

MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Social Club on Thursday 16th January 2025

1. Attendance

The following were present:

Paul Dauny	PD	Chairman
Andy Poore	AP	Vice Chairman
Dave Vick	DV	Councillor
Emma Grist	EG	Councillor
Carrie Goucher	CG	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 21st November 2024. These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. Councillor Poor proposed and Councillor Vick seconded the approval of minutes of the meeting which was agreed unanimously. These were 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 Kybird reported that Norfolk County Council will be fast-tracked to become a unitary authority. There will be a Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk in May 2026. Districts will cease to exist in 27/28. One Unitary Member will replace two to three District Councillors
- iii. **GTP** The following was reported after the last meeting:
 - 50% increase in cycling routes
 - Transport East will be upgrading the Ely rail junction to improve East-West travel
 - A11 Junction, in particular Five Ways, to be upgraded
 - Shortage of burial plots, no new ones to be made av.
 - CarpetRight Store to be taken over by 'Next'.
 - £20m investment still on hold but expected to be released soon.
 - Next meeting in three weeksThe Chairman then expressed thanks to Councillor Vick for attending these meetings.
- iv. **Playground:** Village Hall would like to have input on equipment. Brochures to be circulated and councillors to indicate three top pieces of equipment for discussion at the next meeting, in preparation for the match funding scheme when it becomes available.
- v. **EV charging point** Another electrician to be contacted to install tails.

5. Planning

- a. No update.
- b. **Local Plan** It was reported that the Local Plan would now going to Parliament as part of the formal consultation.
- c. **JNP** No further update.

6. Finance

a. Financial Report: Statement up to 16th January 2025

Savings Account	Balance at last meeting	£11,306.96	
Incoming	Quarterly Interest	£75.73	
	new Balance	£11,382.69	
Current Account			£15,826.98
Outgoings	Nov	Monthly Bank Fee	£6.00
	Nov	URM	30.24
	Nov	Npower Oct	155.87
	Dec	Grass Cutting (Nurture)	£300.00
	Dec	Npower Nov	£180.55
	Dec	TT Jones	£43.34
	Dec	Monthly Bank Fee	£6.00
	Jan	Clerk HMRC Tax Oct-Dec 24	£69.00
	Jan	Clerk Expenses Oct-Dec 24	£13.00
	Jan	Clerk Remuneration Oct-Dec 24	£276.28
	Jan	Npower Dec	£190.83
		Total Expenses	£1,271.11
		Subtotal	£14,555.87
Income			
			£0.00
		Total Current	£14,555.87
	16/01/2025	Total in both Accounts	£25,938.56

- b. **Advertisements:** The clerk was handed £40 for two new parishioners wishing to advertise in the newsletter. For ease, clerk to transfer £40 into PCs account.
- c. **Budget** Clerk to make final adjustments and recirculate The Budget for agreement at the next meeting.
- d. **Precept:** clerk reported that Precept form had been sent off and receipt confirmed by BDC.
- e. **Village Hall Ground Rent Review:** It was reported that an invoice had been received from the Crown. Clerk to arrange for payment and then the PC will be reimbursed by the Village Hall Committee. This Rent Review is in addition to the annual rent.

7. Cynthia De La Hoye – Change of Articles

(Copy of letter attached to these minutes). The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that the Chairman would respond indicating that at least one person in the committee should have a vested interest in Croxton Village, similar to those wishing to be a Parish Councillor.

8. Correspondence

- a. An email was read out regarding NALC converting from a co-operative society to a company limited by guarantee.

- b. A letter received from AMEY regarding streetlights, requesting a contact for maintenance contract or in case of an emergency issue regarding the streetlights.
- c. Email from resident requesting a response to his previous email regarding an emergency plan for the Village and making complaint regarding cables in the village. Chairman to respond.

9. **AOB**

- a. Speed Watch has reported that they only need to complete paperwork and this will be resolved on 8th February.
- b. It was proposed to have an educational event at the Village Hall some time in the summer. Chairman to investigate options and cost.

The next meetings will be held as follows:

- 20th March 2025: 7pm
- 15th May 2025: 6pm for AGM
- 15th May 2025: 7pm for APM

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.35hrs.

Minutes agreed:

P Dauny
Chairman

Date: 16th January 2025