

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7 January 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present:	Parish Councillors: R Hatton, D Harpur, G Ridgely and K Shaw Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillor K McLean 2 members of the public	
01/01/2020	Apologies for Absence Parish Councillor J Sandall; Ward Councillors P Geary and D Hosking	
02/01/2020	Declarations of Interests: None but councillors were asked to declare any during the meeting if appropriate.	
03/01/2020	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 December 2019 were agreed by all councillors.	
04/01/2020	Items from members of the public: The Chair asked members of the public for any items that they would like to be discussed at the meeting or to be considered by the Council. The Clerk reported that she had received a query from a resident about traffic problems at the recycling centre on the North Crawley Road and residents present at the meeting raised matters concerning footpaths and road safety. These items would be discussed at the appropriate point in the agenda.	
	Matters Arising from the previous meeting	
05/01/2020	Minute 06/12/2019 - Bend by Ring Tail Farm: There was nothing to report on this matter. Ward Cllr McLean suggested that Davina Millership was now contacted about this matter and for a copy of the email to be sent to the Ward Councillors	Chair
06/01/2020	Minute 07/12/2019 - School noticeboard: The Clerk reported that she had informed the school that it could use the space in the churchyard currently taken up by the PC noticeboard and thanks had been received for this. The school was currently looking at costs of notice boards and the funding for it. As far as the PC notice boards were concerned, the existing board outside the Village Hall could not be used for the map, as it was unsuitable due to having two windowpanes. It was agreed therefore that a new notice board would need to be purchased for the map on the Wasteground. An email had recently been received from the Ward Councillors about their annual grants available to Parish Councils and Cllr McLean confirmed that it would be appropriate to make an application for funding towards notice boards. The Clerk would action this.	Clerk
07/01/2020	Minute 08/12/2019 – Highways Weight/Speed limit: There was nothing to report on this at the moment.	JS
08/01/2020	Minute 09/12/2019 – Rural Paths: The Clerk understood that MKC Rights of Way had written to the landowner but that no reply had yet been received. This would be monitored.	Clerk
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	landowner had received the stiles and that they would soon be installed. The Clerk would monitor this.	Clerk
10/01/2020	Minute 11/12/2019 Councillors' Items - Footpaths: No response had been received from MKC about this matter despite Cllr McLean also becoming involved. This would continue to be monitored.	Clerk
11/01/2020	Minute 12/12/2019 - Recreation: The issue of the cricket ball protection nets was currently being discussed with the Cricket Club.	KS
12/01/2020	Minute 13/12/2019 - Visit by Milton Keynes Mayor: The Clerk had not yet invited the Mayor to visit but it was agreed that this would be considered at a later meeting.	Clerk
13/01/2020	Minute 14/12/2019 - Planning: 19/02813/FUL – Erection of four dwellings and change of use to residential at land to the east of Brook End Farm, North Crawley: This application had been withdrawn.	
14/01/2020	Minute 15/12/2019 - Traffic Calming Scheme: There was nothing to report on this matter at the present time.	JS
15/01/2020	Minute 16/12/2019 - Tennis court lights at Ringcroft Farm: An Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate was due to visit the site on 21 January in the afternoon. He would be undertaking a site inspection and would obtain clarification from the owner on aspects of the case. It was possible for third parties to request the Inspector to view the appeal site from their land and it was agreed that this could be helpful from the impact of the lights perspective. The Chair would contact Gary Dunne at MKC about this.	Chair
16/01/2020	<p>Minute 19/12/2019 Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/03083/FUL – Proposed single storey rear extension, new front porch and partial garage conversion at 31 Kilpin Green, North Crawley: This application had been approved. • 19/02999/TCA – Tree notification for T1 Laurel and T2 Sycamore to be removed to ground level at 16 Church Walk, North Crawley: This application had been approved. • 19/03117/TCA – Dismantling of large Wellingtonia trees at 35 High Street, North Crawley: This application had been approved. <p>The point was made about the tree applications which seemed to be approved even though queries were raised by the Parish Council. Cllr McLean confirmed that such applications would be approved if due process had been followed. He agreed to contact MKC to ask for a review of the trees that had been removed in North Crawley over the last three years and would report to the PC on the findings.</p>	
17/01/2020	<p>Update from PCSO Arlene Ormston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arlene reported that there was fortunately no crime to report in North Crawley or Little Crawley. In the rural areas recently however, there had been thefts of tools from vehicles and sheds. • She hoped that the ANPR cameras would be installed within two weeks and that the Sentinel portable unit would also be available 	

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	<p>soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She had sent a Community Speedwatch email to the villages asking for a list of residents who would like to be involved in the rota. The Chair confirmed that she was dealing with this. The speed van had been in North Crawley earlier that evening. She asked residents to move their parked cars from the High Street if they saw the speed van there because this then made speed checking more effective. She also asked that people did not put warnings on Facebook that the van was there as this was against the whole point of speed checking. She gave the Chair some speed check signs to put around the village. The Chair agreed to arrange for these to be installed as they would serve as a reminder to motorists. • She had recently been trained in putting postcodes on saddles and other tack. If anyone wished to take advantage of this, please let her know. 	
18/01/2020	<p>Ward Councillor’s report: Cllr McLean reported that a supplementary planning document was to be considered by MKC which would be brought into use if the HIF bid was successful. The Ward Councillors were against this as it seemed premature to produce such a document. He had recently met a councillor from Bedford Borough and they had discussed the lack of planned development in the area and the importance of cross-boundary consultations.</p>	
19/01/2020	<p>Planning: 19/03414/OUT – Outline planning permission application for the erection of five new dwellings off Orchard Way, North Crawley – There was much discussion about this application. It was understood that, if it was approved, then this would mean that the development could go ahead in principle. Other reserved matters such as the design of the dwellings, access arrangements, etc. would be dealt with at the time of a full application being received and would be subject to the usual planning consultations. Cllr McLean reported that the judicial review which had been requested by MKC had been rejected which meant that the existence of a five-year land supply was still in doubt. As North Crawley did not have a Neighbourhood Plan, the potential lack of land supply made applications such as these vulnerable to being approved, irrespective of what the Parish Council decided. This site was in open countryside and outside the current settlement boundary for the village. However, any new development would have to be on land such as this as there were no brownfield sites in North Crawley. Having a Neighbourhood Plan controlled which greenfield sites were used. The site in question was in the original Neighbourhood Plan and was also one of the sites being considered for the revised Neighbourhood Plan. It was AGREED (Proposed by Cllr Ridgely and Seconded by Cllr Harpur and approved by three votes to one against) that the</p>	

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	<p>following response would be sent to MKC about the outline application:</p> <p>“The Parish Council objects to this outline application because the site is in open countryside and outside the current settlement boundary of North Crawley. The North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan was rejected at referendum in September 2019. A steering group, appointed by the Parish Council, is currently working on a revised Neighbourhood Plan and this site is being considered for inclusion within it. Approval of outline application 19/03414/OUT at this time would therefore detract from the process of producing a revised Neighbourhood Plan as it is understood that, under these circumstances, this site could no longer be included in the Plan.”</p>	Clerk																																																				
20/01/2020	<p>Parish Protocol: A revised Parish Protocol had been received from MKC and comments invited. The Chair commented that MKC often did not listen to what the Parish Council said when commenting on planning applications, particularly those relating to tree work. If parish council comments were not taken into account, MKC should explain the reasons why that was the case. The Clerk agreed to respond to the consultation in that vein.</p>	Clerk																																																				
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22/01/2020	<p>Budget 2020/2021</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a budget meeting had taken place the previous evening attended by Councillors Hatton, Harpur, Sandall and Shaw. The following had been agreed:</p> <p>All expenditure budget headings to remain the same as the current year with the exception of the following:</p> <p>Emptying Litter Bins Budget increased by £50 to £950 in recognition of work carried out and the addition of a new bin to be serviced</p> <p>Postage Budget increased by £10 to £40 due to</p>																																																					

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	<p>IT equipment and Office 365 postage charge increases New budget of £620 for the purchase of a laptop and Office 365. Necessary for compliance, security and audit purposes as work currently carried out and stored on Clerk's personal computer</p> <p>SCAN donation Budget increased by £50 to £200 in recognition of the importance of this publication to the community</p> <p>Clerk's salary Increased by 10% to £5,720 per annum in line with current NJC salary negotiations. However, actual salary increase likely to be agreed below this figure</p> <p>All Income budget headings to remain the same as the current year.</p> <p>The Budgeted Expenditure from 1 April 2020 had increased, when compared to the current budget, from £22,283 to £23,908. This was an additional £1,625 when compared to the budget for the current year and represented an increase of 7.29%. When taking into account the estimated cash balance to be held on 1 April 2020 (£4,056) and estimated budgeted income of £1,650, the amount of the Precept needed from Milton Keynes Council was £18,202.</p> <p>The draft budget for 2020/2021 was approved. Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Harpur.</p>	
23/01/2020	<p>Precept 2020/21: The amount of precept to be levied from Milton Keynes Council was agreed at £18,202. Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Harpur.</p>	
24/01/2020	<p>Churchyard Matters: Interment in Garden of Rest plot 2/9 in respect of the late John Polaczek.</p>	
25/01/2020	<p>Councillors' Items: Highways – A resident suggested that a mirror on the shop would greatly assist drivers' visibility when pulling out from Chequers Lane. As a first step, the Clerk agreed to ascertain whether planning permission would be required for this. The permission of the owner of the shop would also need to be obtained. A resident had raised the concern about queuing traffic at the recycling centre on the Newport Road. This was a safety hazard as the road became blocked and some motorists were resorting to going around the roundabout the wrong way in order to escape the queue. It was noted that this issue had been raised before and that it had been investigated further at that time. The Clerk was asked to contact Newport Pagnell Town Council in the first instance to ascertain its views and for details of any action it was planning to take to solve this situation.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	Rural Paths – A resident mentioned a kissing gate and a stile, which required attention. This information was passed on to Cllr Ridgely who would look further into the matter with a view to getting them mended or replaced.	GR
26/01/2020	Correspondence and Information Matters: The Chair mentioned the celebrations for the 75 th Anniversary of VE day, which were taking place over the weekend of Friday 8 th to Sunday 10 th May 2020. She suggested that a village event could be organised on the Friday to mark this occasion and this was thought to be an excellent idea. She agreed to look further into this.	Chair
27/01/2019	Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	

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