

MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Social Club on Thursday 21st March 2024

1. Attendance

The following were present:

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

Apologies were received and approved by the Chairman: Councillor Grist

2. Any Declarations of Interest There were none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2024. These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. Councillor Vick proposed and Councillor Poore 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 was not present
- iii. **GTP** No further update at present, though £3m will be provided by Breckland to cover funding over the next 10 years.
- iv. **Playground** An inspection will be booked for Spring. Metal clamps to be purchased in preparation for the grass strimming to commence in Spring. Brochures for new play equipment currently circulate and with suggestions being marked. Around £8,500 has been earmarked by the Village Hall and Cynthia de la Hoya Charitable Trust, total about £20,000, with around £5000 from the Parish Council. Match funding to be applied for.
- v. **EV charging point** Andy Drinkell is now progressing the installation of the tails with Scottish Power, however, progress is slow. Legislation and higher costs may be an issue but for now grant remains in the PC's bank account untouched. Running costs will be borne by the Village Hall through a 'Pay-as-you-go' system.

5. Planning

- a. [3PL/2024/0197/F](#): Installation and operation of a 79.20kW ground mounted solar array. After discussion it was agreed that Clerk would respond on behalf of the PC with 'No Comment'.
- b. **Local Plan** No further updates.
- c. **JNP**
Clerk to contact Andrea Long to obtain quote on two options:
 - removing reference to B&K and
 - look at making changes for both PCs.

6. Finance

a. Financial Report: Statement up to 21st March 2024

Savings Account	Balance at last meeting	£11,076.73	1100048
Incoming	Quarterly Interest	£0.00	
	new Balance	£11,076.73	
Current Account			£11,763.10
Outgoings	12/03/2024 D Vick Bin Stickers	£99.99	
	12/03/2024 TT Jones Invoice 13280	£41.80	
	13/01/2024 URM Invoice 1016128	30.24	
	05/03/2024 Npower invoice IN09852716	£168.15	
	17/02/2024 Npower invoice IN09612896	£197.20	
	15/01/2024 TT Jones Invoice 13240	£41.56	
	17/03/2024 URM Invoice 1016183	£30.24	
	Payments		
	Coming Up		
	Unity Trust Bank Quarter Fee	£18.00	
	Total Expenses	£627.18	
		Subtotal	£11,135.92
Income			
		Total Current	£11,135.92
	18/01/2024	Total in both Accounts	£22,212.65

- b. Budget** Budget was briefly discussed and £200 was agreed for the maintenance of the Village Clock. PC to contact the PCC to see if the contractor will cover the cost but allocate £200 just in case. Chairman Proposed and the Vice Chairman seconded the motion to adjust the budget to reflect this. This was agreed unanimously. A budget for training was also briefly discussed but no amount set. The PC has a good balance between income and expense so it should not be any issue if any training should required.

RESOLVED: To adopt the budget with the increased amount of £200 for maintenance of the Village Clock.

7. Correspondence

There was no further correspondence.

8. AOB

- a. D-Day Anniversary: It was confirmed that the Social Club had applied for a grant for the D-Day Anniversary in June. The event would include the following:
 - i. Beacon Light at 9.15pm
 - ii. Food
 - iii. Rolling historic footage
 - iv. Local choir singing wartime songs.
 - v. Church service will be held on 9th June
 - vi. Flyer will be designed and circulated.
- b. Fly tipping reported by Parishioner, who was directed to the Breckland website to report. Signs to discourage fly-tipping in several locations was discussed; Councillors will contact Breckland Councillors to check what the rules are; if appropriate signs to be purchased.
- c. A new litter pick event was suggested and agreed. This will be held on 21st April. The Chairman to purchase and claim for litter picks, hi-vis vests and bags.
- d. Village Newsletter was discussed and is nearly ready for publishing. Councillor Poore to provide Clerk with details of all wishing to advertise so that they can be invoiced.

The following meeting dates were agreed for the ensuing year as follows:

16th May 2024
18th July 2024
19th September 2024
21st November 2024
16th January 2025
20th March 2025

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.20hrs.

Minutes agreed:

P Dauny
Chairman

Date: 21st March 2024