

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 7th February 2017

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Present:

Cllr R Hatton (Chair), Cllr K Rogers, Cllr T Stapleton, Cllr G Magee, Cllr E Potts, MK Ward
Cllr D Hosking, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 2 members of the public

Item 1 07/02/17	Apologies: MK Ward Cllrs K McLean and P Geary, Cllrs J Small & J Hobbs, apologies accepted.
Item 2. 07/02/17	Declarations of interest: None at present but should be declared if applicable later in the meeting.
Item 3. 07/02/17	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 th January 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting, with one amendment as follows: <u>Item 11. Councillor's Items</u> – Ringtail Cottage is incorrect, should have been Ringcroft Farm, apologies from Clerk.
Item 4. 07/02/17	Scan Reporter: Cllr Rogers agreed to action the SCAN report this month
Item 5. 07/02/17	Planning: There were no new applications this evening. However, regarding the large house proposed for Chequers Lane that has been refused, we are tracking for an appeal or a resubmission so that we can act accordingly. There is no application to date. Crawley Rd, Cranfield, Planning application for 198 dwellings has been refused but an appeal has been submitted. Cranfield PC have asked for our help to support the refusal for obvious reasons (overloading of facilities, e.g. Doctors surgery, too little infrastructure, etc) Cllr Rogers agreed to deal with this in Clerk's absence. It was mentioned about the difficulty of speaking to MKC Officers especially in Planning Department which appears to be constantly in

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	<p>ansaphone mode when calling them and rarely respond to the messages asking for a call-back, which is unacceptable especially when chasing applications. We appreciate they are short staffed or have a quick turnover of Officers but it is so frustrating when you really do need to speak to one/any of them. This was mentioned to our Ward Cllr Dave Hosking.</p>
<p>Item 6. 07/02/17</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Potts reported that the first formal stage is being decided, which is confirming the area to be covered; the choices were the entire area covering Little Crawley, the settlement area only, or the conservation area only. The decision had been made to cover the whole Parish, as shown on the village map, which was endorsed unanimously by a vote from the Parish Council, An ordnance survey map is promised from MK Council to clarify the boundaries, and the decision on the area will now be submitted to MK Council. It was felt it should be called “North Crawley Parish Neighbourhood Plan”. The next meeting will take place on Monday 20th February 2017 in the Institute club room.</p> <p>There is to be a new email address for Neighbourhood Plan, to be operated by Cllrs Potts and Magee, and Chair Matthew Chinn. The Neighbourhood Plan team were thanked for their hard work and dedication.</p>
<p>Item 7 07/02/17</p>	<p><u>Ward Councillor’s Report</u> MKC BUDGET Cllr Hosking reported that the budget goes to full Council next week, 15th February and the Parish Council we will be updated next month of the outcome. There is a proposal of a 4.95% increase in Council Tax. The grit bins and weed spraying are still in the budget as a proposal to remove these services, meaning Parish/Town Councils would be left to foot the bill. Ward Cllr Hosking emphasized the importance of supporting our Neighbourhood Plan as Plan:MK is coming forward, and declared the Ward Councillors will support this.</p> <p>He also stated that there is a proposal for MKC to sell some land in Chicheley Parish near the Chicheley roundabout to MK Dons for a new training ground. However, there are a few issues but there is no application in at present. The Clerk to keep vigilant for an application.</p> <p>LITTER is a huge problem across the whole Ward; this was raised at the recent Olney Ward Forum by Richard Rook, Chair of Ravenstone PC, who is setting up a working group to deal with it. Cllr Hosking suggested we email Richard if we want to get involved.</p> <p>PLAN:MK – the next round of consultations is soon (20/21 Feb) The good news is that the satellite settlement idea seems to have been ditched, although there is still potential for development east of the M1, near Junction 14. However, Ward Cllr Hosking felt the upgrading of the Oxford-Bedford-MK run may ease the pressure but this is speculation only at this stage. A feasibility study should be ready by autumn 2017.</p>

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<p>Item 9 07/02/17</p>	<p><u>Residential Safety:</u></p> <p><u>Highways:</u></p> <p>Regarding bollards, Cllr Hatton is still trying to resolve various issues with MK Council. All costs will be down to the Parish Council, we therefore need to ensure we have everything in place including the cost for installation and Traffic Management (traffic lights) and that a Safety Audit has been completed before we can give MKC the go-ahead. It is frustrating that it is taking so long but it is out of the hands of the PC for the moment.</p> <p>Our Ward Councillors may be able to help with some funding from their budget for which we are grateful and have suggested the possibility of some funding from the Parish Partnership Funds but this is not guaranteed and could delay the installation indefinitely.</p>																																				

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	<p>Cllr Hatton had written to Neil Biggs, of TV Police asking about the possibility of camera signs sited at each end of the village which may make drivers think before they drive at speed through the High Street. Mr Biggs has advised that he will ask MKC if they have any camera signs available. He will revert back as soon as he receives an answer,</p> <p>Regarding Bryans Crescent, Cllr Hatton has been investigating if there is a covenant on the bungalow; it appears someone is now living there and renting it according to neighbours.</p> <p>Cllr Stapleton mentioned the flooding problem in the High Street which has been ongoing for some time. Ringway contractors have been out to repair a large drain hole outside the Old Chapel about three weeks ago, and suggested one theory could be that a drain has collapsed under the road which would cause there to be a lot of surface water. Cllr Stapleton would like to know if this theory was reported and, if it was, when will it be repaired. Once the exact date drain was repaired is to hand, Ward Cllr Hosking agreed to look into it.</p> <p><u>Landscape:</u> RTM Landscapes have produced a reasonable tender of £3398.90 + VAT and if we commit to three years with them they will cap the annual rise to only 2.5%. This was deemed acceptable and as we are happy with their work, it was resolved to accept the agreement. The lower branches on the trees have been trimmed by the IMC in the recreation ground, so the contractors can now cut the grass successfully.</p>
<p>Item 10 07/02/17.</p>	<p>Consultations with other bodies No meetings had been attended. However, Cllrs Hatton and Stapleton did attend MK's 50th birthday celebration at Bletchley Park which they reported was an enjoyable evening.</p>
<p>Item 11. 07/02/17.</p>	<p>Councillors Items: Cllr Hatton produced a dummy notice regarding the signs on the village green (wasteground area) stating "Vehicles parked at owners' risk. North Crawley Parish Council will accept no responsibility for any damage" etc. It was agreed to have two signs printed.</p> <p>Regarding the spate of dog mess in the village, this will be put in SCAN again. The Parish Council had received an email from the IMC about dog mess on the recreation ground; they are asking for another dog bin and a sign asking dog owners to take responsibility for their dogs. This was agreed to action and it was felt the Parish Council should pay for the bin and sign; we can then discuss with the IMC regarding the siting of them both.</p> <p>Cllr Hatton is to speak to the Chair of the IMC to ask if the meetings in the Institute for the Neighbourhood Plan could be free; this is a meeting on behalf of and for the village and the Parish Council feel there should be no fee.</p>

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	<p>GOOD NEWS – Parking on pavements is much better! This is so positive that Cllr Hatton would like a note to go in SCAN thanking residents for their consideration, it is also a form of traffic calming if they park in the road legally. Cllr Rogers agreed to include this item in his SCAN report.</p>
<p>Item 12. 07/02/17</p>	<p>Questions from Residents:- A resident asked if there was any chance of Chequers Lane being resurfaced. Cllr Hatton advised that it is on the schedule for this next year. A resident pointed out that the bollards need to be positioned in such a way that a vehicle will be prevented from driving on and off between the bollards; this will be taken into consideration when they are sited.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.15pm. All were thanked for their attendance and support.</p> <p><u>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</u></p>

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