

MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Village Hall on Thursday 21st September 2023

1. Attendance

The following were present:

Paul Dauny	PD	Chairman
Andy Poore	AP	Vice Chairman
Carrie Goucher	CG	Councillor
Emma Grist	EG	Councillor
Dave Vick	DV	Councillor
Romy Dawson	RD	Clerk/RFO

Also in attendance: Councillor Chapman-Allen (BDC)

2. Any Declarations of Interest There were none.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th July 2023.** These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. Councillor Poore proposed and Councillor Goucher 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 not present.
- ii. **Breckland District Council** Councillor Chapman-Allen reported the following:
- The Local Plan will be getting a partial review, last one was done in 2019. It is hoped that this will be submitted in 2025 for ratification in 2026. One of the changes is regarding non-travelling gypsy and travellers. Full details can be found: <https://democracy.breckland.gov.uk/documents/s65675/partial%20update%20adoption%20statement%20002.pdf>
 - Natural England has reviewed the stone curlew area which has resulted in a reduction in buffer allocation; this means that the call for sites locations have landed in the buffer allocation.
 - Extension of the bus service further into the village has been discussed but no decision yet, however, funding may be available from the NCC.
- iii. **GTP** The following was reported:
- 28th September is 'Manufacturing Day' when 90 students will be going to visit factories.
 - SUE: Pigeon gave an update that 225 homes had been completed and an application was made to move some houses from Phase 5 to Phase 1 which includes houses, retail, care home. Substation is on track to be finished April 2024.
 - Rougham belt area has been earmarked for Phase Eg – offices and admin space; however, this has been put under Brettenham and should be under Croxton in the plan.
 - Croxton Junction will also need to be re-designed or leave as is.
 - B&K had expressed a concern at the GTP meeting at the high intensity build particularly affecting Kilverstone.
 - There had been a presentation on the railway station in order to modernize and increase parking by taking land from current allotments or move the station altogether to alternative location.
- iv. **Playground** It was reported that £400 had been raised from the Proms towards the new play equipment. New types of play equipment and costs were discussed at length. A collection of brochures will be circulated to each of the councillors and to be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

- v. **EV charging point** No further progress on installation of tails, however, Councillor Chapman-Allen suggested that the clerk email him directly to help expedite matters, which has now been done.

5. Planning

- a. There were no planning issues.
- b. **Local Plan**
No further update.
- c. **JNP** Enquiries to be made to see if the maps have been updated. Councillor Vick has now done this.

6. Finance

a. Financial Report: Statement up to 12th January 2023

Savings Account	Balance at last meeting	£10,926.27	
Incoming	Quarterly Interest		
		new Balance	£10,926.27
Current Account			£10,564.40
Outgoings	18/08/2023 Npower Invoice	£89.78	
	07/08/2023 CGM Invoice 255566	£75.00	
	09/08/2023 Refund for Poppy Wreaths etc. to Chairmn	£119.99	
	09/08/2023 Refund to chairman for decking planks	£30.07	
	09/08/2023 URM Invoice 1015745	£17.28	
	03/09/2023 First Aid Training	£150.00	
	10/09/2023 CGM Invoice 255985	£75.00	
	10/09/2023 URM Invoice 1015822	£21.60	
	10/09/2023 Npower Invoice IN08223485	£88.55	
	Total Expenses	£667.27	
		Subtotal	£9,897.13
Income	28/07/23 Breckland Credit for recycling	£69.17	
			£69.17
		Total Current	£9,966.30
	21/09/2023	Total in both Accounts	£20,892.57

- b. **Review of Asset Register** This was circulated, discussed and approved.
- c. **Village Hall Rent** The Crown's invoice had been paid in the amount of £415.94 for 23-24, however, despite reminders the 50% share had not been paid yet by the Village Hall Committee. It was then proposed that this annual cost be discussed at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.
- d. **Street Lights** A new quote had been received from TT Jones Electrical which was a lot less but excluded a lot of items, eg. Vandalism or damaged parts. After a brief discussion it was agreed to commit to them for 3 years as the street lights are still quite new and no issues are expected. If there is damage, then hopefully insurance will be paid out.

7. Correspondence

There was no further correspondence.

8. AOB

- a. Chairman obtained a suitable gift and card for the longstanding Internal Auditor who recently retired. Card was written and signed by all present and both will be delivered to the receiver.
- b. The replacement of a damaged village sign was discussed. Councillor Grist reported that she had requested a new one from the NCC/Highways website.
- c. The adoption of a green area in the village was discussed but no response from Councillor Eagle had been received, however, some concern was expressed whether this adoption would in fact be appropriate due to unknown groundworks.
- d. Bonfire night to take place on 10th November and to be advertised.
- e. A second litter pick to be organized, as the PC had committed to two a year.

The next meeting to take place on 23rd November.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.25hrs.

Minutes agreed:

P Dauny
Chairman

Date: