

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of First Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 3rd May 2016

Present:

Cllr R Hatton (Chair), Cllr K Rogers, Cllr J Small, Cllr T Stapleton, Cllr G Magee, MK Ward
Cllr D Hosking, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 8 members of the public

Item 1 03/05/16	Election of Chairperson: The clerk asked for nominations, Cllr Rogers proposed Cllr Hatton, seconded by Cllr Small, all others in favour. There were no further nominations.
Item 2. 03/05/16	Election of Vice Chairperson: Cllr Hatton asked for nominations for vice chair and proposed Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Stapleton, all others in favour. Thanks to Keith for accepting this, he will be a very supportive Vice-Chair.
Item 3. 03/05/16	Co-option of new Councillor: We welcomed Esther Potts to the Parish Council and are delighted to have her on our team. Esther signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
Item 4. 03/05/16	Apologies: MK Ward Cllrs K McLean & P Geary, Cllr J Hobbs, apologies accepted.
Item 5. 03/05/16	Declarations of interest: Cllr Magee declared a future interest as a landlord in the village that if and when public houses were discussed he would declare an interest at that time. Other than that, there were no declarations at present but as always, it was resolved to declare any as the meeting progressed.
Item 6. 03/05/16	Scan Reporter: Cllr Hatton agreed to action the SCAN report this month
Item 7. 03/05/16	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5 th April 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.

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<p>Item 8 03/05/16</p>	<p>Planning: Cllr Rogers displayed two planning applications on the projector for all to see. 47 High Street was discussed, as was 3 High Street, there are no adverse comments to either application. Clerk will report this.</p> <p>Cranfield Development (see Ward Councillor's Report)</p>
<p>Item 9. 03/05/16</p>	<p>Consultations with other bodies: None had taken place this month.</p>
<p>Item 10 03/05/16</p>	<p>Ward Councillor's Report Cllr David Hosking apologized for his late attendance and proceeded with the presentation of the report on behalf of all three Ward Councillors. However, he stressed that, due to the forthcoming elections later this week, he had limited information to report.</p> <p>Regarding Plan:MK, with the consultation now closed, Officers are looking at the next stage of the plan, with more consultations expected; the core strategy should be extended over the next few years. Cllr Stapleton asked him if any consultations were underway between MK Council and Cranfield University. Cllr Hoskings said there were conversations underway but would try to find out more. Cllr Stapleton had been speaking to John Street, the Facilities Director at the University and asked Cllr Hoskings if Beds District Council would liaise with MK Council as Cranfield comes under Bedford but has an MK postcode; Cllr Hosking said they would definitely talk to each other.</p> <p>Cllr Hatton advised Cllr Hoskings that she has also been monitoring developments in Cranfield since last year and has asked to be kept informed of any application applied for to enable the Parish Council, especially in light of the new development which is probable on the North Crawley Road, to request a Traffic Management Plan regarding the route for contractors vehicles. She has been in constant contact with Helen Fudge of Hallam Land Management who are the Agents for the Developers and has been advised that a planning application will be going in shortly so we will be carefully watching this.</p> <p>Cllr Hosking confirmed that they had donated £200 from the ward budget to help fund the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.</p>
<p>Item 11 03/05/16</p>	<p>Councillor's Reports: Residential Safety- We still have some bollards outstanding that are promised, but there is concern from MK Council as to whether there is enough width to allow for one or two more bollards. Cllr Rogers agreed to measure the pavement to ensure there would be enough room for pedestrians and mobility scooters, etc. Clearly, something must be done to stop impatient drivers driving along the pavement.</p>

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	<p>Regarding the incident at Wellies Nursery. MKC have agreed to erect two new signs to warn of the bend; rumble strips were not favourable, and a suggestion for Wellies to think about erecting a stronger fence was an option to be considered.</p> <p>This appears to be a good solution and thankfully MK Council have acted within a decent time scale our thanks go to Sue Williams of MKC Traffic Management for the speed within which she has dealt with this incident.</p> <p>Highways- Nothing to report</p> <p>Landscape- Nothing to report</p>																																				
<p>Item 12 03/05/16</p>	<p><u>WI Report</u></p> <p>This was kindly prepared and read out by WI President Pam Pinder, copies available on request from the Clerk.</p>																																				
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	Sage (UK) Limited	£5.00	DDEBIT	Payroll software – May 2016
	R Hatton	£43.57	101853	Reimbursement for refreshments for annual meeting and flowers
<p>All payments include VAT where appropriate</p> <p>RFO Sheila Bushnell agreed to contact Masons with respect to the cleaning of the War Memorial. MK Community Foundation is now chasing this funding due to the time scale.</p>				
Item 14 03/05/16	<p>CHURCHYARD MATTERS</p> <p>Mr D B and Mrs J E Savage –£175 Exclusive Rights fee received. Exclusive Rights Certificate number 186 was signed for Garden of Rest Area 2 – Plot 26.</p>			
Item 15 03/05/16	<p>Website update:</p> <p>Although not yet “live”, the new website is up and running and looking really good, thanks to our RFO’s hard work. It is hoped to go live later this week. The Queen’s birthday celebrations will be added to it as will Parish Council Minutes, Financial Regulations, etc. The IMC hope to have a link to it, as can other organisations.</p>			
Item 16. 03/05/16	<p>Chair’s Allowance:</p> <p>The possibility of having a “Chair’s Allowance” was discussed. BALC had advised that a Chair’s Allowance was a small sum that could be allocated to the Chair to help pay for activities undertaken in the role. For example civic events, gifts for visitors, gifts for retiring councillors, etc. It was agreed that a Chair’s Allowance would be set up of £300 per annum. This would be added to the budget.</p>			
Item 17. 03/05/16	<p>Financial Regulations (amended)</p> <p>These were reviewed and resolved to be in order so they will be adopted.</p>			
Item 18 03/05/16	<p>Neighbourhood Plan update:</p> <p>Following the hand delivery of 375 flyers to the whole village, Cllr Stapleton was thanked for the photocopying of them all, and the Councillors were thanked for delivering them.</p> <p>The clerk had collated a list of ten volunteers to form a committee, and we then needed two volunteers from the Parish Council to join them. Cllrs Potts and Magee offered to take this on and will now contact the volunteers and move forward. Just to confirm, this is not a Parish Council run issue but a village community one. We thank them all for giving up their time and wish them well with this important venture.</p>			

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<p>Item 19. 03/05/16</p>	<p>Councillor's Items: Cllr Stapleton asked if we could consider having something to highlight the entries to the village, similar to the wooden gates recently installed in Cranfield. He offered to look into the issue. He also mentioned that there is an air show in Cranfield on 17th September next.</p> <p>Clerk will ring Cllr Hobbs to enquire who owns the bench on the right hand side bank on Chicheley Road. Apparently it is in a bad state of repair.</p> <p>Cllr Hatton asked Sam Potts, Chair of the IMC, if white lines could be painted on the humps in the Institute car park, as they are barely visible and dangerous in the dark for pedestrians. Sam agreed to look into this.</p> <p>Chequers Lane is still full of pot holes and looking really bad as well as dangerous to invalidity scooters and buggies. This has needed attention for years and indeed, Cllr Hatton has been on the case for as long as that. Cllr Hosking agreed to liaise with Cllr McLean to hopefully reach a solution.</p> <p>It looks hopeful that SCAN will be taken on and will continue. We would all hate to lose it.</p>
<p>Item 20: 03/05/16</p>	<p>Queen's birthday celebrations: North Crawley 1926 style. This is going well, there had been a meeting and lots of fun projects have been agreed. The day looks like being a real success, thanks go to the team involved. There will be another update at the next parish council meeting on 7th June 2016.</p>
<p>Item 21. 03/05/16</p>	<p>Questions from Residents:- A resident reported that the kissing gate at the Slype leading onto Crawley Road is dangerous. Cllr Hatton advised that she had reported it earlier in the week and thought it had been repaired. This will be clarified.</p>
<p>Item 22. 03/05/16</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 9.32pm. All were thanked for their attendance and support.</p> <p><u>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</u></p>

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