

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5th July 2016

8/16

Present:

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

Item 1 05/07/16	Apologies: MK Ward Cllrs P Geary & D Hosking, Cllr K Rogers, Cllr G Magee, apologies accepted.
Item 2. 05/07/16	Declarations of interest: None at present.
Item 3. 05/07/16	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 th June 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.
Item 4. 05/07/16	Scan Reporter: Cllr Potts agreed to action the SCAN report this month
Item 5. 05/07/16	Planning: No outstanding planning applications this month. Cranfield Development – 16/02039/OUT - there is an outline planning application in with Central Beds Council for 190 houses in Bourne End/ Crawley Rd, Cranfield . The Parish Council agreed to oppose this mainly due to the extra volume of traffic through our village. Mid Beds Council will be written to and a request for a Traffic Management Plan to be put in place to avoid contractors lorries and excessive traffic driving through North Crawley whilst building works are ongoing. Clerk will ensure we are kept updated with any developments and Ward Cllr Mclean is arranging a meeting with our two other Ward Councillors as well as other Parish Councils who are affected by this development. This will have an impact on Moulsoe and Astwood as well as North Crawley. There is already a Weight Restriction traffic order in place at Salford from several years ago which we could use as an example. Traffic Orders are infinite until removed. We will ask if MK Council can be included in views, etc, as we can only give our views. If we were successful in getting a Traffic Management Plan, there are no resources to police it, the village will have

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	to be vigilant in monitoring it and gathering evidence. We need to raise the profile and ask media to help via press coverage, etc. The meeting to be held shortly will look at the routes intended for the heavy traffic to take.												
Item 6. 05/07/16	Neighbourhood Plan . Cllrs Potts reported that the next meeting will be Wednesday 10 th August in the village hall, all welcome. The last meeting was attended by Olney steering group and two planning officers from MK Council. She had met with MK Mark Lancaster who offered his full support. A Resident of the village, Matthew Chinn was appointed chair of the steering group and the team are delighted to have him. This is still in the early stages but Olney and Sherington have been very helpful.												
Item 7 05/07/16	Ward Councillor's Report Cllr Keith McLean gave his report stating that Tom Blackburn-Maze, Director of Public Realm is visiting shortly and advised us to make a list of issues that we can show him with a view to getting them dealt with. He suggested major issues could be done via MKC website on the "Report it" link, which the Clerk will deal with. MK FUTURES 2050; MK Futures Commission, referendum launched yesterday, all on website, basically it is where MK think they want to be by 2050, regarding schools, law courts, policing, a university (not known where yet), and a big emphasis on learning, they believe no-one should be disadvantaged if they want to learn. There are six big projects on debate. MK has a population of 268,000 at present, the projection is 40,000 by 2050. This requires better use of grid roads, already congested, but sustainable homes will be needed. We have an art gallery, an international festival and aim to be a city of culture by 2023. On 20 th July 2016, MK Council will "adopt" this report, and anyone can comment via the website, MK Futures 2050. This has nothing to do with Plan:MK at present. PLAN:MK:- this is ongoing but it could be early 2017 before MKC can produce the next document. Ward Councillor Mclean advised that 40.6% of MK is Olney Ward which is interesting and more than anticipated.												
Item 8 05/07/16	FINANCE REPORT – 5 July 2016 RECEIPTS: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1592 1401 1859"> <thead> <tr> <th>RECEIVED FROM</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> <th>CHQ/CASH</th> <th>DETAILS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>North Crawley Cricket Club</td> <td>£85.26</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>Payment of amount of insurance premium related to cricket nets</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western Power Distribution</td> <td>£14.50</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>Wayleave payment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	CHQ/CASH	DETAILS	North Crawley Cricket Club	£85.26	Cheque	Payment of amount of insurance premium related to cricket nets	Western Power Distribution	£14.50	Cheque	Wayleave payment
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PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE	DETAILS
Sage UK Limited	£6.00	DDEBIT	Payroll software - June 2016
R Hatton	£11.23	101862	Plants for plant trough
		101863	Cheque cancelled
P Reynolds Nunn	£615.79	101864	Clerk's salary – April to June 2016
S M Bushnell	£285.20	101865	RFO salary – April to June 2016
HMRC	£343.80	DDEBIT	PAYE related to above salaries
Sage UK Limited	£6.00	DDEBIT	Payroll software - July 2016
O and M Contracting	£150.00	101866	Strimming growth at the Ford
RTM Landscapes Ltd	£543.98	101867	Grass cutting – June 2016
Milton Keynes Education Trust	£20.70	101868	Photocopying from May 2015 to June 2016
M E Chilton	£205.50	101869	Bin emptying and bin bags to 30 June 2016

All payments include VAT where appropriate

Churchyard Issues/Risk Register

It was stated in the risk assessment register that there should be an independent checking of the bank reconciliation, therefore Cllr Stapleton countersigned it.

Cemetery:

The Garden of Rest is in need of a tidy up, therefore a site meeting to achieve this is scheduled for Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 7.30pm; this will allow two weeks' notice for relatives to remove anything not in keeping with the rules of the Churchyard and Garden of Rest, from the graves; a notice will be placed on the entry gate to the Church and a note posted on the website.

The war memorial is completed and looking excellent. Cllr Hatton agreed to produce before and after photographs and place a plaque at the site reporting it was mainly funded by Milton Keynes Community Foundation. Clerk can now finalise the paperwork.

Website

SOCIAL MEDIA was discussed with mixed views, one concern was possible abuse of the website; others consider it an asset particularly for the younger generation and possibly a sign of the future. A downside is that someone would need to manage it, and it will be time consuming, therefore a volunteer would be essential if it was resolved to go ahead.

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	RFO Bushnell agreed to look at other parishes to see how many have it and how they use it. It will be further discussed at our next meeting in September 2016.
<p>Item 9 05/07/16</p>	<p><u>Residential Safety:</u> Cllr Hatton met with Rob Ward of MK Council regarding more bollards. Maps received from Rob Ward were distributed to the Councillors showing where we would like them to be situated in the High Street, to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement (as has been happening). Extra bollards are requested outside the Bake House after an eight-wheeled lorry parked illegally so close to the house it was only inches away, photos were supplied to MK Council. It is recommended to dial 101 and report any traffic issues no matter how small, giving the registration number of the offending vehicle so that we can work with the police to build up a pattern to take appropriate action.</p> <p>Chequers Lane is also a nightmare, with cars and vans parked immediately outside the Chequers pub, the visibility is zero when trying to pullout from the lane. A little more consideration from drivers would alleviate the situation and avoid police action in the future. However, this is now in the hands of the safety assessment team</p> <p>Regarding the road surfacing issue, we are waiting for Anglian Water to deal with the low drains; once this is done the roads can be completed. Kim Hills, Interim Senior Head of Highways, is meeting with Cllr Hatton in July to discuss the situation.</p> <p>It was also reported that Chicheley bottoms tapers to 4.5 metres across in places instead of 5 metres making it impossible for lorries or vans to pass without going up on the verge. Cllr Hatton will add this to the list of issues when she meets with Mr Hills.</p> <p><u>Landscape:</u> The orchard garden at Bill Maslin’s house badly needs cutting back; it will be investigated if there are new owners and ask them to trim it It was also noted that the footpath behind this property leading across the fields is very badly overgrown; Cllr Hobbs advised this will be dealt with in the next two weeks when cut down for hay.</p>
<p>Item 10 05/07/16</p>	<p><u>Consultations with other bodies:</u> The Olney Ward Forum meeting on 30th June 2016 had not been well attended for whatever reason.</p>
<p>Item 11. 05/07/16</p>	<p><u>Councillors Items:</u> Cllr Potts had been informed that the bus shelter floor flooded and people are smoking there. The clerk will obtain some “no smoking” signs to display there as it is illegal to smoke in a bus shelter with a roof and sides. Regarding the wet floor, the excess rain must take the blame for this one. She also reported that the traffic has increased hugely in Gog Lane, Little Crawley. This is a narrow road as is Folly Lane, increased signage may</p>

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help or the possibility of asking for a Weight Restriction Traffic Order. Cllr Hatton will raise this issue with Kim Hills when she meets with him.

Cllr Stapleton reported several problems with excess rain and blocked drains. Clerk will report the issue to MKC highways and ask when we can expect the drains to be cleaned out. There is a drain on the waste ground that needs cementing as it is cracking all around and in danger of sinking. RFO Sheila Bushnell said she would contact Anglian Water as she had a job number from a previous discussion.

Cllr Hatton resolved to create a list for Kim Hills and copy Cllr McLean

He had been walking around the village to monitor the street furniture, bins and notice boards and compiled a list stating which items may need our attention in due course. He will review it quarterly. He reported that the signage in Nixie's Walk is falling to bits. There is a dangerous bench which he offered to remove. Two trees on the Institute land need crowning or reducing so Sam Potts will be contacted for permission to get this done. There is a footpath sign at the kissing gate at the top of Pound Lane as you enter the playing field that looks rusted right through and could be dangerous. Cllr Hobbs will make enquiries.

The proposed seat at the corner of the cemetery is in hand.

Cllr Hobbs mentioned that the Chequers pub is now painted and looking nice; Clerk was asked to write to the tenants to thank them.

Cllr Hatton has been approached regarding the open topped bin in the recreation ground which the crows are eating from; it was resolved to purchase a closed bin similar to the one in the children's playground. Clerk to action.

The request from a resident to fly a flag on the 12th July to celebrate the Orange Day Parade was declined. Now that we have a new Union Jack purchased by the Parish Council, a notice will be placed in SCAN requesting that villagers wishing to celebrate ie St. George's Day, St David's Day by raising the appropriate flag, should first seek permission from the Parish Council. However, any political flag will not be given permission.

It was reported that there has been several house burglaries in the village recently, mostly in daylight hours. PC Andy Hipkin together with Cllr Hatton, will arrange a village meeting in September to alert people to safety measures regarding break-ins. We are advised to ALWAYS dial 101 if we see something we are not happy with. Date of meeting to be advised on website.

It was mentioned that there is a huge flood in Pound Lane every time it rains; it is understood the water runs out of a drive there.

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	<p>Cllr Hatton had been advised of an issue in Folly Lane/Church Walk regarding bushes overgrown and obstructing view when pulling out and asked if we could help. Unfortunately, as it is on private land, it is out of the remit of the Parish Council.</p>
<p>Item 12. 05/07/16</p>	<p>Questions from Residents:- A resident thanked Cllr Hatton for the lovely flowers in the trough at the bus shelter saying they look beautiful. Cllr Hatton showed her appreciation.</p> <p>Another resident wanted to make a proposal within the cemetery. He would like to have a small area of ground (approx. 5 x 5 metres) set aside for wild flowers for the bees, birds and butterflies to enjoy, at the top end where we are proposing to tidy and have a seat/bench sited. He is unhappy with the untidy state when he visits a grave which is mainly due to excess grass not taken away. It was explained the removal of grass is far too expensive. However, we will put his request on the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting. RFO will bring along the cemetery plan to identify any spare areas.</p>
<p>05/07/16</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 9.35pm. All were thanked for their attendance and support. <u>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</u></p>

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