

## MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Village Hall on Thursday 13st January 2022

### 1. In Attendance

Doug Stephen	DS	Chairman
Paul Dauny	PD	Vice Chairman
Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
Andy Poore	AP	Councillor
Dave Vick	DV	Councillor
Romy Dawson	RD	Clerk/RFO

2. Any Declarations of Interest There were none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021. These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. Councillor Dauny proposed and Councillor Goucher seconded the approval of minutes of the meeting which was agreed unanimously. These were then signed by the

**Resolved:** The minutes be approved.

### 4. Matters Arising

- i. **Norfolk County Council** Councillor Eagle not in attendance and had sent his apologies.
- ii. **Breckland District Council** Councillor Kybird reported the following:
  - a. Breckland's Precept will be increased by £4.95 in Band D.
  - b. Breckland's monthly planning meetings will now take place on Tuesdays.
  - c. Bin collections in the area have been behind due to the number of bank holidays but back on track next week.
  - d. The Planning Enforcement team are now fully recruited.
  - e. The Fly-Tipping Enforcement team continues and a graduate trainee has now been assigned to work with local farms, smallholdings etc. If fly-tipping items have any identifiers the public are urged to contact the enforcement team.
  - f. A single Flood line Number has now been set up: **0344-800 8013**
- iii. **GTP** The next meeting will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> February and will be submitting their response to Transport East.

### 5. Planning

- a. **3PL/2021/1391/HOU**  
<http://planning.breckland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningDetails?reference=3PL/2021/1391/HOU&from=planningSearch> This planning application's proposal was to use grey concrete planks as was discussed at the last meeting an objection submitted because it contravened the Joint Neighbourhood plan. The planning application was then re-submitted with the planks being anthracite in colour rather than grey and the application was subsequently approved, despite the Parish Council's objection that it contravened the JNP. The response from the planning officer was 'Whilst I agree this may not fully comply with Policy JNP1, given the other material planning considerations, as set out above, it would

have been in our view, unreasonable to refuse the application in terms of materials and JNP1', an answer which was deemed unsatisfactory. Councillor Kybird to raise with Planning Committee's Chairman.

b. **Local Plan**

No further update.

c. **JNP**

- i. Councillor Kybird reminded the PC that the White Paper was due in the next 8 weeks after which it was proposed that the PCs meet to establish requirements and associated questions.
- ii. The lighting at Kingsfleet was discussed at length; Chairman to Contact Councillor Eagle to discuss.

**6. Finance**

a. **Financial Report: Statement up to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

<b>Savings Account</b>		Balance at last meeting	<b>£13,598.71</b>	
<b>Incoming</b>		Interest Dec & Jan	£0.23	
		new Balance		<b>£13,598.94</b>
<b>Current Account</b>				<b>£1,477.80</b>
<b>Outgoings</b>	02.11.21	EON	85.39	
	22.11.21	URM Recycling Glass	12.60	
	22.11.21	Travel Expenses Chairman BDC Meeting	22.50	
	13.12.21	Rent Review Change for Recreation Ground	29.20	
	17.12.21	Church Clock Service	250.00	
	14.12.21	EON	82.64	
	06.01.22	Npower (formerly Eon)	133.38	
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£615.71</b>	
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£862.09</b>
<b>Income</b>		None		
			<b>Total Current</b>	<b>£862.09</b>
			<b>Total in both Accounts</b>	<b>£14,461.03</b>
	13.01.22			

b. **Bank Accounts** The Clerk reported that the new bank accounts were ready but that the full switchover had not yet occurred due to technical issues, however, the following steps were proposed:

- i. Clerk to transfer the £13,598.94 from the Savings into the Current account with Santander.
- ii. A cheque made out for £14,000 from the Current Account with Santander to be written out and signed for depositing into the new Unity Trust Bank Current Account. This will then be paid in at the earliest opportunity.
- iii. The clerk will then set up the transfer of £11,108.94 from UT's Current

- account (£13,598.94-precept £2,850) into the UT's Savings Account.
- iv. A new Direct Debit to be set for NPower (formerly EON) from the new current account.
  - v. Further payments to be set up for URM, Sovereign and Clerk's remuneration after which Councillors to be informed when this is ready so it can be approved.
  - vi. Once all steps are finalized the balance remaining in Santander's current account to be transferred to UT and both Santander accounts to then be closed.

All were in agreement.

**c. Budget and Precept**

- i. Budget was discussed at length and adjusted.
- ii. The Precept amount was then discussed and after in-depth discussion amount raising the amount Councillor Dauny proposed and Councillor Poore seconded to raise the precept amount to 5%. This was agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To increase the precept by 5%.

**7. Request for Donation from Norfolk Citizen's Advice**

After full discussion it was decided that the Clerk would contact them to inform them that the request was denied as it would be tax payer's money they would be donating, and not privately.

**8. Correspondence**

There was none.

**9. AOB**

- a. Councillor Vick reported that the Social Club is being redone internally in its entirety and the entire project is expected to take a few weeks.
- b. It was reported that one of the cottages in the village had had some concrete steps put in, which were considered a possible danger and a possible contravention of Highways Rules. Chairman to contact Highways.
- c. The lights by the Church were discussed as there had been a previous complaint about it shining into a bedroom. Vice Chairman to discuss with Highways about the possibility of installing a timer.
- d. A parishioner had reported that the fencing around the recycling bins has fallen down due to the posts being rotten. Options to be rectified being looked into.
- e. Playground: one of the newly replaced handles on the play equipment was reported to be rather rough; Vice Chairman to sand down.
- f. New '30' sign is now up.

The meeting closed at 21:05.

Minutes agreed:

D Stephen  
Chairman

Date: