

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 1st November 2016

11/16

Present:

Cllr R Hatton (Chair), Cllr J Small, Cllr G Magee, Cllr J Hobbs, Cllr T Stapleton, Cllr E Potts, MK Ward Cllr D Hosking, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 5 members of the public

Item 1 01/11/16	Apologies: MK Ward Cllrs K McLean and P Geary, Cllr K Rogers, apologies accepted.
Item 2. 01/11/16	Declarations of interest: Cllr Potts declared an interest regarding two pending planning applications, stating that the applicants were friends. No other declarations were forthcoming.
Item 3. 01/11/16	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 th October 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.
Item 4. 01/11/16	Scan Reporter: Cllr Stapleton agreed to action the SCAN report this month
Item 5. 01/11/16	Planning: Pending planning applications this month include the following:- 16/02905/FUL – 18 Chicheley Rd, no adverse comments. 16/02820/FUL - 8 Chicheley Rd, no adverse comments. The large house proposed for Chequers Lane is still under consideration, but should be decided within the next few weeks. 16/01913/FUL – The Nook, Little Crawley has been permitted. <u>Cranfield Development</u> – the outline planning proposal to erect 198 dwellings between Crawley Rd and Bourne Rd has been refused. We will look out for an appeal, if applicable, on the Central Beds website.

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<p>Item 6. 01/11/16</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr Potts reported that there had been lots of interest from members of the public, which is pleasing and encouraging. Grants and funding are being looked into which is expected to be quite involved and time consuming; Cllr Potts asked about the possibility of an interim payment from the Parish Council until the monies from grants are available. This would cover printing and photocopying expenses, etc. It was resolved to make a limit of £50 available for these expenses in the short term, and to keep receipts for audit purposes and to claim back VAT. Cllr Potts advised the next meeting will be Monday 21st November 2016, all welcome.</p> <p>Clerk had received leaflets from a company called Village Foundations Ltd, who were hoping to get involved; it was decided to decline their offer as felt they were developers looking to gain a contract.</p>
<p>Item 7 01/11/16</p>	<p>Ward Councillor's Report</p> <p>Cllr D Hosking reported on the proposed changes within MK Council regarding planning with a revised scheme of delegation and to consider changes to speaking arrangements. There is a questionnaire to fill in with comments to add at the end, members of the public are also encouraged to complete it.</p> <p>Our Ward Councillors expressed their concerns stating that they did not wish to see any change in the speaking arrangements, neither do they want to spoil the relationship between Milton Keynes Council and the Parishes.</p> <p>He spoke of the “devolution of services” proposal which is in the early stages, but if this goes ahead, certain services would be withdrawn (e.g. grass cutting of verges) and responsibility handed to the Parish Councils. This would put our precept up by 40% which is unacceptable and not agreed without a fight. Some of the clerks from the larger areas met in Olney yesterday to discuss this ridiculous proposal. It wouldn't go ahead until 2018/19 at the earliest but now is the time to stop it happening at all. A letter has been sent to Parish Clerks from Louise Killerby with provisional figures of the extra cost estimated, she will also circulate this to all Parish Councillors. In the case for North Crawley the costs are £1839.00 for street cleansing, £2748.00 for landscaping and £900.00 for play area maintenance.</p> <p>Cllr Hosking promised that our Ward Councillors are totally opposed to this proposal and will actively fight it.</p> <p>Regarding the Minerals Local Plan, although we are not directly affected by this proposal, it is looking likely that the heavy traffic will be routed to the A509 via the Chicheley roundabout to Olney, rather than the A422 which looked possible previously.</p>

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After a meeting that Cllr Hatton attended with Officers from MKC Housing Dept. Ward Councillor Hoskings reported that the decision whether to repair or put up for auction 10 Bryants Crescent has been deferred.

Cllr Hatton has been trying to find out whether another bungalow in Bryans Crescent is being rented or has been bought. Cllr Hoskings offered to look into it, otherwise it will be a land registry query, which Cllr Stapleton agreed to action if necessary in due course.

A further discussion took place regarding the re-tarmaced road either side of the village where the drain grids have not been heightened to the same height as the tarmac. There is also a 65mm hump in the road at the boundary of Mid Beds Council and MK Council, a resident provided photographs to highlight this problem, this could damage the underside of vehicles if not dealt with. Also, some drains have been covered when surfacing took place but not uncovered at a later date which is causing flooding in the area even with a small amount of rain; this will be serious when the winter arrives unless actioned satisfactorily and it has been outstanding since June 2016.

Cllr Stapleton stated that there is something very wrong with the High Street drainage system since the road was retarmaced. He has had problems with flooding in his garden and cottage. MKC insurers have denied responsibility. Cllr Hosking asked Cllr Stapleton to email him the details.

Cllr Hatton is still having problems getting the extra bollards installed, due to MKC officers leaving and changing, etc. Ward Cllr Hosking suggested she contact David Hall and she resolved to ask him to come out and meet with her to get this issue

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FINANCE REPORT – 1 November 2016

RECEIPTS:

RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	CHQ/CASH	DETAILS
General sale	£11.00	Cash	Sale of NC map

PAYMENTS:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE	DETAILS
Glasdon UK Limited	£949.42	101886	Seat for cemetery (net cost to be reimbursed by resident)
Mazars LLP	£150.00	101887	Fee for external audit 2015-16

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	R Hatton	£30.00	101888	Reimbursement for poppy wreath
	RTM Landscapes Ltd	£439.99	101889	Grass cutting October 2016 including one additional cemetery cut
	<p>Churchyard Matters:</p> <p>One item was the siting of the new bench, kindly donated by a resident, and the tidying up of the area in the corner of the cemetery. Bricks and cement or sleepers were discussed as options and it was agreed to install sleepers round the edge and then place the bench which has been donated. We have a quote from Oli Rose which was accepted unanimously. Cllr Hatton will ask him to cement the bench in with fixing bolts at the same time. A list will be made of the ongoing jobs that Oli Rose already does in order for them to be kept on file and for him to do the work on a regular basis. He has also been asked to quote to trim the hedge by Nixie's Walk and the trees at Church Walk. Cllr Hobbs agreed to liaise with Oli Rose to organise transfer of the bench from Moat Farm to the cemetery. The sign by the Old Rectory is covered by trees and cannot be seen; Cllr Potts will ask the resident to trim them.</p>			
Item 9 01/11/16	<p><u>Residential Safety:</u> This had been covered earlier in the meeting, as had Highways and Landscape.</p>			
Item 10 01/11/16	<p>Consultations with other bodies No meetings had been attended this last month.</p>			
Item 11 01/11/16	<p>Village Shop: The owner of the shop needs an outside light just underneath the roofline above the window to the front of the shop facing the High Street so that customers can identify that he is open after dark in the winter months. Cllr Hatton had confirmed that planning permission was not needed, and it hopefully won't annoy anyone therefore all Councillors agreed for him to proceed.</p>			
Item 12. 01/11/16	<p>Councillors Items: Cllr Magee reported that he had recently had a small break-in via the back gate of the Cock Inn, and had several 25 litre drums of cooking oil stolen worth approximately £150. This increases the break-ins and crime in the village to 8 which is worrying. Cllr Hatton offered to write to PC Andy Hipkin who, due to work load, has been absent at meetings recently, to let him know of yet another burglary in the village. Cllr Small mentioned that PC Hipkin stated that he would try to come to at least every other meeting, when she spoke to him at a meeting last month. She also reported a "near miss" on Kilpin Green, when a car almost crashed into some pedestrians, one of whom was on an invalidity scooter.</p> <p>This has been mentioned in SCAN to no avail, therefore the clerk was asked to write to the residents involved, and involve TVP if this unsociable</p>			

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	<p>behavior doesn't stop before someone is injured or killed.</p> <p>Cllr Potts mentioned the idea of a syndicate for the village for domestic oil; she offered to look into it and report back at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Item 12. 01/11/16</p>	<p>Questions from Residents:-</p> <p>None, this took place throughout the meeting.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.00pm. All were thanked for their attendance and support.</p> <p><u>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</u></p>

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