



Croxden Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
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Minutes of a meeting held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023, in the Abbey Room, St Giles Church, Croxden ST14 5JG. The meeting commenced at Noon.

Present: Cllr Bean, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hemingway, Cllr James and clerk, plus sixteen residents attended the community walk prior to the meeting.

ACM 23.04.001 CHAIRMANS WELCOME

ACM 23.04.002 APOLOGIES. – Cllr Brandrick - approved

ACM 23.04.003 CHAIRMAN REPORT (2022-2023)

Firstly I would like to thank people for participating today, we are hoping that we will make the walks a regular activity linking different groups of people in the Parish. Whilst we seem to be living in tumultuous times with the both the Queen's 70-year celebration and then Her Majesty's death, but with the Coronation of King Charles III next month, it has been a year when things will start to return a little bit to normal. The Parish council is the third tier of local government, so we try and act as a voice for local people by liaising with East Staffordshire Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council and ensuring that the day-to-day areas such as planning and highways (potholes!) are commented on and reported. We are more than happy to help signpost people so they can record issues in the simplest and most appropriate way. Last year we created our Who to Contact leaflet, so that residents are guided to the right Council to approach on any issues they have, if you want a copy, please contact the Clerk. Sometimes issues remain on the agenda for longer, but progress does get made. It is great to see projects such as the friendship group get off the ground and footpath stiles and signage returned to good order, including working with Alton Towers to install the new footpath map case on Greatgate Village Green. We also have areas where we continue to press for change such as speeding and broadband coverage. It can be difficult to tell if we make a difference, but progress has been made with broadband in Croxden hamlet, so I like to think when decisions are able to have some influence. We meet once every two months and always happy to see people at the meetings and there is a 15-minute slot on each Agenda for residents to participate. The questionnaire guided the Council recently and we will continue to work for residents using the Council powers and duties of the Parish Council. Thank you to my fellow Councillors whose support is invaluable and to the Clerk for ensuring the Council administration is kept in order, Once again thank you to you the residents of the Parish for attending today, we hope you have enjoyed it.

ACM 23.04.004 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – none received.

ACM 23.04.005 GENERAL DISCUSSION

Residents were given suggestion slips prior to the meeting, on the Community Walk and two replies were received for the meeting:

Dog Poo Bin – resident requested that a dog poo bin be installed by the car park gates at St



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Giles Church for dog walkers – Councillors RESOLVED for the clerk to investigate with ESBC. Nabb Lane, Sat Nav – resident requested that Nabb Lane be removed from the Sat Nav guidance systems, as fifty-two cars were recorded last week in one day and thirty cars recorded on a further day. Livestock transportation is affected, due to the narrow lane and reversing of both cars and trailers must take place all of the time, due to limited passing places. Councillors discussed the existing signage at the entrance to Nabb Lane (advises drivers not to follow Sat Nav). Councillors RESOLVED for Cllr James and Cllr Hall to take the issue to the next Community Alton Towers meeting and for the Clerk to investigate how to remove from Sat Nav guidance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm. The meeting was formally closed at 12.30pm

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