

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Present:

Cllr R Hatton (Chair), Cllr K Rogers, Cllr J Small, Cllr F Flower, Cllr T Stapleton, MK Ward Cllr P Geary, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 4 members of the public

Item 1 02/02/16	Apologies: MK Ward Cllrs K McLean & D Hosking, Cllr J Hobbs, apologies accepted.
Item 2 02/02/16	Declarations of interest: None at present.
Item 3. 02/02/16	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 th January 2016 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
Item 4 02/02/16	Scan Reporter: Cllr Rogers agreed to action the SCAN report this month.
Item 5. 02/02/16	Planning: Cranfield developments:- Cllrs Hatton and Small had attended a meeting regarding this issue at Cranfield; we await a traffic management plan before we can move forward. PLAN MK:- This was covered in Ward Councillor's Report to follow..
Item 6 02/02/16	Ward Councillor's Report: Ward Cllr Geary reported on the budget which is up for discussion on 17 th March 2016, Plan MK and the Mineral Local Plan issues (consultation now ended). Most had been covered last month although he reported that a solution had been found concerning the Kitchener Care Centre at Olney. The cuts recommended (despite an increase of 3.95% to our council tax!) are reductions in adult social care, withdrawal of pink sacks to be replaced by reusable wicker bags, thought not to be a brilliant scheme but saving

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	<p>£700,000 p.a. on pink sacks. The green bins will be charged for at £36 p.a. if residents wish to keep them; if not, they will be removed.</p> <p>A saving of £130,000 p.a. is estimated by replacing lights with reflected signs, etc, which is a positive move.</p> <p>A change is introduced by the Parish Partnership Funding – they will be giving grants for capital spending only and not revenue grants. This won't affect us too much as we always apply for capital funding if necessary.</p> <p>PLAN:MK is rolling on with new documents out today making all others obsolete. Jonathan Entwistle is dealing with the sending out of the documents. There is a meeting tonight in Olney and we still have at least until 6th April 2016 to comment. We should contact Anna Rose or/and Carole Mills with any problems. Cllr Geary mentioned that the developers who are looking at east of the M1 for light industrial building had met with the Ward Councillors to discuss proposals and will meet with us in due course. Concerns were raised over documentation in the public domain regarding considerable amounts of land in North Crawley that had been put forward to MKC in 2014 for possible development in a Plan MK Topic Paper – The Way Forward. Cllr Geary felt that we need not be too concerned just yet as Plan:MK Strategic Development Directions Consultation are looking at the four options rather than other potential sites offered etc. It is early days but we need to be vigilant and follow progress closely. Again the public are urged to make their own comments before the deadline and not leave it solely to the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was resolved to have an information meeting in April or May to explain what's going on so far. The date will be planned at the meeting on 1st March 2016. It was stressed that the Parish Council were not aware of the documentation regarding the Plan MK Topic Paper until after the Public Meeting held in the Institute on 6th January.</p>												
<p>Item 7 02/02/16</p>	<p>DOG FOULING:</p> <p>This is increasing in the village particularly in Church Walk; there has been an incident near the school where a child trod in dog mess, which is unpleasant, dangerous and unacceptable. The recreation ground is also being used as a dog toilet which is a problem. A note will be put in SCAN to warn that the offending dog owners will be named and shamed. It was also suggested we ask IMC to erect signs asking dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead in public areas where children play. Cllr Flower will deal with this but it was agreed we will meet the cost of the signs.</p>												
<p>Item 8 02/02/16</p>	<p>FINANCE REPORT – 2 February 2016</p> <p>RECEIPTS:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1809 1401 2029"> <thead> <tr> <th>RECEIVED FROM</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> <th>CHQ/CASH</th> <th>DETAILS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>H W Mason and Sons</td> <td>£175.00</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>Interment fee – Kathleen Stanley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H W Mason and Sons</td> <td>£70.00</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>Additional Inscription fee – Kathleen Stanley</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	CHQ/CASH	DETAILS	H W Mason and Sons	£175.00	Cheque	Interment fee – Kathleen Stanley	H W Mason and Sons	£70.00	Cheque	Additional Inscription fee – Kathleen Stanley
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PAYMENTS:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE	DETAILS
Oxfordshire County Council	£5.00	101831	2 x copies of churchyard extension plans plus P and P
Olney Town Council	£500.00	101832	Contribution towards cost of barrister's letter re MK Strategic Plan
e-mango	£360.00	101833	Set up, design and training re. Parish Council website
The North Crawley Estate	£91.00	101834	Hire of village hall for meetings from April 2015 to March 2016 plus two extra meetings on 14.3.15 and 25.6.15
Sage (UK) Limited	£6.00	Direct Debit	Payroll software – February 2016

PENSION AUTO ENROLMENT

From 1 October 2016, the Parish Council would be legally required to have a pension scheme and to automatically enroll any eligible employees between the ages of 22 and the State Pension Age earning over £833 per month. Currently there were no such employees but a pension scheme did have to be set up as they still had a right to join if they wished to. The Government had set up a pension scheme called the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST). It was agreed that the Parish Council would set up a NEST scheme and that the RFO would action this along with the letters that legally had to be sent to staff.

CHURCHYARD MATTERS

The late Kathleen Stanley – £175 Interment fee received. Re-opening of Grave number 3/176 (Vernon Stanley). Additional Inscription fee (£70) received.

The issue regarding a plot in the Garden of Rest is in the process of being resolved.

RFO S Bushnell reported that, regarding the setting up of our new website, she will be going to Bournemouth for training in March 2016 and will take Minutes, photos, etc with her to hopefully upload whilst training. If all goes well we may be up and running by April 2016. It was agreed to pay for the travel expenses and hotel.

Item 9.**Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

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02/02/16	We still have a vacancy which is included in SCAN this month; it will also be put on the website when up and running.
Item 10. 02/02/16	Vacancy for NAG/SIDS (Speed Indicator Device) Operator. No interest was shown
Item 11. 02/02/16	Projector equipment: Cllr Rogers reported that it would be really useful for the Parish Council to own a projector for meetings. We will be meeting more often with Plan:MK and other issues. He has researched costs and can purchase a reasonable one for approx. £350. Cllr Rogers proposed this purchase, seconded by Cllr Flower, all in favour. We could also benefit from a laptop which Cllr Stapleton kindly offered to provide for our use. Clerk will apply for some help with funding the projector from the Ward Councillor's budget.
Item 12. 02/02/16	Consultations with other bodies: Cllrs Hatton and Small had attended a meeting in Cranfield regarding the proposed Cranfield development, as reported in item 5.
Item 13. 02/02/16	Residential Safety: Highways: Cllr Hatton is waiting to hear from Adrian Carden regarding the issues at Chequers Lane and to complete the safety crossing issues by The Cock. Ward Cllr Geary agreed to chase. It is felt we still need more bollards in the High Street due to vehicles still mounting the pavements. Cllr Hatton agreed to deal with this. Landscape: It was agreed to register the small path behind Bryans Crescent which leads onto the High Street before any work can be started. . We have had quotes in excess of £300 for the work but as a small area it may be that a work party is organized to clear it, once it has been registered. It was noted that we will always support local businesses in the first instance when anything needs doing in the village. The footpath at Brook End and the two manhole issues which the clerk reported on 6 th January 2016 are still outstanding with no update; Ward Cllr Geary offered to chase these items. Lighting: The street light in Nixies Walk has now been fixed. A resident would like an extra light in Kilpin Green; Cllr Hatton will enquire as to the possibility of this although we have been turned down previously. She will also ask Oli Rose to deal with the tree branches that are partially covering the light.

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<p>Item 14. 02/02/16</p>	<p>Councillors Items: Cllr Stapleton encountered a car driving on the pavement at 8.45pm this morning when pulling out of his drive. Luckily there was no child on the path who would have been, at least, seriously injured. He followed the driver and noted his registration number. Clerk will notify Thames Valley Police. This emphasizes the need for extra bollards. Cllr Hatton will contact MK Council and try to arrange a meeting to discuss this issue. Cllr Flower tended his resignation from the Parish Council effective after the meeting in March 2016. He has been an excellent Councillor and has worked very hard, he will most certainly be missed. He has other priorities which is totally understandable. He has, however, kindly offered to be available should we need any help or advice. Two new Parish Councillors are now needed. Cllr Hatton spoke about the Queen’s birthday celebrations. It was suggested that June would be more appropriate than April due to weather and the 4th June, which is a Sunday, seems to be the most popular date. Save avoiding cricket balls! It could be a street party or a picnic with music in the recreation ground with the institute as a back up should it rain. We need to apply for a street closure by 18th March 2016 so need a decision by then; it will be discussed further at the next meeting. Cllr Flower will check Institute availability. Residents are encouraged to let the Parish Council have their views on suggestions on this celebration.</p>
<p>Item 15. 02/02/16</p>	<p>Questions from Residents:- A resident asked if there was a need to extend the space at the graveyard. It is estimated we have enough space for 20/30 years but are looking at other options anyway. She wasn’t aware that dogs had to be kept on leads in the village; the signs state “please keep dogs under control” which is not necessarily the same thing. It was agreed that dogs need to be kept on leads in all areas where children are. They are the on4es who are in danger of disease and even blindness.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.20pm. All were thanked for their attendance.</p> <p><u>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall</u></p>

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