

Croft Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Croft Village Hall on Monday 4th July 2022 commencing at 7pm.

The Chairman welcomed all present. There were two members of the public were in attendance. The Chairman opened the floor for questions. Mr R Devey discussed his planning application at The Golf Driving Range, Croft (S/039/01230/22) providing reasons for the change of use of land to include an extra 17 static caravans. A fence came down at the site during some bad weather. Mr Devey is looking to move the fence into the driving range. After consulting with golfing experts, they deemed this was wasted space on the driving range. Mr Devey wants to use this space for an additional 17 static caravans. Cllrs raised concerns over the water supply, to which Mr Devey explained he had paid Anglian Water a considerable sum for a supply that exceeds the no. of units on site and including the 17 proposed. Other concerns expressed were the entrance and the speed limit on the road. There are no changes proposed to the entrance on the planning. Cllrs discussed the possibility of applying for a lower speed limit.

A presentation was given by Ben from a sign company via zoom. Ben talked about 2 speed traps.

The first being smaller unit. Solar powered. Battery has external fit. Needs to fit a lamppost. Permission will be needed from highways.

Yellow border, flashes speed and a happy or sad face. Battery pack included within unit. Needs to fit a lamppost. Permission will be needed from highways.

Warranty is 2 years, however, the speed traps typically last for 10-12 years. The radar 1 in 1000 chance of being faulty but they can be replaced. Ben described it as a rare issue. Highways likely to do a site visit.

Prices - £3599.33 ex VAT

£2987.23 ex VAT

Post are likely to cost £120 with delivery.

Installing posts is around £350-£400 per post.

Councillors requested this for an agenda item for September.

As there were no more questions, the meeting went into session.

Present:

Cllrs N Dowlman (Chair), E Peacock (Vice-Chair), A Coxall, G Bowser, C Moore, and P Vokes.

1. Apologies

S Blackburn

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 6th June 2022.

With no matters arising the minutes from April were **resolved unanimously**.

4. To approve the list of accounts submitted for consideration.

- a. April Income and Expenditure
- b. May Income and Expenditure
- c. June Income and Expenditure
- d. July Income and Expenditure

All accounts were **resolved unanimously**.

5. To discuss community matters which need referring to the District and County representatives for a response.

Councillors were not in attendance, no written reports received.

6. To receive notification of any planning permissions, refusals, or amendments.

- a. Planning Application S/039/01230/22 - Golf Driving Range, Low Road, Croft. Change of use of land

Cllr Dowlman mentioned how this plan wishes to use land within the existing footprint, it is an expansion within the complex rather than into the countryside. Cllr Dowlman expressed his preference that Croft should remain a country village. Cllr Peacock asked the Clerk to apply for the road to become 40 mph due to the increased no. of vehicles that will be using the site entrance.

- b. Planning application S/023/01090/22 - for land to the rear of Autumn House and Strawberry

Councillors felt this was for Burgh Le Marsh Council to pass comment on. However, Cllr Dowlman spoke about how this development was alien to the existing housing. It could potentially set a dangerous precedent for back land developments. Existing housing on the periphery of the village had roadside frontage. **Resolved by majority**.

No comments were made. **Resolved by majority**.

7. To receive reports from the Chairman and Clerk to the Council.

Cllr N Dowlman spoke briefly about the improvements that have been made to the Village Hall recently, particularly the installation of WiFi, a new speaker and large touchscreen TV for use.

The Clerk emailed a report to Councillors prior to the meeting updating Councillors on

8. To receive a report on the Village Hall.

Cllr P Vokes provided a written report for Councillors prior to the meeting.

- A new sound system has been purchased.
- Touchscreen TV installed.
- Upgrades to the CCTV due to take place in August.
- New litter bins have been installed in the park.
- Cllr Vokes and Peacock attended a training course regarding the maintenance of the play area equipment and surrounding area.
- An issue with bird droppings on the play equipment was highlighted and resolution discussed to prevent it from happening in future.

9. To dispose of any correspondence received.

None

10. To transact any urgent business.

The Clerk was asked to research a previous discussion over a bus shelter for Croft. It's thought the application was submitted in August 2020 for a bus shelter on Church Lane.

Cllr Bowser mentioned an event being held at the Vine in Skegness on 6th July to discuss the Skegness Gateway plans, which is a proposal to create new amenities and homes to the west of the town. The drop-in session will run from 12pm - 7pm.

The Chair of the Council closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

Signed.....

Chair of the Council - Cllr Dowlman

Signed.....

Clerk to the Council and RFO - Jack Sargent

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