

MINUTES OF CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Croxton Village Hall on Thursday 24th September

1. Attendance

The following were present:

Andy Poore	AP	Vice Chairman
Dave Vick	DV	Councillor
Emma Grist (19:10)	EG	Councillor
James Mockford	JM	Councillor

Apologies were received: Councillors Dauny.

The Vice Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Any Declarations of Interest There were none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd July 2026. These had been circulated previously, were agreed and approved. These were then signed by the Vice Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

- i. **Norfolk County Council** Councillor Hussey introduced himself and added some background information as follows:
- Has a background in journalism and is now also Press Secretary for Reform.
 - Elected to as a cabinet member of Social Services and Public Health.

The following was reported:

- NCC has a reported debt of nearly £1m
- Procedures lack transparencies and proper process
- Local government organization for the area have been 'withdrawn'.
- Elections will take place as normal on 7th May 2027.

- ii. **Breckland District Council** The following was reported:
- BDC is financially stable and is considered well managed.
 - RAF Barnham is meant to be used for the next 10 years for processing illegal immigrants and up to 1200 being processed a year. Processing time is estimated to be three months per individual. Local opposition is very strong, both with residents and councillors. Wretham has now also been identified as a new additional site.
 - Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen has now written to the Home Office to urge that all requests pertaining to RAF Barnham go through the local council.
 - Two police officers have been appointed through the "Inspiring Communities Fund".

- iii. **GTP** Meeting taking place on Tuesday 29th September.

- iv. **Playground** New Play Equipment has been installed and was opened formally opened on Saturday 25th July.

- v. **Church Clock** Quotes to update the electrical work have been obtained and were briefly discussed. Councillor Vick proposed and Councillor Poore seconded the motion to accept the quote from MAC Solutions and to proceed. This was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED To instruct MAC Solutions to proceed with the work at a cost of £628.

Also discussed were quotes for essential repair to the clock face and to install an auto-wind, which came to £7990 from Haward Horological, valid for 30 days. Unfortunately there are not many specialist local clockmakers and repairers, therefore only one quote could be obtained. Fundraising

to commence, however, several offers of donation have already been pledged. Clerk will claim back VAT in October rather than February, as this amount will be significant. Councillor Vick proposed and Councillor Poore seconded the motion to accept the quote from Haward Horological and to instruct them. This was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED To instruct Haward Horological to proceed with the work at a cost of £7990 which will be funded mostly by donations and fundraising. PC to advance the 50% deposit.

5. Planning

- a. **Planning Application** – No further updates.
- b/d **Local Plan** - Regulation 19 Consultation closed on 23th September with a vigorous opposing response from local residents and the PC.
- b. **Neighbourhood Plan** Andrea Long from Compass Point has circulated an updated slightly amended version and now requires consent from the PC to submit. Councillor Vick proposed and Councillor Grist seconded the motion for Andrea Long to submit the updated version. This was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED To instruct Andrea Long from Compass to submit the formal plan.

6. Financial Report: Statement up to 24th September 2026

a. Report

Current Account		£13,566.50
Outgoings		
Aug	Clear Council Insurance	£671.16
Aug	Nurture	£185.20
Jul	Bank fee	£7.00
Jul	NALC Course (old invoice)	£42.00
Aug	Npower	£117.94
Aug	Refund to DV for key/lock	£18.00
Aug	TT Jones Bollard repair	£312.00
Aug	URM Inv 2687	£31.15
Aug	URM Inv 2814	£9.79
Jul	Playdale	£10,731.04
Jul	Nurture	£185.20
Aug	Bank fee	£7.00
Sep	Westcotec	£111.60
Sep	TT jones	£37.45
Sep	Npower	£137.33
Sep	Westcotec	£70.20
Total Expenses		£12,674.06
		Subtotal
		£892.44
Income		
August	BDC Grant	£5,000.00
July	newsletter advert	£2.00
July	BDC Credit	£132.71
July	Transfer from Savings	£5,000.00
July	newsletter advert	£22.00
Total Income		£10,156.71
		Total Current
		£11,049.15

- b. Asset Register discussed at length and various individual play equipment to be identified and 'costed' to add to the Asset Register and to add to a spreadsheet to be provided so that depreciation can be calculated as accurately as possible. To be discussed at the next meeting.

- c. **Grass Cutting** Still in progress..

7. Correspondence

- a. There was none.

8. AOB

- a. SAM 2 has now been updated and new batteries installed. Data no longer unreliable.
- b. Newsletter to be published four times a year, rather than 6.
- c. Bonfire: concern was expressed over the state of the bonfire behind the Village Hall. It has now grown to a concerning size and ways to make it safe were discussed at length. Pedestrian barriers to be set up for the present and to be discussed between the PC and VHC as soon as is practical
- d. Nurture to be instructed to mow the playing fields fully now.

The next meeting will be held as follows:

- 26th November at the Village Hall at 7pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:14hrs.

Minutes agreed:

A Poore
Vice Chairman