

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 4th July 2017

8/17

Present:

Cllr J Small (Chair), Cllr G Magee, Cllr I Baldwin, MK Ward Cllr P Geary, newly appointed Cllrs L Maclennan, L Fryer, and J Sandall, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 8 members of the public .

Item 1. 04/07/17	Apologies for absence: Cllr J Hobbs, Cllr E Potts, PCSO Arlene Ormston, MK Ward Cllrs K McLean and D Hosking, apologies accepted.
Item 2. 04/07/17	Declarations of interest: None at present
Item 3. 04/07/17	Approval of minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 th June 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.
Item 4. 04/07/17	Scan Reporter: Cllr Small agreed to action the SCAN report this month
Item 5. 04/07/17	Councillor Co-options: The three successful candidates were welcomed to the parish council by the chair, Cllr Small, they introduced themselves and were thanked for their interest and support. It is positive to have such interest recently.
Item 5. 04/07/17	Ringcroft Farm: MK Officer Gavin Treen was not present this evening to give an update, therefore the clerk will chase and report back.
Item 6. 04/07/17	Neighbourhood Plan update . Cllr Magee reported that there had been a few positive changes within the steering group. The public event went very well, and a sub group have compiled a questionnaire which has been agreed and is due to send/deliver to the whole village. They are looking at a deadline of 28 th July 2017 to

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	<p>have them returned to enable the comments to be analysed. IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE DOES COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM – THE RESIDENTS MUST DECIDE!!! There is a questionnaire for everyone in the village over the age of 16 years old. The drop off boxes will be located at the shop and in both pubs. Collection can be arranged if anyone has difficulty in getting them back to these points. The expenses so far incurred are approximately £500 but only £321.55 has been claimed due to donations from the team which is very generous. The costs are being kept as low as possible, the large expenses are to come but a locality grant will be applied for to help with/cover this. Ward Cllr Geary asked that the group be wary of potential problems which may occur during the process.</p>
<p>Item 7. 04/07/17</p>	<p>Ward Councillor’s Report: Cllr Geary updated us on the waste strategy, stating that the tips will not be closing as was considered previously. He told that the proposal to action a charge of £33 p.a. for the green bins to be emptied is being reviewed and won’t happen this year. This had been reported previously but is positive news. The minerals locals plan has been agreed by MK Council but will not affect us here. He reported that Richard Rook, chair of Ravenstone parish council had sadly died recently.</p>
<p>Item 8. 04/07/17</p>	<p>Planning: There were a few applications to be reported on this evening.</p> <p>17/01584/FUL – erection of 1 x 3 bed dwelling house, alteration to existing parking and creation of new access, at 24 High St, North Crawley. This was discussed and was decided to be strongly opposed to due to the size, scale and mass, the change in the street scene if wall removed, the obvious danger of reversing into the highway and being in a conservation area. Clerk to respond with our adverse comments.</p> <p>17/01428/FUL – single storey extension to rear and side, refurbishment to existing roof and facades, demolition of existing single storey south wing and conservatory, at 8 Folly Lane – no adverse comments.</p> <p>17/01516/FUL – two storey rear/side extension and conversion of existing single storey into two storey, at 19 Folly Lane. This was discussed but agreed a site visit would be needed before comments could be made.</p> <p>17/01601/FUL – construction of a residential vehicle crossing to allow access to off street parking. New hardstanding to be provided within curtilage of property. All works to be to the approval of the highways department. At 1 High Street, North Crawley.</p> <p>17/01606/FUL – as above but at 37 High Street</p> <p>17/01607/FUL – as above but at 45 High Street. No adverse comments to last three entries.</p> <p>17/01185/FUL – alterations to external appearance of property, additional window openings, changes to garage door, change location of flue and change of patio doors for bi-fold doors. PERMITTED.</p> <p>Several planning applications were discussed in Cranfield, the latest being</p>

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	300 proposed houses in Wharley End. This would obviously be detrimental to North Crawley due to the extra volume of traffic amongst other issues and will be strongly opposed..																																																												
Item 9. 04/07/17	Neighbourhood Watch: We are hopeful of setting one of these up; Arlene, our new PCSO will help us as long as we get enough interested volunteers. we all need to be vigilant with increasing burglaries and other crimes. If anyone is interested please contact the clerk in the first instance. It was mentioned in SCAN but only recently being delivered so will be repeated. Cllr Sandall offered to put a note on the community page on the website.																																																												
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	Business Ltd			25.2.17 to 21.6.17
	M Chilton	£205.50	101930	Bin emptying and bin bags to 30.6.17
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	G Magee	£321.55	101932	Reimbursement for Neighbourhood Plan expenses
Note: Payments include VAT where appropriate				
CHURCHYARD MATTERS The late Winifred Lee – Interment fee received for Plot number 3/188				
Item 11. 04/07/17	Consultations with other bodies: No meetings had been attended. However, RFO had been contacted by MKALC asking if we wanted to subscribe; after discussion it was resolved to decline as not felt beneficial. She offered to contact them accordingly.			
Item 12. 04/07/17	Residential safety: Highways: Nothing to report. Landscape: The footpath along the fence to the new rectory is still obstructed and overgrown, partly by a tree that has fallen and resting on the fence. Clerk had been told that it would be done in due course by MK Council. It may be worth contacting a resident whose tree it is likely to be. The Pound Lane verges which were reported have been cut.			
Item 13. 04/07/17	Councillor’s Items: Cllr Magee mentioned that the display boards purchased for the NCNP events could be borrowed by other committees such as IMC, Historical Society, etc, as and when needed. Cllr I Baldwin tendered his resignation; he has been unwell recently and wants to spend time on family, etc. He was thanked for his time on the parish council and especially for stepping in when we needed him; we all wish him well.			
Item 14. 04/07/17	Questions from the public A resident asked what the national guidelines are for potholes; is the criteria still 50mm depth to be considered for repair? Clerk will make enquiries, as there seems to be really deep pot holes left unrepaired whilst shallower ones are dealt with, which seems crazy. MK Council do have limited funds to spend on potholes as a result of the budget. Another resident asked about the 300 houses planned for Wharley End. This would have a bad effect on traffic through North Crawley; clerk will contact Central Bedfordshire Council for the details, amongst other planning applications pending for Cranfield village. The question arose about the outstanding work to the churchyard, regarding putting sleepers around the graveled seating area at the bottom			

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	<p>of the cemetery to retain existing graveled area. It was reported that we had a quote for this work in November last year and agreed to go ahead. Clerk will now contact Oli Rose and ask him to do it as soon as possible. Fred Flower enquired who owns the wooden fencing around the play area, which needs repairing or replacing. He agreed to get a quote for this. The next meeting of the IMC is 24th July 2017. It was mentioned that it would be nice to have a parish councilor present on the IMC for reporting back, etc. Cllr Magee offered to take this on, with Cllr Maclellan as back up if he unable to attend at any time. Both were thanked.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.41pm. All were thanked for their attendance and support.</p> <p><u>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</u> <u>Please note we do not meet in August.</u></p>