

**Minutes of the meeting of Croxton Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 12 September 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 reported that August had been a quiet month.

- CCC had completed their Highways Dept reorganisation and appointed a new Highway Maintenance Officer covering Croxton. Cllr Poulton will set up a meeting if there are outstanding Highways Issues. CCC Highways are launching Aurora software to streamline and speed up reporting and action.
CCC is unable to do anything with the existing A428 until the National Highways handover is complete. There was a proposal for a cycleway along the existing road but this was dropped due to the cost.
National Highways have legacy funding available for communities close to the A428 to have building improvements in the area. This must be done before 2027. Cllr Poulton will provide links to the Council. One final round of funding available is available in October. There is also a national pot of funding which could be used on the A428 due to our priorities and timescales and CCC would progress.
There are also ongoing discussions with East West Rail about improvements to Active Travel along the route.
- A great deal of time was being spent on Local Government Reorganisation. The proposals have to go to the Government in November, with a maximum of three options proposed. The exercise was presented as zero cost but so far it has been reported as costing over £800M over five years.

County Cllr Poulton reported on District Council items for District Cllr Peter Sandford:

- Cambourne North. The new station was expected to be near the Cambourne roundabout and it is expected to have a large number of properties around it. There will be another large development near Abingdon.

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

Cllr Bayer declared an interest as his wife was on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Lowson declared an interest as his wife was on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr L Sach declared an interest as her husband was on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr M Sach declared an interest as he was on the Village Hall Committee.

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 23 July 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that no information on the Village Hall finances had yet been received.

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

4.1 (Open) To consider information on grant availability from the District Councillor

The information received in the District Councillor's report was noted.

5. Finance, procedure & risk assessment

- 5.1 To approve any payments
RESOLVED that the payment of £52.00 to the Information Commissioner's Office (Data Protection) 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 grant towards the Village Hall Door
Cllr Bayer updated the Parish Council on the grant approved at the last meeting. The Village Hall Committee would like to replace the door but need additional funds.
RESOLVED to check whether the Parish Council can claim VAT if it gifts the door to the Village Hall.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees to purchase and gift the door if it is possible to reclaim the VAT on the door, but if not, to make a grant to the Village Hall.
- 5.5 To consider closing the HSBC account
The Chairman has discussed options with HSBC and the account has been closed.
A cheque has been received for the remaining balance.
- 6. To consider any planning or tree works applications received**
- 6.1 Planning applications
None.
- 6.2 SCDC Decision notices, appeals notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence for information only
- 6.2.1 25/01657/FUL – Land at Cambridge Road - To undertake the necessary works for the cable route to facilitate permission 24/00295/FUL as granted by Huntingdonshire District Council on the 8th of May 2025 for the Installation and operation of a renewable energy generation and storage station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with battery storage containers, inverter/transformer units, control house, substations, onsite grid connection equipment, storage containers, site access, access gates, internal access tracks, security measures, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancement – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.2.2 25/02320/LBC – Westbury Farmhouse, Westbury Farm, Abbotsley Road – Repair and replacement of external joinery including external windows, external doors and front porch – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.3.3 25/02715/LBC – 4 High Street – Retention of remediation works following the failure of a joint in the oil supply line serving the AGA on 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 – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.3 Tree works applications
None.
- 7. To consider any correspondence received**
- 7.1 SCDC – Draft Cambridgeshire Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation (deadline 17/10/25)
Noted.
- 7.2 CCC – Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation (deadline 11.9.25)
Noted.
- 8. To consider members' items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated**
- 8.1 A428 updates
It was noted that the road was closed again at the weekend.
- 8.2 East West Rail updates

There were no updates.

8.3 Solar Farm

There were no updates.

8.0.4 Defibrillator

RESOLVED to send a letter of thanks to the Village Hall Committee for facilitating the defibrillator.

9. **Closure and dates of future meetings**

RESOLVED that the next meeting should be on 11 December 2025 at 7.30 pm, when setting the Budget and Precept will be an agenda item.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

SignedChairmandate.