

# NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**12/16**

**Present:**

Cllr R Hatton (Chair), Cllr K Rogers (Vice Chair), Cllr J Small, Cllr G Magee, Cllr J Hobbs, Cllr T Stapleton, Cllr E Potts, MK Ward Cllr P Geary, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 3 members of the public

<b>Item 1</b> 06/12/16	<b>Apologies:</b> MK Ward Cllrs K McLean and D Hosking, apologies accepted.
<b>Item 2.</b> 06/12/16	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None at present but should be declared if applicable later in the meeting.
<b>Item 3.</b> 06/12/16	<b>The Minutes</b> of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.
<b>Item 4.</b> 06/12/16	<b>Scan Reporter:</b> Cllr Hatton agreed to action the SCAN report this month
<b>Item 5.</b> 06/12/16	<b>Planning:</b> There were no pending applications this evening. However, the large house proposed for Chequers Lane has been refused on the grounds that it would take away parking spaces from the Chequers Inn, and create extra parking on the high street at a location where vision could be a problem when pulling out of Chequers Lane. We need to look out for a possible appeal and take action accordingly.
<b>Item 6.</b> 06/12/16	<b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Cllr Magee reported that there had been a very good and active meeting with lots of volunteers getting involved; there is a report in SCAN to raise awareness generally and the questionnaire is starting to be looked at ready for sending out next year, with other towns and parishes' questionnaires being perused for guidance.

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	The next meeting is Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm in the village hall, all welcome.
<p><b>Item 7</b> 06/12/16</p>	<p><b>Ward Councillor’s Report</b> Cllr P Geary reported on the PlanMK report meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which all councillors had received invites from Carole Mills via the clerk to attend. It is hoped that two councillors from each parish council attend if possible as it is an important issue He went on to talk about the MK Council budgets regarding the transfer of local services; there is no expectation that it will affect parish councils this year, however, it may need to be precepted for in early 2017. The consultation is going out now, although we would need to look further into it in January next year. Devolved services are proposed to be cut by one third, such as grit bins, with a proposal not to refill them anymore; there is 436 grit bins in the whole of MK which would save £10,000. This would mean that we would have to either fill them ourselves or pay someone else to do it. A ton of salt from Bleak Hall depot, MK Council, is £18, but more elsewhere. There would be cuts in bus services so we would need to look at the impact for North Crawley when the proposals are announced. Another proposal is to remove the budget for weed spraying, i.e. gutters and paths, as the budget for just one spray per year is £50,000. This is massive false economy but it is what is proposed at present. It is hoped this won’t go ahead but we do need to be prepared. Another reduction would be street cleaning frequency which we may not notice too seriously. Also, strimming would be reduced, with strimming stopped around articles such as signs and lamp posts, etc, which will look untidy, something we strive to stamp out in our village. There will be no action taken against noise control after hours, being operational between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday only. S133 gritting routes will be changed and reduced including the rural routes. The above proposals are all very depressing but it is hoped most of them will not go ahead. (Update available next month). If the parish council had to take on these services it would increase our precept by 40%. In the case for North Crawley, the costs are £1,839.00 for street cleansing, £2748.00 for landscaping and £900.00 for play area maintenance. <b>Cllr Geary repeated that our Ward Councillors are totally opposed to this proposal and will actively fight it.</b> Regarding 10 Bryans Crescent, which has been empty for two and a half years, there is a dispute as to the state of the bungalow. Cllr Hatton agreed to meet with certain officers to clarify the issue. He mentioned that we now have a new permanent Head of Highways .</p>
<p><b>Item 8.</b> 06/12/16</p>	<p>FINANCE REPORT – 6 December 2016</p> <p>RECEIPTS:</p>

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RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	CHQ/CASH	DETAILS
R Platten	£791.19	Cheque	Net cost of cemetery seat
H W Mason and Sons	£150.00	Cheque	Monument fee – William (Bill) Charles Maslin

**PAYMENTS:**

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE	DETAILS
Sage UK	£6.00	DDebit	Payroll software – November 2016
North Crawley IMC	£2,000	101890	Grant towards running costs
SCAN	£150.00	101891	Grant towards running costs
SLCC	£55.00	101892	Annual subscription
Sage UK	£6.00	DDebit	Payroll software - December 2016
Anglian Water	£13.82	DDebit	Cemetery water to 28.11.16

**CHURCHYARD MATTERS**

The late William (Bill) Charles Maslin – Application to erect a memorial on Grave 3/191 approved

The siting of the new bench, kindly donated by a resident, will be actioned in due course.

It was agreed to ask RTM Landscapes to remove two trees in the cemetery, one which is dead and one which is in the line of burial plots. A quote had been received earlier for this work which also included grinding out the roots. All Councillors agreed it should go ahead.

A bank statement was handed round to councillors.  
The date of 3rd January 2017 was decided on for the precept meeting, followed by 10th January 2017 for the PC meeting, one week later than normal.

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**Residential Safety:**

**Highways:**

Cllr Hatton had met with David Hall and Phil Sears to resolve some issues. The hump in the road has now been reported, and the road signage has been taken away. She discussed much needed road surfacing in Nixies Walk and Chequers Lane, and was informed that the tarmac around the

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	<p>drains will eventually wear down to the correct level. She agreed to ask for an HGV sign for Gog Lane.</p> <p>She enquired about the possibility of having “speed camera signs” installed both ends of the village; the criteria for this is to have a designated mobile speed area, so she will speak to Neil Biggs of Thames Valley Police regarding this.</p> <p>Regarding the six extra bollards decided on, we are now expected to pay both for the purchase of the bollards and the installation. The quote is £1036.00 for 2 days to install them, plus £298.00 per unit. This seems very expensive therefore the clerk was asked to get other prices to compare. A decision will be made at the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Item 10</b> 06/12/16. .</p>	<p><b>Consultations with other bodies</b> Cllrs Hatton and Small had attended a meeting of the MKALC on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016, hosted by Carole Mills and Tom Blackburn- Mayes, covered by MK Ward Cllr Peter Geary.</p>
<p><b>Item 11.</b> 06/12/16. .</p>	<p><b>Councillors Items:</b> Cllr Potts had mentioned the idea of a syndicate for the village for domestic oil at the last meeting; she reported back that the syndicate system needed a volunteer to run it. One was suggested therefore Cllr Rogers will follow up. Twelve or more customers would be required and it was estimated that £50 could be saved on 1000 litres approximately. A note will go in SCAN to recruit customers to join the syndicate. Cllr Stapleton reported that several salt grit bins in the village appear to be in a bad state of repair, particularly the ones in Chicheley Road and Folly Lane; it was agreed to ask MK Council to replace 8 bins and fill them up. Clerk to action. He also reported a car that has been in the Institute car park for two weeks, he agreed to phone 101 or email PC Andy Hipkin to report it. A written request has been received from some young residents for a skate park. This was discussed and declined at present, mainly due to lack of funds for recreational purposes, so the clerk will write back in response. Cllr Hobbs requested the written annual accounts be present from the IMC in good time for the precept meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. Clerk will ask for these.</p>
<p><b>Item 12.</b> 06/12/16. .</p>	<p><b>Questions from Residents:-</b> None.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.22pm. All were thanked for their attendance and support.</p> <p><u>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</u></p> <p>N.B. This is a week later than normal due to precept meeting</p>

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