

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall on Thursday 9th March at 7.30pm

Present:	R King	Chairman	RK
	I Andrews	Councillor	DS
	G Goucher	Councillor	GG
	D Stephen	Councillor	DS
	S Chapman-Allen	BDC Councillor	SC-A
	D Goucher	Clerk	

Apologies:

No Apologies were received

Declaration of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of 9th February having been previously circulated, were agreed a true record -proposed by IA, seconded by DS.

MATTERS ARISING

Norfolk County Councillor Report

No report from NCC, councillor not present.

District Council Report

SCA reported that BDC are committed to their Land Supply Policy and will be reviewing all sites. The Local Plan is expected to be issued for final consultation in May. Parish Councils have to be consulted on planning applications under Policy PD05B.

Croxton may have optional future growth, however CPC will be consulted as statutory consultees (already are statutory consultees). GG enquired if the maximum of 5 new houses (as defined in proposed Local Plan PD05B) would still apply, SCA confirmed that it would. SC-A advised that Pigeon Development anticipate starting development of Phase 1 of the SUE, early 2018 (as reported at GTDP meeting).

SC-A enquired regarding any buildings or sites in the parish which appear unsightly/dilapidated and asked CPC to advise BDC of any. GG mentioned that there was one particular building in The Street which looked dilapidated

BDC will have an increase of £4.95 per annum, but was unable to advise % increase.

JNP issues. SC-A advised that maps required for the JNP will be provided. Councillors considered that the BDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer had so far been lacking with assistance, and that the JNP had been delayed by at least 3 months. SC-A advised that uptake of Neighbourhood Plans had been much greater than BDC had anticipated. DS felt perhaps BDC should make better/more provision and specifically enquired whether the JNP would be given some priority. SC-A assured the Councillors that the JNP will be given priority in view of past delay situation.

Signed 13th April 2017

IA enquired regarding the ongoing problem of the Travellers site in Thetford. SCA reported the Landlords Crown Estate was not taking any action at the moment and until they do BDC action was limited.

1. **HIGHWAYS**

RK reported further sinkage at previous repair in the Street at Pinelands junction NCC Highways believe the problems are caused by be poor back filling materials used by Barhales (Anglian Water Contractor). GG reported still no water in pit at North of village which was unusual. RK reported that NCC Highways are planning to open-up the road adjacent to Earl Warren but as it will require road closure this will take some time to approve/organise.

NCC Highways have confirmed the recently renewed shared driveway (Deva, Bats Belfry and Chimneys) will not have to be replaced when The Street pavements are upgraded in April.

2. **GTDP**

Minutes of meeting on 17th February have been circulated to Councillors. DS reported on recent meeting of Sub-Group. There was some disappointment that one or two people had found these meetings rather negative! Next meeting scheduled for 15th March 2017.

3. **JNP**

RK reported PC will have latest revision of documents (Policies and Character Appraisal) by 17th March. A meeting will be arranged with BDC to revise/confirm BDC requirements and commitment to a schedule for final Document Reg. 14 Formal Submission, hopefully in early May. This will include allowance for BDC final pre-review, and the JNP schedule will be revised accordingly.

It is hoped to have a meeting of the Steering Group about 5th April. Currently there are 126 Consultees to be notified when the Plan is formally submitted. Councillors agreed that placement of advertising in the EDP and Thetford and Brandon Times should be sufficient media distribution.

IA reported on current funding. Consultancy Invoice 4 (Feb) has been paid. Again there will be funds to be returned at end of March, largely due to delays discussed earlier. We will need to reapply for funding to cover the next period of 6 months to cover the remaining work up to Formal Submission of the JNP.

4. **DEFIBRILLATOR/Vets**

The Vets group have received initial training and are now active. However BT call barring system is still causing problems for those who have the facility. CHT and D.Vick are working to resolve the problem.

Fridge magnets and Key Fobs have been distributed to Vets group and councillors. Vets group has now taken over the regular checking of the defibrillator.

RK has requested a more legible surround for lock code numbers/letters form CHT.

5. **PLAY AREA REPAIRS**

One child swing was found to be broken and has been temporarily taped up to stop use. It was agreed to replace all four swing seats, excluding chains.

GG reported that mole traps could not be used satisfactorily in public place. He will try and arrange for moles hills to be dispersed before grass cutting begins.

6. **VODAFONE**

DS reported progress is being made toward installation of 3rd mast

7. **STREET LIGHTING**

RK reported Westcotec have quoted £190 per new 24 LED lantern fitted. UK Power Network will not allow any new additional fittings to their. PC agreed better to upgrade the nearest three existing lights discussed and monitor this improvement. RK to order supply/fitting of new lanterns.

8. **SPEEDING**

No report yet available.

9. **FINANCE - RFO reported**

- Finance (2 March statements)
(includes JNP Funding)

Current a/c	£ 9646.71
(£ 6107.00)	
- Outgoings since last statement

Business a/c	£ 9293.86
	£ 273.67

10. **PLANNING**

3PL/2017/0149/HOU – Loft conversion to School House	Undecided by BDC
3PL/2017/0087/LB - Church Cottage Chimney Breast	Undecided by BDC
3PL/2017/0167/VAR - Bretwick House	Condition 3 removed

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to correspondence since last meeting, plus:

DIO training notices received and posted to notice board

E-On Letter advising of increase (9.38%) to street lighting electricity cost. DG to investigate Fixed Price Deal which is being offered.

Interprint Quotation

DG to investigate/apply for funding to purchase a printer for PC.

12. AOB

Governance Review – Thetford TC has requested a meeting with Croxton PC to discuss. Councillors agreed to request a copy of Thetford Town Council's proposals before considering any meeting.

DS noted details of Highways England and repairs required on A11 Watton Rd Roundabout and structure repairs at Sainsbury Roundabout. He also asked if there was any change on news of repairs to Croxton Road A11 Slip Roads. DS agreed to try to follow this up with relevant authority contact.

Question of whether planning permission for satellite dishes erected at 36 The Street was raised due to this being in conservation area. Clerk to follow up with BC Enforcement Dept.

RK reported some residents had requested a Litter Pick. DG will speak with Lorna Sayers for details.

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



R. King
Chairman

Date of next meeting – Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.30 pm in Village Hall