

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th January 2017

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Present:

Cllr R Hatton (Chair), Cllr J Small, Cllr G Magee, Cllr J Hobbs, MK Ward Cllrs P Geary & D Hosking, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 2 members of the public

Item 1 10/01/17	Apologies: MK Ward Cllr K McLean, Cllrs K Rogers, T Stapleton & E Potts, apologies accepted.
Item 2. 10/01/17	Declarations of interest: None at present but should be declared if applicable later in the meeting.
Item 3. 10/01/17	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.
Item 4. 10/01/17	Scan Reporter: Cllr Small agreed to action the SCAN report this month
Item 5. 10/01/17	Planning: There were no new applications this evening. However, regarding the large house proposed for Chequers Lane that has been refused, we need to look out for an appeal or a resubmission of the application so that we can act accordingly.
Item 6. 10/01/17	Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Magee reported that there had been a meeting the previous evening attended by 18-20 members of the steering group and interested parties which is very positive. The first big decision will be regarding the area e.g. the parish boundary to be ratified by the parish council, our village map being a guide. He agreed to bring along a map to ensure we get it right and it will be discussed/agreed at the next parish council meeting on 7 th February 2017. A positive discussion took place regarding a communication plan, to let

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	<p>everyone know what will be happening. Three stages will follow, the first to raise awareness, (with hopefully two dedicated times maybe on a Saturday from 12-2pm and 3-5pm asking two speakers to come out, to give an explanation and ask for input from villagers; people would be asked to volunteer to go on workshops) the second to get the questionnaire ready to send out, and the third to collate the results of the data to explain policies.</p> <p>Gary reported that we want a bespoke questionnaire for North Crawley, with a lot of thought going into it before it is published and delivered. He had been advised not to get the help of consultants too early in the process until we find out what people want, this will also save money if we get them later on. Both ward councillors endorsed this advice. Our two councillors, as well as many other volunteers, have obviously been working very hard on this complex project, they were thanked by the chair, Cllr Hatton..</p>
<p>Item 7 10/01/17</p>	<p><u>Ward Councillor's Report</u> BRYANS CRESCENT</p> <p>Regarding 10 Bryans Crescent, which has been empty for two and a half years. Cllr Hatton had met with certain officers to clarify the issue. She identified that there was no such structural issues as previously reported, and the delegation decision was called off in December 2016, with Cllr Hatton only just managing to stop the property being sold. It is totally down to her that she has saved the bungalow for future tenants. Other councillors expressed their thanks and admiration, very well done Roz! There is to be an internal audit to look at the process, a survey was done last week, identifying that the property was empty and that the reports were flawed. Thanks go also to our ward councillors for their endless support on these issues.</p> <p>PlanMK</p> <p>Cllr P Geary reported on the important PlanMK meeting that took place on 14th December 2016, which unfortunately no councillors were able to attend. There will be a consultation starting shortly until the end of February 2017 and possibly a meeting. There is to be some development this side of the M1 but no further than the other side of Moulsoe which is positive news.</p> <p>MKC BUDGET</p> <p>He went on to talk about the MK Council budgets regarding the transfer of local services; there had been a review committee meeting last week. We know about grit bins and weed spraying being removed, but verges will be ongoing for at least this next year, although they are reduced to just 8 cuts per season.</p> <p>The 24/7 cover for emergency services will be removed, meaning that there will be no action taken against noise control after hours, being operational between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday only. The police can be called but they cannot issue noise abatement notices, only MK Council. Of course, we can respond to these proposals as a parish council, so Cllr Geary offered to send us a list of problems or issues that he feels will affect us in the parishes, to help us to respond to the consultation. There is more information to follow in due course. He said that most parish</p>

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councils had allowed an extra 20/30% on their precept to cover these extra expenses but North Crawley have sufficient reserves for at least this year so have managed to keep the precept as low as possible.

Cllr Hosking mentioned that the MK Forum will next meet on 25th January 2017, for those able to attend.

He also reported that they will soon have their ward budgets, available for good causes, £3000 in total across the ward, so we can be thinking of ideas to apply for some funds when the time comes.

They reported that David Hall is to be replaced on 16th January 2017 by Sean Rooney, who is from Bucks County Council. David Frost will take the post of Commercial Highways Manager.

Clerk had applied for new grit bins where necessary with two being particularly bad, also for salt to fill them; she was told they were checked and filled every October and replaced as necessary; clearly this has not happened but she was promised it would be dealt with, nothing has yet occurred therefore Ward Cllrs Geary and Hosking advised her to contact them again regarding this.

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FINANCE REPORT – 10 January 2017

RECEIPTS:

RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	CHQ/CASH	DETAILS
H W Mason and Sons	£800.00	Cheque	Interment, Exclusive Rights and memorial fees – Howard Jeffrey

PAYMENTS:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE	DETAILS
Sage UK	£6.00	D Debit	Payroll software – January 2017
M E Chilton	£205.50	101893	Bin emptying and bin bags to 31.12.16
P Reynolds Nunn	£621.84	101894	Clerk's salary – October to December 2016
S M Bushnell	£287.94	101895	RFO's salary – October to December 2016
HMRC	£347.40	D Debit	PAYE related to above salaries
P Reynolds Nunn	£88.60	101896	Travelling and internet expenses November 2016 to January 2017

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	<p>Note: Payments include VAT where appropriate</p> <p>BUDGET 2017/18:</p> <p>It was noted that the draft budget for 2017/18 had been discussed in detail at a budget meeting held on 3 January 2017 attended by all councillors except Cllr Magee who gave his apologies. Each budget heading was discussed and decisions made as to the amount required next year. Overall expenditure was not increased significantly in any area and income was budgeted to be similar to the current year. The following items were specifically noted:</p> <p>An amount of £600 was budgeted as a contingency amount The budget for landscape maintenance was in line with the current amount of the contract. An additional amount was added for inflation and additional cuts. £2,000 was included for support to the IMC. Amounts were included for maintenance of the Ford at Broadmead, notice boards maintenance, trees and seats. Salaries for the Clerk and the RFO were increased in line with the recommended rates for 2017-18 as notified by NALC/SLCC. Hours worked remained unchanged. An amount was included towards the cost of producing the North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan. Much of the expenditure would be covered by grants but £750 was considered to be a fair estimate of the amount which would have to be met by the Parish Council. Following further discussion at this meeting, it was agreed to increase this amount to £1,000.</p> <p>The draft budget for 2017/18 was approved. Proposed by Cllr Hatton and seconded by Cllr Small.</p> <p>PRECEPT 2017/18:</p> <p>The amount of precept to be levied from Milton Keynes Council was agreed at £13,186. Proposed by Cllr Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Magee.</p> <p>CHURCHYARD MATTERS</p> <p>The late Howard Jeffrey – Interment Fee (£350), Exclusive Rights fee (£350) and Memorial Fee (£100) received. Exclusive Right of Burial Certificate number 189 was signed for Garden of Rest Area 2 – Plot 17.</p>
<p>Item 9 10/01/17</p>	<p>Residential Safety: Highways: Regarding bollards, Cllr Hatton has obtained a much better quote from Glasdons, £1018.40 for 5 bollards with free delivery. However, she is wanting a meeting with highways officers to determine who pays for the</p>

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	<p>installing of them, as originally MK Council had agreed to pay but then back peddled. This will be discussed at next meeting. She has a photo of lorry tyre marks outside the bakery very close to the house which she will send to highways officers.</p> <p>Cllr Hatton had written to TV Police asking for mobile cameras, which looks positive after the results of the SIDS. She reported that between 29th October and 20th November 2016, 16,124 vehicles had been recorded, various speeds, the worst being 76 travelling at 70mph and 8 doing 80mph which is deadly to say the least.</p> <p>Landscape: RTM Landscapes have agreed to deal with the trees in the cemetery and will get the planning permission needed. Some trees have been identified as needing trimming in the recreation ground, some low branches are causing problems for the grass cutters; this is down to IMC to deal with therefore the clerk was asked to write to the IMC chair.</p>
<p>Item 10 10/01/17 .</p>	<p>Consultations with other bodies None this month.</p>
<p>Item 11. 10/01/17 .</p>	<p>Councillors Items: Cllr Hatton mentioned the very bright lights at Ringcroft Farm which appear to be on all night. She will speak to planning but Cllr Hobbs reported that a lady had been out from the council to visit the property so it may be resolved. It has been resolved to erect two signs on the village green (waste area) stating “Property of North Crawley Parish Council. We accept no responsibility for any damage to vehicles/personal objects” or something similar. One will be placed on the back of the bus shelter and the other in a prominent place. There is a spate of dog mess in the high street mainly outside the village hall, which is disgusting and unacceptable. We 99% know who this is, it will be put in SCAN with the dog owner named and shamed if necessary. It was reported that dog mess is also a problem on the recreation ground so Cllr Hatton will speak to Sam about it.</p>
<p>Item 12. 10/01/17</p>	<p>Questions from Residents:- A resident asked what the £30 charge was for when hiring the Institute hall; it is thought it was a holding fee in case of damage etc, or not left as found; in these cases the deposit would be forfeited, otherwise it is refunded. This is thought to be common practice in some circumstances. She also asked about the Beds/Bucks green and orange lorries that appear to be dangerous on the through route in Folly Lane. These are based in Folly Lane so there is nothing the parish council can do. There is a sign for this situated at the entrance to Folly Lane.</p>

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	<p>The meeting closed at 9.04pm. All were thanked for their attendance and support.</p> <p>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>
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