

MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Village Hall on Thursday 14th July 2022

1. In Attendance

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

Also in attendance: Councillor Robert Kybird and Councillor Fabian Eagle

2. Any Declarations of Interest There were none.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2022.** These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. Councillor Vick proposed and Councillor Stephen seconded the approval of minutes of the meeting which was agreed unanimously. These were then signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: The minutes be approved.

4. Matters Arising

- i. **Norfolk County Council** Councillor Eagle reported the following:
- After being advised of a lack of maintenance of six grassed areas, Councillor Eagle said he would be querying this as it was now becoming a trip hazard.
 - An event for young people called Big Norfolk Fun is taking place in the summer; this event to be announced on the Village Facebook.
 - Two swift/house martin towers are still available if the PC wanted to have one. After brief discussion it was decided that the PC would like to have one.
- ii. **Breckland District Council** Councillor Kybird reported the following:
- Planning permission for a mobile phone booster mast inside the church tower has now been approved.
 - Kings Fleet 3rd phase to start in 2023.
 - Call for sites to be preserved was successful; full list to be published at the end of July.
 - On 25th July the local plan's partial review will take place to ensure the current plan is valid. The new plan is to be finalized in 2026/27.
 - Breckland are putting in a bid for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which is part of the Thetford Forward Planning project. More details can be obtained from their website.
 - Local bi-election taking place in Thetford today.
- iii. **GTP** Meeting has now been postponed until September.
- iv. **Playground Inspection** The inspection report was discussed at length. Action to be taken: risks outlined in the report to be extrapolated into an Excel document and dealt with point by point, e.g.: bridge slats to be replaced, basketball poles to be taken down, generally tightening of bolts etc. The only areas that might need

professional attention are the slide and the balance trail on agility course. 23rd July has been marked for basic repairs. Potential replacements were discussed, but for now repairs will be carried out. Once repairs etc. had been carried out the spreadsheet will be updated and added to the Playground report.

- v. **Defibrillator Pads** It was reported that the defibrillator pads are due to expire in October. After discussion it was agreed to order new pads to arrive before October and then order a spare set when more were available, as currently there is a shortage.

5. Planning

- a. Church planning application approved.

- b. **Local Plan**
No further update.

- c. **JNP**
No further updates.

d. Larks Mill Consultation

It was reported that this referred to an aggregate site being moved from Brandon. After reviewing the report, it was agreed by the PC that there should be no impact on Croxton.

6. Finance

a. Financial Report: Statement up to 14th July 2022

Savings Account	Balance at last meeting		£10,753.83
Incoming	Interest Unity Trust Bank for March		£9.28
		new Balance	£10,763.11
Current Account			£8,613.27
Outgoings	09/05/22 Npower (formerly Eon)		£104.16
	20/05/22 CGM Group Mowing		£75.00
	01/06/22 CGM Group Mowing		£75.00
	13/06/22 Crown Estate		£415.84
	03/06/22 Unity Trust Quarterly Bank Fee		£18.00
	07/06/22 Npower (formerly Eon)		£100.15
	10/07/22 URM Recycling Glass		£30.24
	10/07/22 CGM Group Mowing		£75.00
	10/07/22 ROSPA Play Safety		£109.20
		Subtotal	£1,002.59
			£7,610.68
Income	05/07/22 Breckland (Recycling Income)		£52.82
	26/05/22 VAT Refund		£1,215.56
			£1,268.38
		Total Current	£8,879.06
	14.07.22	Total in both Accounts	£19,642.17

- b. **Financial Matters** Clerk to arrange refund to Councillor Goucher for the 'no Kite Flying' sign for £19.28 and to transfer donation to church once bank details have been obtained.

7. Correspondence

No other correspondence.

8. AOB

- a. EV Charging Point: Still ongoing but hopefully matters to be concluded before grant expires.
- b. Footpath beyond Village Hall: it was reported that there was no footpath beyond the Village Hall along the road. Councillor Vick to look into procedure of creating one.
- c. Water Leak: A water leak from a water meter had been discovered but has now been resolved.
- d. Playing field: The Crown Estate had been approached via Carter Jonas to enquire about the purchase of the playing field, however, Carter Jonas confirmed that the Crown Estate had no intention of selling any Crown land for the foreseeable future.

The meeting closed at 20:37.

Minutes agreed:

P Dauny
Chairman

Date: