

# PARISH OF CROXTON

## MINUTES OF MEETING

on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.15pm.

**Present:** Cllr M Smith, Cllr J Elcox, Cllr M Loynes, 20 Members of the Public

**In attendance:** Cllr N Spencer, Cllr D Tomlinson, Cllr J Swannell, Cllr G Green  
Mrs J Swannell (Temporary Clerk)

Councillor Nathan Spencer presided:

### 1. A428 - Issues

#### **Background:**

- There have been 145 reported accidents between 2000 and 2010.
- The Wind Farm at Graveley may mean that the turning point by the entrance to Toseland Road from the A428 towards Graveley will be widened so that lorries may travel along this route.
- Historically The Highways Agency informed villagers that there are no funds to do anything about the A428. It is a freeway and that is highlighted with signs along the road which means that nothing can stop along the road including X5 Stage Coaches to and from Cambridge.
- The A428 cannot support the increase of traffic as a consequence of any further planning applications in the areas.
- The siting of the bus stop directly opposite the turning is hazardous.
- There is only one entrance to village, if road closed how to access in an emergency.
- The A428 is used as a standard division between the A14 and the A1. During last road works to A14 traffic directed for 7 weeks through the A428 causing massive delays.
- Peter Williams discussed a recent article by Lord Wolson in the Times on establishing proper communications links between the Cambridgeshire/Oxford corridor. A dual carriageway between the two would start at the Caxton Gibbet to the Black Cat roundabout.

#### **Proposals:**

- Enforcement of a maximum speed limit of 40mph between St Neots bypass and Caxton Gibbett roundabout, until such a time as the bypass is in place.
- Install Speed Cameras or Warning lights.
- No overtaking along this stretch of road – the Abbotsley Road junction dangerous
- Widen the roundabout at Caxton to give two exits off to the A428
- Paul Sinfield has now moved, Jamie Endersby is now in charge of the area with David Abbott. Suggested that they are invited to a meeting and all ideas are put forward. Marion Coleman has all statistics.
- A high level planning representative from the County Council should be invited to a meeting to discuss the need to stop all planning applications in the surrounding areas as the A428 cannot sustain anymore development.
- Press Involvement, local press from Cambridge.
- Seek some Specialist advice – Transport Consultant.

Letters can be written to MP who will forward to the Highways Agency  
Andrew Langsley

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**Next meeting to discuss the A428:  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June meeting in Village Hall 7pm**

**2. Annual Business**

- a. To elect a Chairman  
Cllr Spencer unanimously re-elected Chairman
- b. To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office or, if not then received, to decide when it shall be received  
Completed
- c. To elect a Vice Chairman  
Cllr David Tomlinson unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman
- d. To welcome temporary Clerk  
Welcome to Mrs J Swannell
- e. Co-option to fill a casual vacancy  
Maureen resigned, announced a position for a casual vacancy.

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

**3. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

None

**4. To consider resolutions, if any, from the Annual Parish Meeting**

None

**5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Approved were unanimously approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

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

Bus Shelters: Proposal to remove the bus shelter closest to the Village High Street as it is a hazard and an eye sore.

**7. Finance and procedure**

- a. Annual membership of CPALC & ACRE  
Reviewed and renewed
- b. Review insurance policy  
Renewed
- c. Review financial report and approve payment of bills  
Completed. Thanks was given to Christine Rose for carrying out the internal audit
- d. Consideration of dual bank accounts  
The Parish has two bank accounts Business Account and a Current Account, guideline by CPALC that we only have £1500 funds in total. David to speak to the bank about how to access the business account.
- e. Street lighting – reimbursement  
Mrs Swannell has written to Balfour to chase the refund.
- f. LGS Services contract expired and was not renewed.

- g. Donation of £75 to be made to the Jubilee Party
- 8. **To consider planning and tree works applications received since the last meeting**  
Tree works application from 27 High Street, Cllr David Tomlinson to discuss with the applicant.
- 9. **To consider correspondence received**  
Two letters received: Victim Support requesting a donation and a company offering grounds maintenance services. Both were considered and rejected.
- 10. **Discussion of A428 traffic issues**  
Completed
- 11. **AOB**  
The Parish Council has offered financial assistance to then Village Hall and will look into obtaining a Grant. Sue Cowell to obtain quotes for windows.
- 12. **Date of the next meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**The meeting was closed at 9.00pm**