

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Acting Clerk: Mrs S M Bushnell, 3 Folly Lane, North Crawley, Newport Pagnell, MK16 9LN (01234 391501)

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3 April 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Parish Councillors: J Small (in the Chair) and G Magee
MK Ward Councillor K Maclean
Acting Clerk and RFO S M Bushnell
PCSO C1018 Arlene Ormston
4 members of the public

01/04/2018 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr L Fryer, Cllr L Maclennan and Cllr J Sandal – These apologies were accepted.
Ward Cllrs D Hosking and P Geary

As there were less than three councillors present, the meeting was not quorate and, as such, it would not be possible for decisions to be made. Only discussions would be able to take place.

02/04/2018 **Declarations of Interests:** None

03/04/2018 **Approval of Minutes:**
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 March 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

04/04/2018 **Matters Arising**

Minute 13/01/2018 – Lorries through village: As Cllr Fryer was not present at the meeting, there was no update on this matter.

Minute 06/03/18 - 53 Kilpin Green - Proposed single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension over existing ground floor structure and internal alterations: A site visit did not take place but the Acting Clerk confirmed that a neutral comment had been put on the planning portal concerning the written comments that had been made by neighbours. A resident present at

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the meeting commented that he felt this neutral comment did not totally agree with the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 13/3/2018: Community Speedwatch: There was nothing further to report on this.

Minute 13/3/2018: Landscape: As Cllr Maclennan was not at the meeting, there was nothing to report on whether a third quotation had been received.

Minute 15/03/2018 – MK Play Association: Cllr Magee reported that it would be possible for a Trial Day to be arranged at a cost of £150 in order to gauge support for the venture. It had been suggested that parents could be asked to pay for sessions but it was thought that this would be counter-productive; parents could however perhaps be asked for a donation. It was recommended that a Trial Day was booked for the 1st or 8th May, subject to approval from the other councillors. Cllr Magee agreed to send an email to the councillors about this.

05/04/2018 **SCAN Reporter:**
Cllr Small agreed to do the report for this month.

06/04/2018 **Update from PCSO Arlene Ormston:** Arlene Ormston reported that she had received complaints from other PC Clerks about cyclists bunching on narrow roads and therefore causing problems when motorists tried to overtake them. There was no law against bunching but she had contacted cycling shops and clubs to ask them to encourage cyclists to cycle in smaller groups to make it safer to overtake. She also mentioned that it would be helpful if residents could call 101 if they noticed this situation occurring and, if possible, to note the cycling club. A resident asked whether it was allowed for cycling race marshalls to jump out at junctions in front of motorists to slow down/stop the traffic. It was confirmed that they did not have the right to do this and she would contact Traffic Management for advice.

Arlene Ormston also reported that she would be meeting two residents on Thursday to ascertain safe locations for the speed van. One van would definitely be in Folly Lane.

There had unfortunately been a break in at the shop recently. There were very good CCTV images which she hoped would be helpful in catching the offenders. She stressed the importance of being vigilant and phoning 101 if anyone saw anything suspicious.

07/04/2018 **Planning:** There was only one new application on the portal which was for a new gate for a proposed driveway at 47 High Street (18/00784/FUL). There were no objections to this.

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Moat Farm Appeal: The Chair and Acting Clerk had attended the appeal conducted by the planning inspector the previous week. This had been very interesting and the Chair had been able to speak to give the views of the Parish Council on the application for the proposed dwellings. Apart from one member of the public who was there for part of the appeal, there were no residents from North Crawley present which was disappointing. However, it was thought that part of the reason for this might have been the lack of publicity about the appeal taking place; the Parish Council itself had not been informed and only realised when some residents commented on Facebook. The result of the appeal would be known in about eight weeks' time and notes from the meeting taken by the Acting Clerk would shortly be on the Parish Council website.

08/04/2018 **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Magee reported that a draft of the plan would be submitted to the Parish Council in a few weeks' time. There was discussion as to the procedure to be followed before the plan went to a village referendum and Cllr Magee agreed to confirm this via the Neighbourhood Plan website. Ward Cllr Maclean stressed that it was essential that the residents were fully involved in the process.

09/04/2018 **Ward Councillor's Report:** Ward Cllr Maclean reported that MKC had recently learnt that its application to a housing improvement fund had been accepted. This would potentially make available £76 million which would have to be spent by 2021 on infrastructure works around the M1. If this proceeded to the next stage, this could result in 4,000 new homes being built which would have a significant impact on the local area. No mention had been made of consultation taking place as part of this process and there was concern that it could become an executive decision.

Cllr Maclean also reported that Plan MK had been submitted to the Planning Inspector on 31 March.

10/04/2018 **Finance Matters:**

Receipts:

RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	CHQ/CASH	DETAILS
*Unknown	£11.00	Cash	Sale of North Crawley map

Payments:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE	DETAILS
Wave (Anglian Water Business)	£12.40	DDEBIT	Churchyard water 22.12.17-15.3.18
S M Bushnell	£659.69	101964	RFO salary plus additional Acting Clerk hours January to March 2018
HMRC	£379.60	DDEBIT	PAYE due on above salary
J Small	£11.00	101965	Reimbursement for plants for trough and Land Registry Search fee (query from resident in Bryans Crescent)

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M E Chilton	£205.50	101966	Bin emptying and bin bags to 31 March 2018
*Sage UK Limited	£7.20	DDEBIT	Payroll software – April 2018
*RTM Landscapes Ltd	£247.99	101967	Grass cutting – 1 st of the season
Gary Magee	£75.00	101968	Reimbursement for payment made re hire of Institute for Neighbourhood Plan Open Day

Notes: Payments include VAT where appropriate

*Transactions relate to the 2018/19 financial year

11/04/2018 **Asset Register:**
The Asset Register as at 31 March 2018, having been previously circulated, was received and noted.

12/04/2018 **Churchyard matters:** There were none.

13/04/2018 **Residential Safety:**

Highways:

The serious pothole situation was again discussed. The bad weather recently seemed to result in them appearing even more frequently. It was agreed that the best plan would be for individuals to also report them on the MKC website to emphasise the problem. It was also noted how illogical it was for workers to come out to mend one pothole and then to ignore one which was just as bad nearby.

14/04/2018 **Consultation with other bodies:** The Acting Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association asking whether the Parish Council wanted to become a member at £20 per annum. The Association supported and promoted recreation, sport and children’s play activities throughout Buckinghamshire and MK. The Association could award grants of up to £750, usually to members, for community-based activities which encouraged the involvement of young people. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting in order to discuss this further.

The Chair reported that she had just received a letter about the MK Youth Manifesto. This outlined the key issues that had been brought to light and prioritized by young people in secondary schools in MK. She would read this and report back on any relevant issues.

15/04/2018 **Councillors’ items:** Cllr Magee showed a poster for the Fun Day that was to be held on 27 May. This would be basically for charity and would involve the Bowls Club and other clubs in North Crawley. He also suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider whether to create a “Village Champion” and invite nominations. This could be a way to recognize community help that was often freely given to others in the village, e.g. clearing roads of snow, etc. He suggested that The Cock would donate a trophy and a magnum as a prize. He agreed to email the other councillors to ascertain their views.

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16/04/2018 **Questions/Comments from Residents:**

Trees in Nixies Walk: A question was raised as to the latest situation on this matter. The Chair reported that a visit from a tree conservation officer was awaited as it was necessary to gain advice as to the best solution for these trees. The trees were on Parish Council land and were therefore its responsibility.

The Chair also reported that she was due to meet Martin Ellison from Milton Keynes Council the following week along with a representative from the Historical Society. He was undertaking a review of conservation areas.

Dog mess: This was again discussed. The Acting Clerk also reported that a resident of Kilpin Green adjacent to the playing field had recently replaced the old compost bin which had been used for dog poo bags with a slightly better bin. He had suggested that a proper dog bin should be put in this location. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and that a second one further up the field could also be added so that each exit from the field had a bin. This might have the effect of improving the dog mess problem. This would be put on the agenda for the next meeting so that it could be discussed further.

17/04/2018 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 1 May 2018 at approximately 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which would be held at 6.30 pm. Tea and coffee would be provided in between these meetings for residents.

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