

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm 15th June 2017

Present:	Robert King	RK	Chairman
	Ivor Andrew	IA	Vice-Chairman
	Doug Stephen	DS	Councillor
	Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
	Joanne Smith	JS	Parish Clerk/RFO
	Diana Goucher	DG	Temporary Clerk
	Tony Yates	TY	Internal Auditor
	Fabian Eagle	FE	Norfolk County Councillor
	Residents	Mr. & Mrs. White	

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies received from Sam Chapman-Allen BDC and William Nunn (BDC).

Declarations of interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s):

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

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Council meeting held on 11th May 2017 had been circulated and read as accurate. Minutes were proposed by IA, seconded by DS, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

1. District Council & County Council Reports:

NCC Councillor Fabian Eagle.

Councillor Eagle was welcomed to the Meeting and introduced to the Croxton Councillors.

FE discussed a new Highways Bid funding scheme - £6000 to each county councillor towards highways, for 4 years (£24,000 in total) Individual Parishes to put forward bids for specific highways repairs or maintenance for FE to consider. As FE represents a number of Parish Councils, however welcome the extra funding is the demand may 'limit the effect'.

BDC Report

No BC Councillor attending.

2. Highways Issues:

Discussion regarding the new footpaths, the general consensus being that the upgrade work which is being carried out to conservation standard considerably enhances The Street.

Regarding subsidence in The Street roadway two more 'sinkholes' were reported with only one being 'patched' to date.

NCC Engineer advised that Barhales (AW sewerage contractor) will be carrying out site tests on 26/27 June and he will keep PC advised.

RK brought FE up to date with reference to the sinkholes and drainage/sewerage problems in The Street which are of major concern. RK has requested a full survey of the road drainage system - discussion followed reinforcing the PC request for a full drainage survey to be carried out. FE suggested the possibility of encouraging AW/Barhales to carry out this survey. Council feels this is a matter to be discussed by NCC/AW/Barhale.

Meeting with NCC Engineer on 13th June to discuss:

40 The Street – Occupant has agreed (informally with NCC highways contractor) for a 6 meter dropped kerb to be installed during current footpath work for access to a new 2 story dwelling application which has not received BC planning approval.

The Council is concerned at proposed removal of at least a third of the flint wall within a conservation area and facing on to 3 Grade II listed flint cottages. RK to contact Breckland DC with view to arranging meeting to discuss issues.

3. GTDP

Next Board meeting – Friday 16th June incl. Open Forum.

Communities Sub Group – Poor public turnout. Minutes have been delayed for circulation.

Cycle / Walking boundary routes discussed. If these are planned to be outside Thetford into rural parishes then affected parishes need to be informed/involved.

4. JNP:

RK has submitted JNP to Breckland Council for 3 week pre-review requested by BC.

RK will circulate updated JNP schedule when BC review results are received. JNP funding request successful and moneys received. This will be the maximum we can obtain from current funding source.

Steering Group final review re-scheduled provisionally for 03.07.2017

Croxton Telephone box to be used as JNP documents location for residents to view.

5. Defibrillation / VETS:

Unit recently taken in support of Ambulance call-out but not used.

Apparently a voluntary collection was taken at RNA Club raising money possibly for providing "child pads" To be clarified.

AOB:

No.15 Church Avenue – Flagship actioning the following:

Rubbish collection and clear existing

Car to be removed from drive

Hedge to be trimmed

Home help to be organized and actioned

Neighbourhood Watch being re-activated in the Village with police support.

NCC Highways Rangers to visit the village and liaise with RK.

No.36 The Street – Satellite dishes guidance from BC

There being no other business the Chairman Closed the Meeting at 8.50pm



R. King
Chairman

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall