

# NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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 2 July 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present:	Parish Councillors: L Macleannan (in the Chair), D Harpur, R Hatton, G Ridgeley, J Sandall and K Shaw Clerk and RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillors K Maclean 14 members of the public	
01/07/2019	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Ward Councillors D Hosking and P Geary and PCSO C1018 Arlene Ormston	
02/07/2019	<b>Declarations of Interests:</b> None	
03/07/2019	<b>Minute 03/06/2019 Result of Election:</b> The Clerk reported that, as ten electors did not request an election to be held, then it would be possible to co-opt to fill the current vacancy. This would be done in due course.	
04/07/2019	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 June 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
05/07/2019	<b>Minute 05/06/2019 - Control of Dogs:</b> Eleven posters made by children at North Crawley School had been received. They were very colourful and had captured the message very well. All children would receive a prize for their work. The Clerk would investigate ways of making these posters into durable signs that could be displayed.	Clerk
06/07/2019	<b>Minute 06/06/2019 - Bend by Ring Croft Farm:</b> There was nothing to report on this matter.	RH
07/07/2019	<b>Minute 08/06/2019 - School banner:</b> The Clerk reported that the school wished to install a sign in the churchyard near Church Walk next to the existing notice boards. This would show visitors and others the location of the school. A design of the sign was shown to councillors. It was understood that the decision rested with the church rather than with the parish council but the councillors had no objection about the installation of the sign. The Clerk agreed to inform the school.	Clerk

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08/07/2019	<b>Minute 09/06/2019 Dog Bin:</b> It was reported that the bin had now been installed. Thanks were due to the resident who installed it and also to another resident who had installed a holder alongside one of the bins to hold dog waste bags. It was commented that it would be good to provide these holders alongside all the dog bins.	
09/07/2019	<b>Minute 10/06/2019 – Highways Weight/Speed limit:</b> There was nothing to report on this at the moment.	JS
10/07/2019	<b>Minute 12/06/2019 - Path from High Street to Kilpin Green:</b> There was nothing further to report on this. The Clerk agreed to chase this up with MKC.	Clerk
11/07/2019	<b>Minute 13/06/2019 – Rural Paths:</b> There was nothing further to report at the moment on the registration of Peter’s Path with the Land Registry. The owners of 47 High Street had not responded to the Clerk’s letter about the leaning fence or rectified the issue and she would write to them again.	Clerk Clerk
12/07/2019	<b>Minute 22/06/2019 Planning:</b> Cllr Ridgeley confirmed that the continuing concerns about the planning process had been sent to MKC by the Clerk but no response had yet been received. <b>Minute 22/06/2019 Recreation:</b> It was confirmed that the North Crawley Community Champion Award had been publicised and nominations were awaited. It was agreed that the Clerk would place a notice in the bus shelter. <b>Minute 22/06/2019 Rural Paths:</b> The Clerk had checked and it had been confirmed that the kissing gates had now been received by MKC. The landowner would arrange for them to be installed as soon as possible but, due to the farming work needed during the summer, this was likely to be in the autumn.	JS/Clerk
13/07/2019	<b>Neighbourhood Plan update:</b> Sam Dix (SD), the planning consultant employed by Smith Jenkins had been invited to the meeting to give an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and to answer questions. Mr Dix introduced himself and explained that the Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted in January 2019 to the independent examiner, Rosemary Kidd. SD explained that the Plan could not be changed whilst it was with the Examiner. SD was aware that there were concerns about the consultation that had taken place over the plan and also about certain aspects of its content. The view of the Steering Group was that the best approach was to wait a few weeks to find out whether or not it had been approved to go to a referendum before any actions were taken. In order for the Plan to go ahead following the referendum, it would have to be supported by at least 50% of those who voted. It was possible that the Examiner would propose changes to the Plan before it could be approved. SD did not run through the whole Plan but explained that there were three sites allocated for housing. The result of the	

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	<p>Questionnaire that was sent out to households, of which there had been a high level of return, had indicated that most residents were in favour of some growth in the village. Referendums for Neighbourhood Plans were necessary because a consensus would never be found without one. There was a need for a certain housing supply within the Milton Keynes area and having a Neighbourhood Plan offered a degree of protection over speculative developers. SD emphasised that having a Neighbourhood Plan did not grant planning approval for houses to be built. The developer would have to submit detailed plans of site layout and types of housing and this would be subject to the normal planning approval process when the Parish Council and residents would be able to make their comments.</p> <p>Issues discussed included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site H4 – the extension of this area: SD explained that there had been two full public consultations and that the second included the enlarged area of the site. It had been identified in the Questionnaire responses that some affordable housing would be welcomed and the landowner had pointed out that the original size of the site was not large enough to build the 15 houses that would be necessary to include some which were affordable. It was therefore agreed to enlarge the site which would also have the effect of lowering the density of the housing so that there would be larger gardens and more space in between the dwellings.</li> <li>• Site H4 – access: One access could be through the Maslin land but there was already an outline planning application approved for this land; the other access could be from Orchard Way. If the Examiner considered that the site was landlocked, then she might conclude that the Plan was not achievable. The Chair confirmed that there was no preference as to which access was eventually used and that there had been no discussion about selling the land in Orchard Way or allowing access over it. She had recently received a query from the landowner of this site about access and had confirmed the same to him.</li> <li>• Site H5 – Enlargement of site: This was for a similar reason to H4. The landowner also wanted to achieve smaller dwellings at the front of the site but the land was not big enough and so it had been extended at the back. SD confirmed that the chestnut tree was protected and that the area for protection would be defined by an arborist. Where trees were protected in planning approvals, it was rigorously upheld.</li> <li>• Cllr Ridgely asked who determined the number of dwellings on a site. SD responded that it was often the efficient use of the land but this was not definitive. Site H5 was a higher density than Site H4. The question was also asked whether the size of H4</li> </ul>	
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	<p>could be reduced again if the number of houses was reduced to 11. SD explained that the Examiner could make some changes to the Plan and her report was awaited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Shaw asked about the types of housing. SD confirmed that the type of housing would be determined through the planning process. 1.5 storey dwellings had been suggested in the Plan.</li> <li>• SD explained that the Plan included a number of policies, e.g. suggestions on types of dwellings, restrictions on signage, etc. and it would be up to the Examiner to determine whether it was appropriate to include all these policies in the Plan.</li> <li>• The sites were of a size for affordable housing and this would be legally enforceable. Plan MK had a policy which would not allow large mixes of housing.</li> <li>• The question was asked as to why the Plan was necessary because the MK Local Plan had superseded it and therefore gave adequate protection. The MK Local Plan indicated that North Crawley and some other villages would continue to be regarded as being in open countryside where development was not allowed. SD explained that Neighbourhood Plans co-existed with the MK Local Plan and had to be consistent with it. North Crawley needed a Local Plan because of the views expressed in the Questionnaire. Although North Crawley was regarded as being in open countryside, it was still sustainable for a small amount of growth. Ward Cllr Maclean also explained that Milton Keynes needed a 5-year land supply. If the supply dropped below that level, then development would be in those villages that did not have the additional protection of a Neighbourhood Plan.</li> <li>• SD confirmed that the text of the referendum question would be similar to “do you want Milton Keynes Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for North Crawley to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area”.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked Sam Dix for taking the time to attend this meeting.</p>	
14/07/2019	<p><b>Update from PCSO Arlene Ormston:</b> As she was not present at the meeting there was no formal report. However she had emailed to say that there had been thefts from two building sites in Lavendon and fly tipping in Moulsoe. Cllr Hatton also understood that lead had also recently been stolen from the roof of Hanslope church.</p>	
15/07/2019	<p><b>Planning- new applications:</b>  <b>19/0887/FUL: Proposed development for a sand and carpet fibre area to ride horses in winter months to be built on a field currently used for grazing horses:</b> This was the resubmitted version of the application mentioned at the previous meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain clarification from planning on the actual location of the ménage as it was unclear from the plan</p>	

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	as to its orientation; that there was to be no lighting around the ménage; confirmation as to whether a business was being operated from the site as it appeared that the applicant was an individual who did not live at the property.	Clerk																																				
16/07/2019	<b>Planning “buddy”:</b> Now that all Parish Councils had been allocated a planning buddy, the Clerk was asked to invite ours to come along to a meeting of the Parish Council so that councillors could meet her.	Clerk																																				
17/07/2019	<b>Community Right to Bid</b> – The Clerk reported that an application had been made by the North Crawley Heritage Society to Milton Keynes Council to have the strip of land along Orchard Way listed on the list of “assets of community value”. If this application was approved by MKC, it would give the Society the chance to make a bid should the Parish Council decide to sell or lease the land. A six-month moratorium would then be triggered to allow the Society the time to raise the money. The application was noted.																																					
18/07/2019	<b>Ward Councillor’s Report:</b> Cllr Maclean reported that three appeals had been lodged against the Enforcement Notice at Ring Croft. A decision on the HIF Bid was expected within weeks. As far as the A422 was concerned, this would be closed again between 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> August. This would be a 24-hour closure from the Chicheley roundabout with access only allowed. There would be marshals in attendance 24 hours a day to turn people away. Two drop in sessions were being organised at Chicheley Village Hall on Thursday 25 July (2 – 8 pm) and Saturday 27 July (10 am – 2 pm) where people could get further information about the closures and diversions. Highways were intending to close Gog Lane at the A422 end because of the problems that occurred with the previous roadworks. This still however, did not solve the problem if people tried to access Gog Lane from Little Crawley as they would not be able to turn around. Cllr Maclean asked if people could let him know if they had any ideas as to how to solve this problem.																																					
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20/07/2019	<p><b>CHURCHYARD MATTERS</b></p> <p>The late James Wilmore – Interment fee received for Plot 3/190. Exclusive Rights of Burial already purchased.</p> <p>The late Patrick Fowler – memorial fee received and application to erect a monument on Grave 1/97 approved.</p>	
21/07/2019	<p><b>Community Infrastructure Fund 2020/2021:</b> The Clerk asked councillors to consider any projects which might be suitable for a grant application to MKC. 50% of the funding would have to be provided by the Parish Council.</p>	
22/07/2019	<p><b>Councillors' Items:</b></p> <p><b>Highways:</b> The pothole in the pavement on the High Street which had suddenly appeared had already been reported to MKC. There were also potholes on the High Street near the Chicheley Road turn. It was reported that the signs coming into the village from Cranfield were partially obscured by vegetation and needed cleaning. Cllrs Sandall and Harpur agreed to rectify this problem.</p> <p><b>Footpaths:</b> Part of the hedge had been trimmed alongside the footpath from the kissing gate on the High Street but it was understood this had been done by the residents who owned the shrubs. Much more trimming was necessary further down in order to make this path passable and the tarmac was so overgrown in places that it was only about 12 inches or so wide. The Clerk agreed to contact the MKC footpaths officer about this again.</p> <p>The car park in Bryans Crescent was also in a bad state of repair and had not received any attention for many years. The Clerk agreed to look into this and ascertain whether MKC had adopted this area.</p> <p><b>Community Safety:</b> Cllr Hatton reported that SIDS had recently been put up in the village and had shown that the speed was very high. She suggested that rumble strips might be an answer to this problem. It was noted, however, that they should not be installed near to properties because of the sound they produced. Cllr Sandall reported that he had already mentioned rumble strips to Highways but that, as with all traffic calming measures, this would be dependent upon funding.</p>	<p>JS/DH</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
23/07/2019	<p><b>Questions and comments from residents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident mentioned that the white lines on the road at the junction of the High Street and Chicheley Road needed to be repainted.</li> <li>• It was noted that people were parking alongside the new dropped kerb that had been installed on the High Street opposite the Brook End path and were therefore obstructing it. The Clerk was asked to contact one of those who had been noticed as often parking there.</li> <li>• A resident asked on the progress of moving the 30 mph limit further down Chicheley Road. It was noted that to move speed</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>limit signs was not straight forward, involved consultation, etc. and could take some time. The Clerk agreed to check progress with MKC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that Nixeys Walk needed to be resurfaced urgently. The Clerk agreed to contact MKC about this.</li> <li>• The increase in G Moore lorries coming through the village from Cranfield was increasing. The Clerk was asked to contact G Moore about this.</li> <li>• It was noted that refuse was often left on the footpaths following collection and it was agreed that this was not acceptable. The Clerk would contact MKC about this.</li> <li>• A member of the public tabled an application form about registering the Orchard Way strip of land as a village green and asked that the Parish Council put this on the agenda for the next meeting. The Clerk asked for this request to be put in writing.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
24/07/2019	<b>Date and time of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall	

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