

MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Social Club on Thursday 21st November 2024

1. Attendance

The following were present:

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

Apologies were received: Councillor Goucher

2. Any Declarations of Interest There were none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2024. These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. Councillor Grist proposed and Councillor Vick seconded the approval of minutes of the meeting which was agreed unanimously. These were signed by the Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: The minutes be approved.

4. Matters Arising

- i. **Norfolk County Council** Councillor Eagle not present.
- ii. **Breckland District Council** Councillor Kybird reported a new call for sites is expected in order to maintain a 5-year supply. This will include infill and brown field site. Consultation is expected to be published before Christmas. In addition the Parking Consultation (for Thetford) went live on 19th November.
- iii. **GTP** No further update.
- iv. **Playground:** No further update.
- v. **EV charging point** No further update.

5. Planning

- a. No update.
- b. **Local Plan** No further update as there is a change to the National Planning Policy Network.
- c. **JNP** Clerk reported that both Andrea Long and Andrew Darcy were willing to meet. She will pass on contact details to Vice Chairman so a meeting can be arranged.

6. Finance

- a. **Financial Report: Statement up to 21st November 2024**

Savings Account		Balance at last meeting	£11,229.13	
Incoming		Quarterly Interest	£77.83	
			new Balance	£11,306.96
Current Account				£13,303.60
Outgoings				
	Sept	Heartbeat	£329.40	
	Sept	Npower Sept	£143.01	
	Oct	Clerk pay Jul-Sep	£276.00	
	Oct	Clerk Expenses Jul-Sep	£13.00	
	Oct	Clerk HMRC Tax Jul-Sep	£69.00	
	Oct	Refund to clerk for Norton Annual Antiv	£50.00	
	Oct	Monthly Bank Fee	£5.40	
	Oct	URM	£29.81	
	Oct	Npower Oct	£155.87	
	Nov	GeoxPhere Annual membership	£36.00	
	Nov	VET Defib Annual fee	£120.00	
		Total Expenses	£1,227.49	
			Subtotal	£12,076.11
Income	Oct	Precept - 2nd half	£3,593.00	
		Advert	£20.00	
				£3,613.00
			Total Current	£15,689.11
	21/11/2024	Total in both Accounts		£26,996.07

- b. **Grass Cutting:** The clerk reported that an invoice had finally been received for the year for the grass cutting at the village hall, which came to £300. A quote has also been received but considered excessive at 17 cuts for £1,241+VAT. Clerk to request a quote for 10 cuts.
- c. **Budget & Precept** The Budget was discussed at length and it was decided to increase the electricity budget and reduce the income expected from interest. The Budget will be formally agreed at the next meeting.

Precept: Based on the budget the precept was discussed. The Chairman then proposed to raise the precept by 5%, seconded by Councillor Poore. This was then agreed unanimously. **RESOLVED:** To raise current precept by 5% to £7,545.30.

7. Correspondence

There was no further correspondence.

8. AOB

- a. **Emergency Plan:** An email had been received regarding setting up an emergency plan in case of an event. Various plans and options discussed and Chairman will respond.

The next meeting will be on 16th January 2025.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.05hrs.

Minutes agreed:

P Dauny
Chairman

Date: 21st November 2024

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