

**Minutes of the meeting of Croxton Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 23 July 2025 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Paul Bayer, Cllr Gareth Lowson, Cllr Linda Sach and Cllr Martin Sach.
In attendance: County Cllr C Poulton and Mr Ben Stoehr (Locum Clerk).

Public participation on agenda items and matters of mutual interest (includes reports from County and District Councillors and representation by members of the public)

County Cllr Poulton summarised his written reports for CCC and for SCDC on behalf of Cllr Sandford.

District Council:

- Plans were being made for Cambourne North, which included moving the station. The new development will be approximately double the size of the existing Cambourne.

County Council:

- Local Government Re-organisation. Proposals have to be submitted by November. Three proposals are being worked on.
- The Household Support fund has reopened for households experiencing hardship.
- The Government has taken control of all new reservoirs with the aim of speeding up construction.
- The Local Nature Recovery Strategy is now open.
- The Guided Busway is now being fenced along its whole length following fatalities. Flooding on the footpaths is expected to be resolved.
- Cllr Poulton has met with Chris Poultney at Highways about the A428 de-trunking. He would like to see the road improved to benefit Croxton and the surrounding villages. There had previously been talks about a cycleway, which has been cut due to funding. It was intended to continue talks to find out what might be possible. Cllr Poulton undertook to report back on his findings.
- A resident asked about District Cllr Sandford's previous undertaking to provide information on grant availability. Cllr Sandford is to be asked about this. There is also funding available from the A428 Legacy Fund.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.1 To receive written apologies for absence and reasons

Apologies were received from District Cllrs Mark Howell and Peter Sandford.

1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

None.

1.3 To receive and grant any written requests for dispensations

None.

2. To consider any applications for co-option

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 21 May 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. To consider any matters arising from the last or a previous meeting including

4.1 (8.4) To consider any Internal Auditor's report received during the year

The Internal Auditor's report was noted.

5. Finance, procedure & risk assessment

5.1 To approve any payments

RESOLVED that the payment of £100.00 to Clerk's Compliance (Internal Audit) should be paid.

5.2 To consider any urgent works required because of risk or health and safety

None.

5.3 To note any actions taken under delegated powers

None.

5.4 To consider a donation to Croxton Village Hall

RESOLVED to note that the Village Hall was not owned or controlled by the Parish Council, but that the Parish Council has in the past contributed towards costs.

A discussion took place about the lease for the Village Hall and costs.

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £1,000.00 to the Village Hall, subject to receiving information about the Village Hall finances and evidence of how it has been spent.

6. To consider any planning or tree works applications received

6.1 Planning applications

6.1.1 25/02320/LBC – Westbury Farm, Westbury Farmhouse, Abbotsley Road – Repair and replacement of external joinery including external windows, external doors and front porch

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objections.

6.1.2 25/02715/LBC – 4 High Street - Retention of remediation works following the failure of a joint in the oil supply line serving the AGA in the kitchen resulting in both hydrocarbon contamination/kerosene both laterally up the walls resulting in removal of a chimney to a height of 1.2m and vertically resulting in the excavation of shallow soil into the utility room and underpinning accordingly

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objections.

6.2 SCDC Decision notices, appeals notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence for information only

None received.

6.3 Tree works applications

6.3.1 25/0571/TTCA – 12 High Street – to note that no response was made. SCDC have previously requested that only objections need to be reported to them.

Noted.

6.4 Procedure for applications between meetings

RESOLVED to adopt the policy on procedure for applications between meetings as detailed in the Clerk Report.

7. To consider any correspondence received

7.1 CAPALC – Introduction of the IT policy requirement as part of the Annual Governance Statement requirements – Assertion 10

RESOLVED to note the draft policy and to make an amendment under item 5: In the event that Council devices are not provided, personal devices may be used. ^(Prop GL, 2nd PB, unanimous)

7.2 CCC Public Rights of Way Hierarchy engagement – to consider proposed response (deadline 31 July)

RESOLVED, noting that all footpaths in the parish are classified as the lowest priority, that the Chairman should respond emphasising the importance of local paths.

7.3 CCC - Cambridgeshire Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) Survey (deadline 31 July)

Noted.

8. To consider members' items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated

8.1 A428 updates

There were no updates.

8.2 East West Rail updates

There were no updates other than the station move.

8.3 Solar Farm

No updates but it was noted that there had been some minor amendments to cable routing on Toseland Road.

- 8.4 To consider adding a "what's on" page and local business links to the website
 Cllr Bayer reported on the website provider's offer of a one-off £100.00 payment to add a "What's On" page and local business directory.
 RESOLVED to take up the offer and that Cllr Bayer should oversee this.
 Cllr Bayer asked for local pictures for the website.

9. Closure and dates of future meetings

RESOLVED that the next meeting should be on 10 September at 7.30 pm.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.47 pm.

SignedChairmandate.