

PARISH OF CROXTON
(South Cambridgeshire District)
Minutes of Meeting

Village Hall on Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm

The Meeting was preceded by a presentation by Highways England on Noise Mitigation for the proposed A428

Highways England provided a presentation on noise mitigation and environmental issues. The presentation was warmly received by the PC and other members of the parish. A number of questions were asked about the level of screening, the ultimate aims of the road design, economic and social benefits, ecological and environmental harm and mitigation, noise pollution and traffic pollution.

The PC re-iterated its conditional acceptance of the Orange Route and provided additional information on the necessity of the route being pushed north to at least Gallows Brook and possibly to the pylon line.

It was also noted that St Neots Town and Huntingdonshire District Councils' acceptance of the Orange Route was also conditional.

Highways England stated that they were confident that they could work with us to provide us with what we wanted, but could not start the process until the preferred route was announced.

The PC has invited Highways England to meet again once the preferred route has been announced.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Apologies were received from Cllr Swannel & Cllr Bayer

2. To approve the minutes of the last meetings on 16th March 2017

Approved Cllr Green, Cllr Tomlinson

3. Comments and observations from members of the public and District & County Councillors' reports.

The PC welcomed DCllr Ruth Betson who has taken over from Mervin Loynes.

The PC was asked to respond to the options available from the new west Cambridge park and ride site. There will be a public conversation in November 2017, the options the PC discussed were; Caxton Gibbett., Madingley Mulch, Scotland Farm, and Bourn airfield. It was agreed by the PC and the remaining parish members that Bourne Airfield would be the best option.

DCllr Mandy Smith reported that the entirety of the county is now controlled by Conservative councils and that neighborhood plans are being reviewed. DCllr Smith also offered to task Highways with removing our redundant bus shelter.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting or carried forward from a previous meeting

- a. A428 Rumours and Thoughts ~ We are awaiting the preferred route announcement, this has now been delayed until Autumn. The PC deliberated whether the recent announcement of a northerly option to the new Bedford to Cambridge railway would have any bearing on the preferred route of the A428
- b. LHI – Funding Abbotsley Road speed limit progress ~ the works have been undertaken and the consensus is that they have made some difference.
- c. Village Hall ~ The PC are awaiting quotations for replacement windows.

5. Finance and procedure

- a. Village Funds ~ Village funds , including the Abbotsley PC donation stand at £ 33,015. We have written to the Parish Council auditors stating our intention to keep in excess of our statutory maximum due to the number of potential opportunities and expenses available to the village. Primarily the possible purchase of the Green King land on Abbotsley Road and general repairs to the village hall.
- b. Audit ~ the internal audit was complete and sent to the external auditors. The PC's total expenses for the year came to £ 1941.50, this was made up of the High Street CCTV, combined insurances and street lighting.

6. To consider planning and tree works applications received since the last meeting

- a. Planning applications - non received
- b. Tree Works - non received
- c. SCDC decisions notices - non received

7. To consider correspondence received

No correspondence of any merit was received

8. Any Other Business

9. Date of the next meeting and closure of meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 13th September 7:30pm