

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm 14th September 2017

Present:	Robert King	RK	Chairman
	Doug Stephen	DS	Councillor
	Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
	Fabian Eagle	FE	Norfolk County Councillor
	Sam Chapman-Allen	SC-A	Breckland District Councillor
	Joanne Smith	JS	Parish Clerk / RFO
	Residents	Mr. & Mrs. White	

Apologies: Apologies received from Ivor Andrew Vice-Chairman.

Declarations of interest: No declarations of interest were received.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th July 2017 had been circulated and read as accurate. Proposed by DS, seconded by GG, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

1. District Council & County Council Reports:

Norfolk County councillor:

FE discussed the ongoing concerns of the sinkholes in the village including the 5 new ones appearing in Earl Warren and reported being in need of repair. Still awaiting a constructive response from NCC, FE to chase up and report back within the month.

Breckland District Councillor:

SC-A BD Councillor presented his report which included Thetford TC request for a Boundary Review to include parts of Croxton and Kilverstone parishes. This will be discussed at the Breckland Cabinet meeting in November, at which Croxton and Kilverstone councils will be allowed to attend and speak. Thereafter a decision will be made at Breckland full Council meeting.

Public space protection orders have now been granted to local police officers to respond to anti-social behavior in and around Thetford town. The Power station at Snetterton is operational however the supply is not being provided directly to Attleborough.

Flagship Housing has acknowledged that in the past they have become dis-engaged with responding to issues presented to them. Moving forward there will be a single point of contact between Flagship and the parishes to enable matters arising to be dwelt with swiftly.

Travellers Update (A11 Bypass) – Position same as in June. Norfolk police require funding to execute moving Travellers on. Crown Estate has refused to sign paperwork to enable Breckland to take the issue to court to enforce action to remove Travellers from this site.

Both NCC and BC Council representatives requested to be excused as they had other meetings to attend.

NC Councillor Eagle tendered his apologies in advance for the Croxton October 12 Meeting due to another commitment.

Highways Issues: (As 1 NCC report above)

- The Street-ongoing issues – Meeting 3rd August with NCC Engineer discussed various items including measures to deal with traffic volume and speed through village.
- 5 more 'sinkholes' developing in Earl Warren – Reported to Highways

2. GTDP

Next Board meeting – Scheduled for 15th September – Previous draft minutes circulated.

Communities Sub-group.

Fly tipping / waste disposal proving to be a real issue at present. The percentage of actual chargeable material that is being fly- tipped is minimal. Kate Murrell NCC Waste Reduction and Recycling Manager will be present at the next sub-group meeting to discuss in detail.

Cycle/Walking routes – 28 responses concerning the routes especially with regard to Jo Blunts Lane and the access along Croxton Road to The Academy.

Lack of parking at the Railway station continues to be a problem. Access to the station from Mundford Road – problem regarding ownership of the land.

3. JNP Progress:

We are 4 weeks into consultation of Reg. 14 and to date there has been limited response, all current responses are being catalogued for review/action in preparation for Regulation 16.

RK has made an application to Breckland for Match Funding to the total of £4461

- Steering Group met Wednesday 2nd August Reg. 14 Consultation period started 11th August.
- Use of Telephone box as consultation facility – had some abusive literature left which is unfortunate.

4. Defibrillation / VETS:

Voluntary collection taken from RNA Club (CPC not notified) **RK** to follow up.

5. Play Area Repairs:

Minor repairs completed.

CDHCC- the trustees have generously suggested contributing towards the upkeep of the play area may be a viable option, this is to be discussed further at next CPC Meeting.

6. Matters Arising:

- Street lighting – Westcotec have fitted replacement units /old units kept as spares.
- Speeding – Met with highways on 3rd August / leaning more towards mobile signs.
- Some residents meeting at the RNA Club have started a Facebook Croxton Page, and have set up a poll with regard to speed signs for the village. CPC have expressed to the individual involved that this type of poll is not representative of the residents. CPC will be putting together a questionnaire to be delivered to every resident in the village to assess the residents views on this issue.
The cost of speed signs could be from £1800-£2000 per sign (possibly more). Fixed signs would require NCC Highways approval for use of the footpath/verge location.
RK highlighted that Speed Stickers placed on wheelie bins have proven popular in surrounding villages and these should be included within the questionnaire for consideration.

7. Finance:

Finance (August statement)	Current A/c	£ 8667.75
Including final payment from JNP £4190.00	Business A/c	£ 5105.08
Outgoings since last Statement		£ 1218.91

8. Planning:

TRE/2017/0153/TCA - Horse Chestnut-Tree dead Fell/replace **CA work exempt**
3PL/2017/0837/HOU - 24 Heathlands DR Internal Alterations **Permission**
3PL/2017/0614/F - 40 The Street New 2 storey dwelling **Permission**
(Revised Plans Submitted 30/08/17 – 3m access)
TRE/2017/0065/TCA - Deva, The Street, Tree Work App CA **CA-TPO served**
TRE/2016/0264/TCA - Wyndham Lodge Horse Chestnut **Undecided**

10. Correspondence:

Refer to correspondence from 13th July to current date plus:

Breckland Local Plan: Pre-Submission publication (part document circulated)
DIO Training Notices
BD Letter reference 38 The Street satellite dish removal.

AOB:

- No.15 Church Avenue – Flagship have trimmed the hedge
- Pat Miles retirement gift. The CPC have decided it would be appropriate to put together a retirement gift – Gift vouchers suggested - other ideas welcome.
- The residents have shown interest also in giving a gift but this is to be separate from the CPC donation.
- Croxton Facebook page – Not suitable to have any CPC updates / information to be shown on Facebook. The reason for this is that it does not connect with all residents in the parish.
- Dr L Brown – 30 Hillrise Cottages – Nothing to document to date

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman Closed the Meeting at 9.10pm



R. King
Chairman

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall