

**CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING No:135
HELD ON TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs: Mrs K Browlow, Mrs M Coomber, Mr S Ingram (Chairman), Mr A Lintott, and Mrs N Spencer.

In attendance: Cllr Mandy Smith, Cllr M Loynes, Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Comments and observations from members of the public and reports from County & District Cllrs
Cllr Smith's report covered:

- The neighbourhood panel meeting and speeding in Abbotsley Road.
- Her forthcoming meeting with D Vacher regarding Rose Cottage and some other issues raised by a resident including run off Lindsey Cottage which recently lead to a flood across the road as there is no drain, She will also raise blocked drains in Abbotsley Road.
- A section of the A428 is due for closure on 14 July with a diversion via Brampton Hut from 7am to 7pm. Cllr Smith is to take this up with Dennis Vacher.
- The withdrawal of the NATS proposals.

1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.0 All present.

1.1 Mr Ingram declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 3.1 as an adjacent resident to the Village Green.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 16 December 2008

Agreed (AL, NS) - the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, after deletion of the words "by Abbotsley Road" on page 59.

It was agreed that the order of business should be varied to take the item on the village Green at the end of the meeting.

4. Finance, Risk Assessment and procedural matters

4.1. To approve the payment of bills and consider the finance report

Finance report noted and payments checked before the cheques were signed by members.

Agreed (NS, AL)

CCC (Streetlights)	£543.12
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LGS Services (admin support)	£168.59
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Mr Ingram left the meeting. And did not return. Mrs Coomber chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the last meetings

3.1 (3.1) The Village Green – carried forward from last meeting

The draft minutes of the parish meeting in October, the letter from the County Council seeking evidence of the use of the village green specifically to the last 20 years was considered.

At 8.07pm due to a public disturbance by a resident the Chairman declared the meeting closed. At 8.17pm after the disturbance had abated and he had finally left the meeting the

Chairman declared the meeting re-opened.

Mr Lintott proposed, as the residents had had the opportunity to offer their support to the Parish Council's application to register the village green and had not done so and also as the application to register the land with Land Registry had been returned the Parish Council would close the application to register the village green and also relinquish any claim as to ownership of the land.

The Clerk cautioned the Parish Council that a resident had already flagged this matter to the auditor she also reiterated her advice that disposal of a land asset required the approval of the Secretary of State.

The proposal was seconded by Mrs Spencer and carried unanimously.

Mrs Rose was thanked by the Parish Council for her willingness to allow the village to use the land and she was asked if she would register the land as a village green. Mrs Rose's reply that this had been discussed with their solicitor and they were awaiting the outcome of the Parish Council's application was noted.

5. Date of the next meetings and closure of meeting

The next meeting will be on 19 May at 7.30pm. Mrs Coomber gave her apologies in advance.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)