

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1st SEPTEMBER 2015 10/15

Present:

Cllr R Hatton (Chair), Cllr D Hunt (Vice Chair), Cllr K Rogers, Cllr J Small, Cllr J Hobbs, Cllr T Stapleton, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, MK Ward Cllr D Hosking, 6 members of the public

Item 1 1/9/1 5	Apologies for absence: Cllr F Flower, MK Ward Cllrs K McLean & P Geary, apologies accepted.
Item 2 1/9/1 5	Declarations of interest: None at present.
Item 3. 1/9/1 5	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 th July 2015 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting, except for one omission as follows:- Under “Questions from Residents”, although the main issue was complaints about the skip to the rear of the Chequers, the bad state of the outside décor was also discussed but not minuted; this has been amended and signed.
Item 4 1/9/1 5	Scan Reporter: Cllr Small agreed to action the SCAN report this month.
Item 5. 1/9/1 5	Planning: There were no new applications to be considered.
Item 6. 1/9/1 5	MK Ward Cllrs Report:- David Hosking reported that the consultation on the Minerals Plan was due to go to full council in July last but was deferred until 16 th September. There were more questions to be asked but he said he would keep us informed on this issue. He mentioned the pavement saga which we hope will go ahead in October during half term. However, we still wish to have a start and finish date if possible. Cllr Hatton had been liaising with David Hall regarding this and was still waiting to hear,

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as the contact from Ringway had been on holiday until this week. She was advised to write again to David Hall, copying Mike Hainge and Duncan Starkey who are all aware of our concerns.

Cllr Hobbs complained to Cllr David Hosking regarding the work carried out in Chicheley Road, he advised that Ringway did not actually carry out the work but sub-contracted it, which is more costly; Cllr Hosking was unable to comment until he investigated the matter further..

He mentioned that a new Sainsburys store is planned for Olney, decision to be 1st October 2015.

Item 7
1/9/15
Parking on waste ground/village green:
It was discussed and resolved that although it was unfortunate that the residents in Church Walk are not always able to park by their houses as they have done for many years, it had to be on a “first come, first served” basis with other vehicles who possibly have more than one car. Either this or declare the area a NO PARKING zone altogether and make the area more pleasant

Item 8.
1/9/15
War Memorial cleaning update:
This is planned to be completed by November 2015 as a special year. It was discussed and agreed to go ahead with it and the Clerk was asked to apply for a grant to finance it; we already have £250 from Ward Cllr Keith McLean from his budget and the cost is approximately £1300 plus VAT so she will apply for £1050. The memorial is in a bad state so we may precept for regular cleaning, this will be discussed later.
All agreed for Cllr Hatton to purchase an appropriate wreath to commemorate this special year.

Item 9.
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Consultations with other bodies:
None this month.

Item 10.
1/9/15
.FINANCE REPORT: 1ST September 2015

RECEIPTS:

RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	CHQ/CASH	DETAILS
H W Mason and Sons	£70.00	Cheque	Additional Inscription Fee – Alma Platten
H W Mason and Sons	£100.00	Cheque	Memorial Fee – Peter Jeffrey
H W Mason and Sons	£125.00	Cheque	Interment Fee – Brian Mapley (part payment)

PAYMENTS:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE	DETAILS
P Reynolds Nunn	£52.40	101808	Telephone/Internet and Travelling expenses

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North Crawley IMC	£2,000.00	101809	Annual running expenses grant
SCAN	£125.00	101810	Annual grant
Sage UK Limited	£3.00	Direct Debit	Sage Payroll software monthly payment – August 2015
RTM Landscapes Limited	£296.00	101811	Grounds maintenance – June 2015 (balance due)
RTM Landscapes Limited	£591.98	101811	Grounds maintenance – July 2015
RTM Landscapes Limited	£543.98	101811	Grounds maintenance - August 2015
Anglian Water	£17.13	Direct Debit	Water charges – 27 May to 26 August 2015

CHURCHYARD MATTERS

The late Brian Mapley – £125 Interment Fee (part payment) re Plot number 3/171. Exclusive Right of Burial already purchased.

The late Peter Jeffrey - £100 monument fee received and erection of monument approved.

The late Alma Platten - £70 Additional Inscription fee received and inscription approved. Interment of cremated remains to be arranged.

A Site Meeting was held at 7.30 pm on Friday 28 August 2015 in the Cemetery (those present were the RFO and Councillors Hatton, Hunt, Stapleton and Small) to discuss various matters. Further discussions on these matters then took place and decisions made:

- a. A review of the grave spaces available was carried out. There were a few left in Area 1 and a new row could be put into Area 3. The majority of the available spaces were in Area 2. It was estimated that there was around 20-25 years of spaces left, based on the approximate current usage. Trees would need to be removed in A as and when necessary so this was agreed in principle but would be discussed in the future.
- b. An enquiry from Mrs Golding had been received as to the possibility of erecting a small memorial to her infant brother (Ernest Edwin Claire) who was buried in the cemetery on 29 April 1926. Although the approximate location of the grave could be ascertained, it was not possible to locate it accurately due to the absence of grave stones in that area of the cemetery. This was discussed and agreed that this could be allowed in principle as it would not encroach on any other grave sites, provided that Mrs Golding would liaise with the Parish Council before she decide what

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	<p>headstone to install there, as only a small plaque would be agreed.</p> <p>c. Garden of Rest. It was noted that there was a memorial to Jackie Whan whose cremated remains were interred there on 9 January 2003. There appeared to be no records that Exclusive Rights were bought at the time and the memorial there was not one which would have been approved by the Parish Council. No-one had any contact details for the relatives. Agreed: That a note should be put in Scan to refer to this situation and to state that the unauthorised memorial would be removed by the end of October 2015. Contact details for the RFO would be given in the hope that a member of the family would make contact so that the situation could be discussed prior to the removal of the memorial.</p> <p>d. It was also noted that there were several other pots, plants, flowers, wreaths etc. in the Garden of Rest, some of which were decayed. The area was looking rather unkempt as a result and there were also weeds growing there. It was agreed that a shortened version of the Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery would be put into Scan to make people aware and to emphasise that the Parish Council would remove anything that did not comply. Pots, etc. would be kept for one month before disposal so that they could be claimed by their owners. Arrangements would also be made for weeds to be removed.</p> <p>e. Area in corner of Cemetery – It was noted that this area was unsightly and was used as a dumping ground for soil and rubbish, some of which was not bio-degradable. It was discussed and agreed that this area should be cleared and a gravelled surface installed which could have a seat placed there. The area could be made very attractive and it would be a nice quiet place to sit. This should definitely deter people from dumping rubbish there and a sign could be placed there to emphasise that the green bins should be used for rubbish or that rubbish should, alternatively, be taken home for disposal.</p>
<p>Item 11 1/9/15</p>	<p>Punch Taverns A letter was received from Punch Taverns in response to the Parish Council' letter (sent at the request of some residents) as to the possibility of re-furbishing the outside of the Chequers namely painting and the removal of a skip (although the PC advised Punch Taverns that removal of the skip this was now in hand with the tenant). Punch Taverns advised that it was the responsibility of the tenants. The PC was not aware of this. Since receipt of this letter, the PC has been advised that the pub has now been sold but have been given no further information. It was suggested, by Cllr Stapleton, that we write to Gary and Tracey (the Tenants) advising them that we were at pains to emphasise their popularity within the village when writing to Punch Taverns and, as stated above, were not aware that it was their responsibility.</p>
<p>Item 12. 1/9/15</p>	<p>Councillor's Items:- Residential safety: discussed earlier, the pavements are due to be completed in the October school half-term. Highways: nothing to report. Landscape: nothing to report.</p>
<p>Item 13.</p>	<p>Toddler Play Area: A new bin is needed in the play area as the crows are pulling the rubbish out and</p>

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1/9/1 5	<p>making a mess. Cllr Hatton had spoken to MK Council to see if they could supply one but this is not forthcoming as they cost £300 or more.</p> <p>However, she had found a nice bin with a lid, big enough for this area, for £178.51. It was agreed to purchase this so the Clerk was asked to order it.</p>
Item 14. 1/9/1 5	<p>NAG Report:</p> <p>Cllr Hunt has been working very hard again regarding speed watch and had produced a set of data for speed limits throughout the village; the information was dismal to say the least, with 37% of vehicles speeding over the limit in Brook End, 77.3% over the limit in Chicheley Road, and 88.9% over the limit in Cranfield Road, where 27 vehicles were doing 70mph and lots more doing 50/60mph.</p> <p>This clearly proves people are speeding through the village well over the limit and something needs to be done. Cllr Flower had sent information from a resident telling of at least four minor accidents recently and the Parish Council are concerned there will be a fatality before we have measures in place to prevent it. It was resolved to take these figures as “ammunition” to the MK traffic officer and to ask Sgt Andy Pullen of Thames Valley Police to support our mission when we take it to David Hall of MK Council Highways Dept. The problem is clearly getting worse so we need to present our concerns in order for MKC to find a solution.</p>
Item 15. 1/9/1 5	<p>Councillor’s Items:-</p> <p>Cllr Hobbs reported that the pavements were in bad repair in several places around the village; Cllr Hatton offered to report this to David Hall, Head of highways, MK Council.</p> <p>Cllr Hatton commented on older children playing on Kilpin Green and kicking balls into trees when asked not to do this they proceeded to break more branches and ran off. Pulling off branches is damaging the trees let alone a danger to themselves. It was agreed to put a note in Scan asking parents to have a word with their children. There is a recreation ground and a MUGA where they can kick balls in safety. . However, if the situation continues, it was agreed to erect signs there stating “NO BALL GAMES”..</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to a resident who had allowed bushes and greenery to overhang the pavement causing difficulty to negotiate the pavement safely, and ask them to trim it back suitably.</p>
Item 16. 1/9/1 5	<p>Questions from Residents:</p> <p>This evening residents had been invited to comment during discussions, therefore the only comment was that they would like to be kept informed regarding the concerns over the future of the pub.</p>

The meeting closed at approximately 9.08pm. All were thanked for their attendance and support.

Date of next meeting confirmed as 6th October 2015 in the Village Hall.

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