if infiltration tests had been carried out. IA highlighted that Anglia Water had carried out numerous tests results of which led them to install the main sewerage system.

After considerable discussion IM was requested to ask NCC to look into overall main drainage situation in the village as a matter of some urgency.

### Finance

Finance (2 <sup>nd</sup> August Statements) (includes £3254 funding for JNP)	Current Account	£ 3549.42 (2369)
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	Business Account-	£ 10335.89
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Outgoings since last statement.		£ 584.17
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Year end Accounts are with external auditors (Mazars)

### Planning

TRE/2016/0180/TPO – Ash at Vicarage (T1) fell to ground/remove	Undecided
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### Correspondence

PC approved payment of NALC subscription for 2016/17

### New Business

**Local Plan** - See under Item **Report from District Councillor** in minutes above.

### AOB

Councillor Carr requested her resignation from Council due to family commitments be accepted and thanked everyone for their support. The Councillors thanked her for her efforts and contribution during her period on the Council.

Mrs Carr will continue to serve with the Neighbourhood Plan group and with the village Speedwatch Group. In this context she advised that the new Community Policewoman was keen to contact CPC.

RK reported that the Parish Clerk/RFO had also resigned due to health and family reasons.

**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm**

  
R King  
Chairman

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