

## MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Social Club on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### 1. Attendance

The following were present:

Paul Dauny  
Emma Grist  
Romy Dawson

PD  
EG  
RD

Chairman  
Councillor  
Clerk/RFO

Apologies were received: Councillors Goucher, Poore and Vick

### 2. Any Declarations of Interest There were none.

### 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025. These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. These were then signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Matters Arising

- i. **Norfolk County Council** The following was reported:
  - a. NCC Budget has increased by 4.99% and council tax was increased by 2.99%.
  - b. Some rural services are being withdrawn.
  - c. Junction Cut has been accepted.
  - d. Members budget for spending has been increased which means increased spending on road maintenance, weed spraying etc.
  - e. A £250,000 budget has been made available to spend on 'High Streets Matter', which will hopefully help increase footfall in Thetford Town Centre. It is intended to help retailers which visual placement, branding and other project to make visitors make the most of their trip into Thetford Town Centre.
  - f. County Council elections have been suspended for a year.
  - g. Trees are still available for community projects, individual gardens etc. as part of the '1 Million Trees for Norfolk'. For further information please click [here](#).
- ii. **Breckland District Council** Councillor Kybird not present
- iii. **GTP** No Update
- 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** The Village Hall Committee recently decided that the EV Charging Point was now no longer required and therefore will not continue with the installation.

### 5. Planning

- a. No update.
- b. **Local Plan** No update.
- c. **JNP** No further update.

## 6. Finance

### Financial Report: Statement up to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

|                        |                         |                               |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Savings Account</b> | Balance at last meeting | <b>£11,382.69</b>             |                   |
| <b>Incoming</b>        | Quarterly Interest      |                               |                   |
|                        |                         | new Balance                   | <b>£11,382.69</b> |
| <b>Current Account</b> |                         |                               | <b>£14,555.87</b> |
| Outgoings              | Jan                     | Fee                           | £6.00             |
|                        | Feb                     | URM                           | £25.92            |
|                        | Feb                     | Npower Jan                    | £203.35           |
|                        | Feb                     | Unity Trust Bank Fee          | £6.00             |
|                        | Feb                     | Nurture 2nd invoice           | £300.00           |
|                        | March                   | TT Jones                      | £43.34            |
|                        | Feb                     | Carter Jonas Rent Review      | £116.39           |
|                        | Feb                     | URM                           | £43.20            |
|                        | March                   | URM                           | £17.28            |
|                        | March                   | Npower Feb                    | £175.74           |
|                        | March                   | Bank Fee                      | £6.00             |
|                        |                         | <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>£943.22</b>    |
|                        |                         | <b>Subtotal</b>               | <b>£13,612.65</b> |
| Income                 |                         | Newsletter                    | £40.00            |
|                        |                         |                               | <b>£40.00</b>     |
|                        |                         | <b>Total Current</b>          | <b>£13,652.65</b> |
|                        | 16/01/2025              | <b>Total in both Accounts</b> | <b>£25,035.34</b> |

a.

## 7. Correspondence

a. Email from parishioner querying a reported increase in council tax of 53%. The clerk had contacted BDC regarding this increase and it was explained, though not made clear to parishioners, that the precept requested by the Parish Council (5% up from previous years) was going to be paid by fewer households, hence the perceived sharp increase. Statement to the public and a response to the parishioner to be prepared.

## 8. AOB

AGM and APM briefly discussed. Clerk to circulate the proposed agenda.

The next meetings will be held as follows:

- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025: 6pm for APM followed by AGM

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.00hrs.

Minutes agreed:

P Dauny  
Chairman

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025