

## CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

<b>Present:</b>	<b>R King</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>RK</b>
	<b>I Andrews</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>IA</b>
	<b>D. Stephen</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>DS</b>
	<b>G Goucher</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>GG</b>
	<b>I Monson</b>	<b>NCC Councillor</b>	<b>IM</b>
	<b>D Goucher</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	

### **Apologies:**

No apologies were received. The PC would like to minute their displeasure at the frequent absence from meetings of the District Councillors and their failure to send apologies

### **Declaration on Interest:**

No declarations on interest were received

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes having been previously circulated agreed a true record – proposed by IA seconded by DS

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **Norfolk Council Councillor report –**

IM reported Finance is the main issue at NCC. There will be a 1.8% increase in everything apart from Care for the Elderly where the increase will be 3.2%. He reported a tremendous pressure on this particular service. There will be an allowance from NHS for Public Health and Education budget is ring-fenced. A general discussion followed.

### **1. PLANNING ISSUES**

#### **High Meadows -**

RK reported that Andrew Willeard (NCC) has taken this matter as far as he can. An independent survey could not highlight any problem. High Tree Close is now being adopted by NCC and as there is no further comment from the resident of High Meadows, the PC felt the matter should now be closed.

### **2. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

#### **Drainage Issue –**

A sinkhole was reported which appeared quite suddenly in The Street near the entrance to Harefield Road. This will be repaired by NCC highways as the Contractor Warranty period has expired. Anglian Water has said their installation appears to be working satisfactorily.

NCC Highways have during 2016 installed 2 manholes in The Street and 2 in the pavement to enable further investigation. It is possible the Anglian Water contractors may have damaged existing drainage while installing mains sewage drains 2 years ago and Highways plan to investigate. The PC provided highways with photographic

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evidence of repairs/new installations to The Street during the past 2 years and reiterated their view that existing Street drainage needs to be reviewed as apparently surface water is not reaching the north end of the Street.

IM highlighted the shortage of funds at NCC Highways!

The PC It also suggested that any proposed repairs/upgrading to footpaths should be postponed until the drainage problem is resolved.

### **3. GTDP –**

#### **Main Board**

Minutes of the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 have already been circulated. The next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

#### **Communities Subgroup**

DS reported the Communities Subgroup had a fairly good public attendance at their last meeting with plenty of discussion and will meet again on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

### **4. JNP PROGRESS–**

RK has had communication from Tim Mills who indicated our informal documents have been submitted and they are now waiting for feedback from Historic England. RK has said he expects to have the necessary information from all statutory consultees by 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The informal responses from the public and JNP Steering Group Minutes are now on the websites. IA reported he has obtained £6107 of funding which must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

It is very much hoped to have the agreed draft (JNP Policies and Character Appraisal) by 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### **5. DEFIBRILLATOR/VETS GROUP –**

The Vets group (led by David Vick) are up and running and it is hoped to arrange training very soon. The Vets have also offered to be responsible for checking the defibrillator. Fridge magnets and key fobs with necessary information will be ordered and given to Vets and parish councillors. There have been offers of donations towards the defibrillator costs and it was agreed that these should be accepted and put towards running the project. Cheques should be made out to the Croxton Parish Council (marked for Defibrillator Project).

It was also suggested a flyer should be circulated to this effect.

### **6. PLAY AREA REPAIRS–**

It was noted there is a problem with moles on the playing field. GG will ask Stephen Beale to investigate.

### **7. OTHER MATTERS –**

#### **Vodafone**

DS reported Mr and Mrs White are now happy with arrangements with VODAFONE arrangements and the work should be completed by end of March

### **Street Lighting**

RK has contacted Westcotec/UKEnergy regarding possibility of additional Lighting outside the RNA Clubhouse, and also increased LED units to some existing units. It was agreed this was unlikely to cause neighbours any concern.

### **Traffic/Speeding Problem**

RK has requested dates for a meeting between Highways Speedwatch Group and the Croxton Group. Mr and Mrs White are away at present so this will be on hold. IA referred to his suggestion for speeding lights to be introduced in the village. RK felt it was important to get response from residents before proceeding. Meantime brochures obtained by IA will be circulated for information.

## **8. FINANCE**

• Finance (02 February statements) (includes new JNP Funding of)	Current a/c (£6107.00)	£9920.38
	Business a/c	£9293.15
• Outgoings since last statement		£ 44.21

## **9. PLANNING**

**3PL/2017/0087/LB** – Church Cottage removal of Chimney & C/Breast      Not Decided

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

DIO Training Notices  
FOI Funding letter received  
Planning Portal  
PSMA Annual Conference  
Police Newsletter

### **AOB**

- **Thetford Community Governance Review –**  
DG reported Thetford Town Council will be contacting Croxton Parish Council (as stated at Croxton Road Residents Association meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February).

**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm**



**R. King**  
Chairman

**Date of next meeting – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 pm in Village Hall**

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