

# Croft Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Croft Village Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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 T Spencer discussed his planning application at The Hollies, Croft (S/039/00984/22) Providing reasons for the change of use from touring caravans and tents to static caravans. Mr Spencer mentioned problems caused by the pandemic and concerns for operating fully. This plan would adapt his business. Councillors asked about screening issues and whether statics were already there. Mr Spencer mentioned there was already good screening from trees and hedging and that the site already had planning for log cabins, however, these were increasingly harder to obtain due to the sanctions on Russia as the much of the wood came from Siberia.

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

Present: Cllr's N Dowlman (Chair), E Peacock (Vice-Chair), A Coxall, G Bowser, C Moore, P Vokes, and S Dennis. Clerk - Jack Sargent.

## 1. Apologies

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## 2. Declarations of Interest

None

## 3. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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

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

The Clerk is yet to receive authorisation from Lloyds Bank to be able to access the accounts. Only information provided for proposed expenditure. **Resolved unanimously.**

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

Cllr Dennis mentioned the sale of Skegness Town Hall as well as land being sold for a new hotel and coffee chain in Skegness. Cllr Dennis mentioned that the bowling greens in Skegness were no longer being maintained and could lead to further development. Suggesting this will be good for the town and existing businesses will have to improve their standards to remain competitive. Further caravan developments to the west of the A52 were also discussed with a view to further growth.

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

- a. Top Yard Barn, Bratoft - S/039/00924/22 | Planning Permission

No comments were made. **Resolved by majority.** Cllr Dennis abstained.

- b. Field Edge, Croft - S/039/01037/22 | Planning Permission

No comments were made. **Resolved by majority.** Cllr Dennis abstained.

c. Old Chequers Inn, Croft - S/039/00785/22 | Planning Permission

Cllrs had already submitted objections to the Clerk via email. Cllr's expressed concern that the design was not in keeping with the aesthetic of the listed building. The design could be more sympathetic to this existing exterior. Cllrs agreed the principle of the application is acceptable but not the design.

Cllrs voted in favour of objecting to the application.

d. The Hollies, Croft - S/039/00984/22 | Planning Permission

Cllrs discussed how this made the business more viable in the current climate and could potentially lead to a reduction in traffic. **Resolved by majority.** Cllr Dennis abstained.

**7. To approve the list of meeting dates for Full Council Meetings for 2022/23.**

Cllr Moore noted that Croft Parish Council have a recess in January and there should be no meeting scheduled for that month. With that amendment to the list of dates, it was **resolved unanimously.**

**8. To receive reports from the Chairman and Clerk to the Council.**

Cllr N Dowlman thanked those who have worked so hard on the organisation and implementation of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations held in Croft. By all accounts the event was a success and enjoyed by all. Which could perhaps lead to an annual event in Croft. Cllr Dowlman also mentioned the new screen is due to be installed in the Village Hall in June by Digicube, which includes the extended warranty.

The Clerk emailed a report to Councillors prior to the meeting updating Councillors on the banking situation, monthly timesheets detailing hours worked by the Clerk to be made available to Cllrs in the interested of transparency, and not being able to complete as much work as intended due to illness.

**9. To receive an update on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event.**

Cllr N Dowlman offer his congratulations to Cllr Coxall on the success of the event and offered his thanks for the efforts gone into the organisation.

Mr Newton opened the event. Commemorative mugs were distributed. Games were enjoyed by all and the weather held out. The Clerk is to write a report of the event the standard, including pictures, with information provided by Cllr Coxall.

**10. To receive a report on the Village Hall.**

Cllr P Vokes provided a report advising electrical works had been completed. A cheque from Komplan had been return to the Clerk due to an error in the figures. Litter bins had been ordered and the park gate had been painted.

A discussion took place on whether a sign was needed about dog fouling. It was resolved unanimously to not provided a sign.

**11. To consider traffic calming measures for Croft.**

Posts designed like children were not suitable. Solar powered speed monitors were discussed priced at £3,584 or £4,319 with 24 months warranty. Cllrs expressed their concerns that they were

not always effective. Cllr Coxall to enquire as to whether the company who provided the quotes could attend a meeting, possibly via zoom.

**12. To dispose of any correspondence received.**

LALC weekly newsletter forwarded via email to Councillors.

**13. To transact any urgent business.**

Cllrs mentioned the road over the drain between Ramco and the A52 had sunk creating a dip. The Clerk to report to highways. Other dangerous potholes were mentioned. The Clerk advised Cllrs to take pictures and report issues like this on the fix my street website. If more people report these issues, perhaps they will get looked at sooner by LCC Highways.

The Chair of the Council closed the meeting at 8:25pm.

Signed.....

Chair of the Council - Cllr Dowlman

Signed.....

Clerk to the Council and RFO - Jack Sargent

6<sup>th</sup> July 2022