

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th August 2016

Present:	R King	RK Chairman
	I Andrews	IA Vice Chairman
	D Stephen	DS Councillor
	G Goucher	GG Councillor
	C Carr	CC Councillor
	Diana Goucher	Taking Minutes
	Mr and Mrs P White	Residents

Apologies No apologies were received

Declaration of interest: No Declarations of Interest were received.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on July 14th 2016 had been circulated and were agreed as accurate.
Proposed by IA seconded by GG

Matters Arising:

Reports from County & District Councillors

Nothing reported as there were no County or District representatives present.

Planning

RK has been in touch with NCC who are chasing Bennetts regarding High Meadows drainage problem and agree resident is right with regard questioning possible problem. NCC will not adopt the road until the issue is resolved. DS referred to the original planning application for High Tree development and highlighted that the problem is a BDC planning responsibility. RK pointed out BDC take advice on these matter from Highways and they (Highways) need to be approached first before BDC planning will do anything. Despite a meeting with BDC on this they had not approached NCC Highways, consequently Croxton PC decided to deal with Highways directly themselves.

GTDP

RK will circulate minutes of meeting on 28th July and will do the same for the meeting on August 19th. IA questioned origins of monies for Mundford Road/Jeyes Roundabout RK reported money was allocated by LEP and agreed GTDP. He would inquire if this also was from the 'fund' which included monies left from MTF initiative.

Communities Sub Group

This group held its first introductory meeting on July 28th. CC (CPC representative on the CSG) reported members were enthusiastic to give support. RK felt this group had a chance to make an effective contribution/ difference.



Highways

Holes and subsidence along The Street have been marked in white on roads and pavements. RK advised he would also draw attention to the additional subsidence/hole forming outside Hill House Farmhouse.

JNP Update

RK reported that after consultation with English Heritage BDC now needs a SEA – Environmental report - there was a meeting on September 2nd with BDC to discuss this. It was decided to deal with ultimate necessity/extent of SEA by submitting Draft Policies to BDC as these will clearly define any requirement or otherwise. JNP group will need to meet after the draft policies are submitted and initial draft plan is prepared. Then there should be a residents meeting to make sure they are in broadly in agreement with what is being put forward to BDC.

This will be broadly reflected in JNP Progress Report and Planning Schedule which will be available on the parish websites within the next 2-3 weeks.

Defibrillator/First Aid Course

The PC has effectively obtained commitment for full funding required so agreed to proceed with purchase of one unit and agreed the most suitable location was on the outside wall at The Village Hall. RK to arrange a preliminary meeting with Community Heart Trust (CHT), to finalise requirements, location and other options. Unfortunately no representative was available to attend this meeting due to very short notice. RK will look into First Aid Courses from CHT and cost. St Johns Ambulance group can also be contacted if required.

Slip Road at A11 Bypass

No further information is available at this time as Councillor Monson was not present. NCC need to advise with this.

Play Area Inspection

Scheduled to be completed by week commencing 29th August then there are a few small repairs to be undertaken by PC.

Vodafone

Due to summer holidays there is nothing to report!

Finance

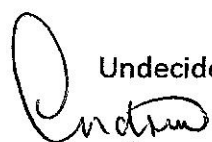
Finance (2 nd August Statements)	Current Account	£ 3763.59
(includes £3254 funding for JNP)	(2369)	
	Business Account-	£ 8833.55
Outgoings since last statement.		£ 464.97

Year end Accounts are with external auditors (Mazars)

Planning

TRE/2016/0180/TPO – Ash at Vicarage (T1) fell to ground/remove

Undecided


Signed 15th September

Correspondence

PC approved payment of NALC subscription for 2016/17

New Business

The Settlement Boundaries Work Group reported to the Local Plan Meeting, held today, at BDC Offices, Dereham. Both RK and IA attended this meeting. Previously the understanding was that a Settlement Boundary defined the area within which there was a '**presumption to allow building/development**' and to an extent protect undesirable development outside that boundary.

BDC now suggest that if an SB is taken away, villages will be have more protection, by making the whole area protected against undesirable development, and have a greater say in planning applications, e.g. if there are valid objections, notice will be taken by BDC! This has yet to be tested. IA and RK both raised concerns at this meeting. The BC meeting chairman noted that neither of BDC representatives to Croxton was able to attend the meeting with S C-A sending apologies.

IA felt the PC should worry less about the SB removal but should concentrate on getting the Policies in the Neighbourhood Plan correct. RK felt it was still not absolutely clear what benefits were either to keeping or not keeping an SB and raised this at the meeting.

It is not clear as to who or what is setting the rules!

AOB

- **Speedwatch**

CC read a very full report (attached with minutes)

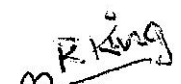
IA asked what action the Speedwatch Co-ordinator would like the PC to take. CC thought a public meeting would be helpful to gauge what support there is in the village for perhaps a SAM sign – flashing signs are very expensive.

RK suggested another meeting with Highways to discuss the data which has been collected – but first the data needs to be analysed.

- **Croxton Telephone Box**

Has been undercoated, topcoat to be obtained (FOC). Four panels to be replaced with PC signage.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm


R King
Chairman


Signed 15th September

OVERVIEW OF CROXTON SPEEDWATCH 2015/16

The Speedwatch has been up and running since August 2015 with 9 members in the team. Average of 1 session of an hour once a week. We operate from 3 sites all designated by the Norfolk Police Traffic Speedwatch dept.

We have strict criteria with respect to displaying notice of a Speedwatch in operation this is due to insurance cover for our team.

The speed limit of 30 miles an hour is exceeded by most drivers. Vehicles are not recorded as speeding under 35 miles an hour.

Those drivers that are sent letters of notification of speeding are 35 miles and over with one driver recorded on the speed camera at 53 miles hour with all signs, high vis jackets on display!

98 letters have been sent out by Norfolk Police in the last 8 1/2 months for drivers breaking the speed restrictions in Croxton. This figure does not include the Police mounting their own Speed cameras which have been setup over the months. We are not informed when the the Police will be operating. They do not send warning letters they prosecute.

Some vehicles are lease hire and not followed up by the system also vehicles that are not on the DVLA data base when reported on our returns.

The average recorded number of vehicles in an hour session is between 100 to 120, this equates to over 1000 vehicles per day.

We are involved in a rota it with 3 other villages for the SAMS sign which is deployed in Croxton for periods of 3 weeks. This sign does make drivers aware of the speed they are driving and does slow traffic down markedly. Gill White spent a period of 5 hours monitoring traffic flow one day and these were her findings.

So a SAM sign is a proven deterrent to the speeding driver.

Of course speeding takes place at any time but most noticeably between 5 am to 7 am and 6 pm to midnight.

A long relatively straight road being one of the problems.

In the 2005 Croxton Parish Plan, it was noted that "By far the greatest item of concern to the local residents is the issue of speeding traffic through the the village. The response showed that 77% of residents felt that something must be done about this.

Regarding the above statement residents of the village now living off the high street in the main do not seem to share the concern of those residents living on the high street at the increased volume of traffic, speed and also noise pollution.

Much work is being carried out to try and preserve the quiet and stillness that has been a cherished feature of Croxton. We as a team of residents would like to see some input from the village as a whole regarding the concerns we have raised and how we can work together to bring some peace back to the village and try and curtail our RatRun!

