

CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th September 2018

Present:

Robert King	RK	Chairman
Doug Stephen	DS	Councillor
Gerald Goucher	GG	Councillor
Christine Carr	CC	Councillor (Speed Watch)
Sam Chapman-Allen	SC-A	Breckland District Councillor
Diana Goucher	DG	Acting Clerk

Apologies Fabian Eagle (NCC), Ivor Andrew, Mr and Mrs White

Declarations of Interest: None Declared

Minutes of the previous meeting on 12th July 2018.

Have been circulated and were agreed as accurate. Proposed by DS, Seconded by GG and returned to Chairman to sign.

Matters Arising:

1. District and County Council Reports:

No County Councillor was present

District Councillor Update

SC-A reported Breckland DC is no longer reliant on Central Government Grant.

£1.7m funding is to be spent by BDC on improvements socially – i.e. Social mobility activity in rural areas.

Funding entries for Start-up business, digital upskilling, and more officers in Further Education for over 16s to help jobseekers.

Transport to College and those starting work.

Funding reasonable Rates for those starting businesses in High Streets.

Support for home management (debt and eviction).

£1.4m will be available next year to continue this social programme

RK commented on the variance in Fitness cost of new facility at Riverside complex against facility at Breckland Leisure Centre.

GG commented on yet another Retail Park being constructed on London Rd and the effect on the High Street. SC-A agrees Thetford had not taken

up some of the opportunities in their High Street which other towns have done. However he advised that the Argos and M&K units in town had been acquired by new retailers.

2. GTDP/CSG

RK reported no date as yet for next meeting. The Proposed 'Visioning Workshop' session to be arranged for October instead of September.

GG inquired re new Mundford Rd roundabout – RK reported this was to develop entrance of Enterprise Park to encourage business take-up. Work is due to commence by end September.

SC-A reported Croxton will continue to have 2 reps on GTDP after boundary changes come into force – RK suggested that all areas around Thetford needed to have representation because they will also be affected by development of Thetford.

DS remarked the present A134 roundabout needed improvement. SC-A said changes will be made to the whole A11 roadway, which will be upgraded and all accesses will be reviewed/improved. However it will be some time before these changes come about.

RK reported GTDP Board had been reformed to include those representatives who could contribute to effective progress.

DS reported that meeting of the Sub-Committee would take place in the Court Room at the Guildhall on 19th September.

3. JNP Progress

The Inspectors Report has been signed off – 5 days cooling off period has now passed and BDC have implemented 6 week consultation (prescribed persons).

RK and Andrea Long both feel aim should be to set a provisional referendum date for November at latest. There was a query relating to two field boundaries on Blakeney Farm – one has now been retained in the Plan

4. SAM2 Speed Sign

CC presented a summary report of data downloaded from Speed sign unit.

Discussion of the data analysis followed. RK expressed the PCs appreciation to all concerned in collecting and analysing Data.

It was suggested that relevant information might be passed to Salex.

5. Finance

DG presented the figures from 2nd August Statements:

Current a/c	£5597.24
Business a/c	£7585.05
Outgoings since the last statement	£ 198.31

The Year End accounts have been internally audited, agreed and sent to External Auditor

6. Play Area Repairs/Inspection

RK has fixed Beauchamp unit temporarily. N Manderfield will action fixed walkway replacement.

GG will action warning sign drawing attention to nearby overhead electricity lines at playing field.

Post Mtg Note: RK carried out further repairs were to the above unit and notes replacement support required to Swings unit. Quotations requested from 2-3 companies.

7. Thetford Governance Review

RK confirmed to PC that:

- a) Croxton has agreed to proposal to move the Croxton Boundary (SUE area) to the A11 bypass.
- b) Brettenham and Kilverstone PC rejected the proposal relating to the Kilverstone boundary which will be reviewed again at a later date. The Breckland Governance Sub-Group is to arrange a 3rd consultation (basically at Thetford TC request).
- c) SC-A confirmed the JNP will need no alteration due to Croxton/Thetford boundary change.

Croxton, were requested by BDC/Hopkins Builders to provide suggested street names for the SUE development and this has been actioned.

8. Planning

3DC/2018/0168/DOC– Disch.Condition 46 on 3PL/2011/0805/O undecided

3PL/2018/0723/HOU 41 The Street – Erect Single Storey Permission

3PL/2018/0615/HOU Church Cottage – garage at rear Permission

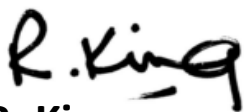
9. Notice from Carter Jonas of 3 yearly rent review – revised rent £386.64 pa
PC also agreed to renew CPRE membership

AOB

RK informed that he had received a complaint from a resident concerning recent aircraft noise. Councillors felt as this was temporary situation no action should be taken.

GG mentioned the overgrown garden at No 15 was a disgrace. He felt it was very unfair to the rest of the residents at Church Avenue. RK had raised this on a previous occasion to Flagship Housing with limited success – he would try again.

There being no further business for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm



R. King

Chairman

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday 11th October 2018
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**