

# 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 6 March 2018 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Parish Councillors: J Small (in the Chair), G Magee, L Maclennan and J Sandall  
MK Ward Councillor D Hosking  
Acting Clerk and RFO S M Bushnell  
PCSO C1018 Arlene Ormston and PCSO C9551 Kirtsy Martinson  
7 members of the public

01/03/2018 **Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr L Fryer - This apology was accepted.  
Ward Cllrs K Mclean and P Geary

02/03/2018 **Declarations of Interests:** None

03/03/2018 **Approval of Minutes:**  
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 February 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

04/03/2018 **Matters Arising**  
**Minute 07/01/2018 – Ring Croft Farm:** Ward Cllr Geary offered to try to obtain some information on this situation. He also confirmed that two senior positions in the Highways department had recently been appointed on an interim basis.

**Minute 13/01/2018 – Lorries through village:** Cllr Fryer had sent in an email about the construction traffic from Cranfield. She had eventually found someone to speak to at Bedford Council. It appeared that no traffic management plan had been submitted with the full planning application although one had been included in the outline proposal. She had tried to discuss this further with the officer concerned but had not been able to. She would try again on her return from holiday.

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05/03/2018 **SCAN Reporter:**  
Cllr L MacLennan agreed to do the report for this month.

06/03/2018 **Planning:**  
**53 Kilpin Green - Proposed single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension over existing ground floor structure and internal alterations:** It was noted that there were two strong objections from residents on the planning portal. However it was questioned as to whether the objections were on clear planning grounds. Although there was some sympathy with the objections, altered views, value of properties, personal circumstances, etc. were not material considerations as far as planning was concerned. Ward Cllr Hoskins explained that, although objections could be made on any grounds, MKC would only look at planning policy when considering applications. It was necessary to find one good reason which was linked to a policy rather than several non-material reasons. The National Policy Framework and the MKC Core Strategy were policies which should be looked at together with Neighbourhood Plans if they were in existence. He confirmed that the Ward councillors would have a look at the application. It was decided to arrange a site visit and to invite the case officer to attend also.

07/03/2018 **Neighbourhood Plan:** It was reported that the Open Day was held on Saturday 3 March and was well attended, despite the snowy weather. There was a lot of feedback from residents which now needed to be put together. This would happen at a meeting being held on Monday. It was confirmed that the information from the open morning, comments received, etc. would all appear on the Facebook community page, Parish Council website, etc. as soon as possible particularly for those who were unable to attend the Open Day. Cllr Magee stressed that it was important that the views eventually put forward were those of the residents.

08/03/2018 **Ward Councillor's Report:**  
**Budget:** Ward Cllr Hoskins reported that the MKC budget was set at the Council meeting on 21 February which incorporated a 5.99% increase in Council Tax. 17 separate amendments were proposed but none of these were accepted. The reductions in services such as pothole mending, graffiti removal, changes to how recycling sacks were distributed, etc. had all been approved but the savings made were small in comparison to the whole budget and were not necessarily cost effective in the long run. The Council had reserves of £165m which was above the amount recommended by the Auditors, but there seemed to be a reluctance to spend which was frustrating. Many of the residents who phoned the call centre at MKC were complaining about problems not being solved, etc. A more systematic approach to problems in the first place would reduce this demand from residents.

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A resident asked about the work to the A509. Cllr Hoskins explained that this work had been funded by central government money and that the road was being brought up to “new road” standard along with new signs, etc.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Hoskins had attended the Open Day and was pleased to be able to meet members of the Steering Group. He commented that the referendum in Olney was just 12 votes away from being rejected and so it was important not to take anything for granted. Sherington and Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plans were examples of good practice.

**Ward Forum:** The date of this had now been changed to 4 April at Weston Underwood. He asked if someone from North Crawley PC could please attend that meeting if at all possible.

09/03/2018 **Update from PCSO Arlene Ormston:** Arlene Ormston reported that the number of burglaries in the villages had calmed down which was good to see. She was still organising a van for Folly Lane to catch speeding motorists. It was necessary to find a suitable location where it was safe and where it was possible to pull motorists off the road. She said that she would be happy to meet with any residents who had suggestions for other locations for the van.

A resident commented that there was an increase in cars being parked on the kerb and on the bend in Hackett Place particularly between 6 pm and 9 pm. This was causing extreme problems and was not a safe situation. He wondered whether the car park in Bryans Crescent could be used for overflow parking. Arlene Ormston said that number 101 should be phoned to report these situations at the time they occurred and someone would come out to contact the owners to move the vehicles. It was also possible for a photo to be taken of the offending vehicle(s) and for this to be emailed to her.

10/03/2018 **Finance Matters:**

**Receipts:**

H W Mason and Sons	£700.00	Cheque	Interment fee and Exclusive Rights fee for Patricia Gladys Joyce
Miscellaneous receipt	£11.00	Cheque	Sale of North Crawley map

**Payments:**

Sage UK	£7.20	DDEBIT	Payroll software – March 2018
S M Bushnell	£26.10	101960	Postage – March 17 to March 18
G Magee	£247.00	101961	Reimbursement for printing for Neighbourhood Plan open day
e-mango	£576.00	101962	Website hosting 11.3.18 – 10.3.19
Mike Wilson	£14.53	101963	Reimbursement for stationery bought for Neighbourhood Plan open day

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11/03/2018 **Parish Council documents:**

It was agreed that the following previously circulated documents would be approved and adopted:

- Parish Council Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Risk Assessment

It was agreed that these documents would be reviewed as necessary and at least annually.

12/03/2018 **Churchyard matters:**

The late Patricia Gladys Joyce – Interment fee and Exclusive Right of Burial fee received. Exclusive Right of Burial certificate number 192 for Garden of Rest Plot 2/22 was signed.

13/03/2018 **Residential Safety:**

**Highways:**

Potholes were becoming a serious hazard, particularly in the High Street. It was agreed that these would be reported.

**Community Speedwatch:** An email had been received from MKC which had been circulated to all parish councillors about a scheme where communities could work with Thames Valley Police and be actively involved in managing speed in their area. Residents would be asked to volunteer to receive some training and then to assist in setting up the Speedwatch device and logging vehicles that exceeded the 30 or 40 mph limits. It was agreed to ask someone to come out to a meeting to explain the initiative in more detail.

**Landscape:**

Cllr Maclennan reported that she had received two quotes for the replacement of the fence at the recreation ground - from Osborn Fencing and from Richard Martin. Richard Martin's quotation at £2,160 plus VAT was cheaper if the whole length of the fence was repaired because the price per metre reduced as the length of fence increased but Osborn Fencing would probably be cheaper if only a section was replaced. It was agreed to obtain a third quotation before making a decision.

14/03/2018 **Consultation with other bodies**

Cllr Maclennan had attended a meeting in the MKC planning department which she had found very useful. She had written a summary of key planning considerations which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors to be used as an aide memoire. As the National Strategy was calling for more houses to be built, it had to be borne in mind that planning applications supplying more housing were strong applications and likely to be approved. It was possible for Parish Councils to request that applications were submitted to the planning committee rather than be approved by officers under delegated

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powers. If this request was made however, it was essential that a representative from the Parish Council attended the planning committee or panel otherwise the Parish Council could be penalised.

15/03/2018 **Questions/Comments from Residents**

Ditch: It was reported that the ditch which had been filled in with spoil from the construction work at 47 High Street had been cleared very speedily by MKC.

Display boards for Open Day: It was confirmed that these had been bought by the Parish Council for the Neighbourhood Plan Open Day and that they would become a village resource once the Neighbourhood Plan had been completed. Cllr Maclennan, as the IMC representative, agreed to request at the next meeting that the boards were stored in the Institute.

Parish Walk leaflet: Cllr Sandall agreed to try to find out whether it was possible to re-print the North Crawley Parish Paths leaflet which was originally produced by Bucks County Council through the Parish Paths Partnership. It was agreed that this was a very useful and informative leaflet.

Dog mess: It was reported that this had become a problem on the recreation ground again and also on some of the footpaths. It was agreed that another note would be put into Scan about this problem.

MK Play Association: It was suggested that the possibility of providing some play sessions during the Summer could be considered. Cllr Magee agreed to find out more about this from someone who had been already involved in something similar in Sherington.

16/03/2018 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 3 April March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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