

MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Village Hall on Thursday 11th November 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

2. Any Declarations of Interest There were none.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2022.** These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. Councillor Vick 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 was not present.

- ii. **Breckland District Council** Councillor Kybird reported the following:
- The Remembrance Service will start in Thetford at 10.30 in the Town Centre on Sunday 13th November. It was also reported that the Remembrance Service in Croxton will take place on Sunday 12th November at 9.30.
 - The British Legion has finalized the refurbishment of its premises and is looking for new members.
 - [3NM/2022/0111/NMA](#): Planning application refers to a slight colour variation but no other concerns.
 - The effect of the boundary change analysis shows that 176 properties will be moving into Thetford with 127 properties remaining in Croxton. The precept, however, would remain the same. Properties in Croxton Road to be split equally, however, details still to be worked out. It was agreed that Croxton PC was to request a definitive list of properties to remain in Croxton.
 - Norfolk Flood Resilience Chairman will be stepping down.

- iii. **GTP** Meeting took place on the 14th September and the following was reported:
- £3m of funding has been assigned for School Lane Surgery improvement such as car park and facilities in preparation to take in Kingsfleet. To be completed by April 2024. A 50% planned increase in parking spaces has been put forward.
 - Thetford Railway Station are asking to £10.9m to refurbish and repurpose existing buildings and following improvements:
 - A new 200 car carpark on current allotments for passengers, allotments to be relocated;
 - New roundabout to replace current Croxton/Mundford roundabout;
 - new footbridge at the station;
 - relocate the signal box (as it's of historical significance);
 - modular ticket office
 - commercial space to be created in the current buildings
 - Junction with A11 was also discussed at the GTP meeting, however, still unresolved as Highways wishes to remove the junction altogether; a working group has now been created.

- iv. **Playground Inspection** The removal of the remaining posts in the ground was discussed at length. It was finally decided to obtain quotes for replacements and to look into the option of match funding or other grants and village hall to be approached for contributions. Councillors will remove the posts in stages.
- v. **EV charging point** The Village Hall is currently waiting for a professional electrician to confirm directly with Scottish Power the size of the tails. PC to get in touch with VH.
- vi. **Grass** It was reported that Councillor Goucher had approached CGM to discuss quotes for all grassed areas (8), which was £488 for twice a month from March-October. Highways subsequently informed the PC that rural areas (e.g. by Village Sign) get cut twice a year and urban areas 4 times a year.

5. Planning

- a. Discussed at item 4.2.c
- b. **Local Plan**
No further update.
- c. **JNP**
No further update.

6. Finance

a. Financial Report: Statement up to 11th November 2022

Savings Account		Balance at last meeting	£10,763.11	
Incoming		Interest Unity Trust Bank for March	£16.28	
		new Balance		£10,779.39
Current Account				£8,265.00
Outgoings	10/9/2022	CGM Group Mowing (249871)	£75.00	
	10/9/2022	Community Heartbeat (Defib pads)	£60.00	
	26/9/2022	Npower	£89.14	
	30/09/2022	Quarterly Bank Fees	£18.00	
	12/10/2022	CGM Group Mowing (250563)	£75.00	
	19/10/2022	Npower	£93.48	
	24/10/2022	URM	£26.35	
	24/10/2022	Clerk Tax to HMRC	£52.00	
	24/10/2022	Clerk Remuneration (Jul-Sep)	£221.00	
			£709.97	
			Subtotal	£7,555.03
Income	29/9/2022	Breckland (Precept)	£3,366.50	
				£3,366.50
			Total Current	£10,921.53
	10/11/2022		Total in both Accounts	£21,700.92

- b. **Precept and Precept:** Precept and election costs were discussed at length. It was agreed to reduce the GTP contribution to £100 as precept will be halved. Precept discussed at length and it was decided that the clerk would look into passing on streetlight costs. Precept to be decided at the next meeting.
- c. **Clerk Laptop:** The clerk had reported that the laptop was having increasing issues and was not expected to last long. After a brief discussion Councillor Vick proposed and Councillor Stephen seconded the motion for the purchase of a new laptop. This was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The clerk to purchase a new laptop for no more than £400.

7. Correspondence

No other correspondence.

8. AOB

- a. The Chairman presented two receipts for refund, one for the Condolence Book and one for Remembrance Wreath.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:03.

Minutes agreed:

P Dauny
Chairman

Date:

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