

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 5 March 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present:	Parish Councillors: L MacLennan (in the Chair), D Harpur (after Item 2), R Hatton, G Magee, G Ridgley (after Item 2), J Sandall and J Stellitano Clerk and RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillors D Hosking and K Mclean 11 members of the public	ACTION
01/03/2019	Apologies for Absence Ward Councillor P Geary and PCSO C1018 Arlene Ormston	
02/03/2019	Membership of Parish Council It was agreed to co-opt Derek Harpur and Glenn Ridgley on to the Parish Council. Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Hatton. A leaflet had been produced about the election in May which would be delivered round to households in the village.	Clerk
03/03/2019	Declarations of Interests: None	
04/03/2019	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 February 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.	
	Matters Arising:	
05/03/2019	Minute 05/01/2019 – MK Play Association: Cllr Magee reported that these two-hour sessions costed £150. It was noted that a Ward Grant of £330 had been awarded by Ward Councillor Geary towards the cost of these sessions. Many thanks were noted for this grant. Cllr Magee would arrange these sessions in conjunction with a representative from the school.	GM
06/03/2019	Minute 06/01/2019 - 16/01099/FUL and 17/01338/DISCO – site at the junction of Chicheley Road and Gog Lane, Little Crawley: Nothing further was reported on this matter although it was noted that the verge on the corner of the road had been churned up badly by vehicles from this site. The Clerk agreed to contact the	

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	landowner for this site in the first instance.	Clerk
07/03/2019	Minute 07/01/2019 - Ring Croft Farm: Ward Cllr Maclean reported that MKC had written to the owners to inform them that enforcement action would shortly be started in order to remove the tennis courts and the lights. The enforcement notice was currently being drafted.	
08/03/2019	Minute 08/01/2019 - Control of Dogs: The Clerk reported that there were several signs available stating that dogs had to be kept on leads. She had also obtained details from Keep Britain Tidy for signs which were available from them. It was decided that the latter were too expensive. Following discussion, it was agreed to shelve for the time being the keeping of dogs on leads and to generally continue to raise awareness. A resident reported that when the first cut of the year was recently carried out on the cricket field, no dog mess was found which was an encouraging sign. It was also suggested that some posters could perhaps be created from designs from the pupils at the school. Cllr Magee agreed to contact a representative at the school about this.	GM
09/03/2019	Minute 09/01/2019 Landscape – Kilpin Green tree stumps: The Clerk reported that three quotations had now been received with prices of £160, £180 and £450. It was agreed that the cheapest quote from GB Maze Services Limited would be accepted. The Clerk would contact them to confirm.	Clerk
10/03/2019	Minute 20/01/2019 Highways Cllr Hatton reported that the work to the humps on North Crawley Road was due to be carried out at the end of March. The road would be closed for a few hours during the night.	
11/03/2019	Minute 21/01/2019 Rural Paths: Cllr Hatton reported that discussions about the access over the ditch in Gog Lane were still taking place. The progress on this would be monitored.	RH
12/03/2019	Minute 22/01/2019 Bend by Ring Croft Farm: Cllr Hatton was continuing to monitor the progress on this matter.	RH
13/03/2019	Minute 19/02/2019 Potholes: It was reported that the potholes had been filled and the drain was due to be unblocked in April. Progress to be monitored.	JS
14/03/2019	Minute 19/02/2019 Street Lighting: Cllr Hatton reported that she understood the work to the eleven street lights that were not working would be taking place at the end of March. Progress to be monitored.	
15/03/2019	Minute 21/02/2019 School banner: It was thought that a banner would not be appropriate due to its location, size and durability. The suggestion was made about a sign being put on each of the poles at the main entry points to the village, i.e. at either end of the High Street, saying something like “home of North Crawley School”. Discussion took place as to whether this sign would be permanent or whether it would be put up at the relevant times of	

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	the year when parents were selecting school places. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways to ascertain what rules existed for putting signs on entries to villages.	Clerk
16/03/2019	Minute 22/02/2019 Litter picking kits: Cllr Hatton confirmed that these kits had now been delivered. It was agreed to give these to the group of people who were organising a Village Clean Up event on Sunday 24 March. Cllr Hatton agreed to pass the kits on to them.	RH
17/03/2019	Minute 23/02/2019 Rural Paths: The Clerk had contacted the landowners who were looking into repairs and replacements.	
18/03/2019	Minute 24/02/2019 Dog Bin at Little Crawley: The Clerk reported that Mr Chilton would be prepared to add a Little Crawley bin to his rounds. It would however be necessary to pay him extra for this additional work. The Clerk had received an email from a resident in Little Crawley stating that she did not want a dog bin there and also indicated that other residents felt the same way. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the resident to find out the reason, other than cost, for the objection and it was also decided to try to ascertain the opinion in general amongst residents.	Clerk
19/03/2019	Minute 25/02/2019 Violets Close: Cllr Hatton had contacted Alexander Boswell about this matter. He had asked for the residents affected to contact him and he would look for a solution to this problem. Cllr Hatton had agreed with residents that she would forward their email addresses on to him.	
20/03/2019	Update from PCSO Arlene Ormston: No report available this month.	
21/03/2019	Planning: 19/00343/TPO and 19/00344/TCA Dismantling and pruning of trees at 31 High Street: It was agreed that a site meeting would be held to look at these trees and ascertain whether a response needed to be sent to MKC. Appeal by Toft Hill Ltd against refusal for Outline application for residential development (15 units) at land at Moat Farm, Chicheley Road, North Crawley: It was reported that the Secretary of State was conducting the appeal on the basis of written representations and no Public Inquiry would be held. It was agreed to resubmit the Parish Council's previous objection along with an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.	GR Clerk
22/03/2019	Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Sandall reported that the Plan was out for public consultation until this Friday and it would then be looked at by an Examiner. The Chair reported that an email had been received from Alexander Boswell who was concerned about the piece of land in Orchard Way, owned by the Parish Council, which he felt would be needed for access to site H4 of the Plan. He had requested assurances that this land would be available for access.	

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	<p>Discussion took place on this matter. It was not considered necessary to make a decision about this at the present time as there might be alternative accesses to this site which could be used. It was however agreed in principle that this land could be used for access if necessary. When a planning application was eventually submitted, the Parish Council would not act in such a way as to make its Neighbourhood Plan undeliverable. It was also noted that this verge was originally designated as a green space area; any usage of it as an access would therefore need to be minimized to reduce the impact to the area.</p>																																					
23/03/2019	<p>Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr Maclean commented that he was pleased the humps in North Crawley Road were soon to be mended and also that the work was due to be carried out during the night, thereby minimising disruption.</p> <p>He asked for any residents to let him know if they experienced difficulties in obtaining new supplies of recycling sacks.</p> <p>Plan MK – This was currently at the Examination Stage. The Plan was due to go to Council on 20 March.</p> <p>MK East – It would be known by the summer whether the Infrastructure Bid had been successful. If approved, this would be by an executive decision and the funds would have to be spent by 2023. The plan would include a bridge over the M1. No support had been received from either MP. Ward Cllr Geary was chairing a working group the following week to which the Parish Council could send objections to the plan if it wished. The Chair agreed to draft an objection to be sent by the Clerk.</p> <p>He reported that there was an item in the latest Councillors' News about the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in residential areas. This was something that Parish Councils could apply for from April. The Chair also thanked Cllr Maclean for the generous ward grant of £330 which would enable play sessions to be booked.</p>	Chair																																				
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25/03/2019	<p>Churchyard Matters:</p> <p>Churchyard Fees: It was agreed to defer the setting of increased fees until the Clerk had attended the Cemetery Compliance course. The new rates would be approved at the next meeting.</p> <p>Site Visit: The Site Visit would be organised after the Clerk had attended the Cemetery Compliance course.</p>	Clerk
26/03/2019	<p>Councillors' Items – Highways: The possibility of a weight limit through the village was raised. It was thought that this would not be viable due to tractors and grain lorries having to pass through. As far as the 20 mph limit in residential areas was concerned, it was agreed not to consider this as it was not legally enforceable. Following the recent accident on the corner, the possibility of extending the 30 mph speed limit down to Little Crawley would be investigated.</p>	Clerk
27/03/2019	<p>Councillors' Items – Landscape: Cllr Hatton reported that she had sent photos of Nixies Walk over to Phil Sears at MKC to show the bad state of the surface.</p>	
28/03/2019	<p>Councillors' Items – Community Safety: Cllr Hatton reported that some bad speeding data had been received from the recent installation of SIDS, e.g. 73 motorists doing 60 mph in Chicheley Road between 9.30 am and 5 pm and 66 motorists coming into the village from Cranfield travelling at over 60 mph. She had passed the information on to Thames Valley Police and Arlene Ormston. She also reported that Phil Sears had given her a box for a SID for Folly Lane but that she did not have a pole on which to install it. The Clerk was asked to email Phil Sears to try to arrange the installation of a pole at no cost to the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
29/03/2019	<p>Councillors' Items – Rural Paths: Cllr Harpur reported that the gate post at the east end of the Ford at Broadmead had been broken. The Clerk was asked to contact Richard Martin about this as he originally installed the gate.</p>	Clerk
30/03/2019	<p>Consultation with other bodies: Cllr Hatton reported that she had attended a MKC Focus Planning meeting the previous evening. This meeting had not been well attended but was interesting nonetheless. Representatives of the Tickford Fields Farm development were present to answer questions. They had confirmed that there would be a traffic management plan in place and that no construction traffic would come through North Crawley. There was however a potential problem in that the school was to be situated near to the North Crawley Road and this would create traffic problems when children were being dropped off and picked up. There was also the additional problem of traffic congestion being caused by vehicles queuing up for the tip. This would only exacerbate the problem. The Clerk was asked to write to the Ward Councillors to see if they could have any influence over this matter.</p>	Clerk

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31/03/2019	Questions and comments from residents: The subject of the condition of the path running from the High Street kissing gate to Kilpin Green was again raised. It was agreed that the ownership of this path needed to be ascertained.	Clerk
32/03/2019	Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	

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