

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5th January 2016

Present:

Cllr R Hatton (Chair), Cllr D Hunt (Vice Chair), Cllr K Rogers, Cllr J Small, Cllr F Flower, Cllr T Stapleton, Cllr J Hobbs, MK Ward Cllr K McLean, RFO S Bushnell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 6 members of the public

Item 1 05/01/16	Apologies: MK Ward Cllrs P Geary & D Hosking, apologies accepted.
Item 2 05/01/16	Declarations of interest: None at present.
Item 3. 05/01/16	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 st December 2015 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
Item 4 05/01/16	Scan Reporter: Cllr Hatton agreed to action the SCAN report this month.
Item 5. 05/01/16	Planning: 15/02492/FUL:- Erection of outbuilding at 46 High St, permitted. 15/01993/DISCON:- Conditional discharge at 53 Kilpin Green, refused. Cranfield developments:- No update on this. PLAN MK:- This was covered in Ward Councillor's Report to follow. Our PLAN MK meeting in North Crawley is planned for 6 th January 2016 in the Institute. All are urged to attend.
Item 6 05/01/16	Ward Councillor's Report: Ward Cllr Mclean reported that there is a review regarding the library service, a proposal for short term funding to keep libraries open; there may be a request from Newport Pagnell or Olney Town Councils for help with funding, together with other villages. The Kitchener Care Centre for Olney and Weston Underwood are in danger of closing; people want to keep it open as attendees would have to

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go to Simpson therefore having to get up an hour earlier for the extra distance which is not ideal. Ward Cllr Mclean urged us to write and support this issue. There are pages on the website, under Budget Consultation, standard response, to put our comments and concerns forward. Copy in Olneyward@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Minerals Local Plan:- the final consultation is due next week with no significant changes; not directly affecting North Crawley.

There are bus subsidies in the budget, which we need to keep an eye on. Metro Bank is running a trial with Kents Hill Parish Council to see if it could be made easier to change signatories, etc.

It is again Ward Budget time, when our three Ward Councillors will have £1000 each to distribute between their seventeen parishes, if we need any help with funding we are urged to apply when the time comes.

It was resolved to ask for a Traffic Management Plan at the point of planning applications regarding Cranfield developments. The heavy lorries travelling through North Crawley have increased slightly which can only increase once building starts at Cranfield University. We must be proactive with this issue.

Ward Cllr Mclean asked if anyone would like to attend the Mayor's Burns Night on 22nd January 2016, tickets £25, in aid of his two charities, Royal British Legion and Hospital Trust.

PLAN MK:-

Steve Waters, Chair of Moulsoe Parish Council, kindly attended this evening, to join Ward Cllr Mclean in explaining where we are with PLAN MK.

Several meetings had taken place which have been well attended and it was emphasized that we all need to be acting NOW before it is too late and do all we can to protect our villages. Consultation papers showed future developments, one of which is North Crawley, and the developers want to meet this month with the Ward Councillors, to discuss their intentions/proposals.

An action group is up and running led by Phil Ayles of Castlethorpe Parish Council, and we have members with political knowledge who will respond to the consultation.

Replacement papers are due out tomorrow with minor changes put in which were discussed in a meeting, and decision papers stated that it could have been handled better, plus there were defects in the way the planning department is run; advice was sought from a legal representative who recommended to put this in writing to planning. It has been resolved to send a Barrister's letter at a cost of approximately £5000 which is being prepared now and absolutely has to happen. This should alleviate problems that we may encounter later on. The only other option was to go to Judicial Review but was decided against due to the estimated cost of £50,000 at least.

The bulk of the cost will be taken up by Castlethorpe and Olney, with other villages involved contributing various amounts of between £500 and £1000. After discussion, it was agreed to contribute £500 towards the cost of the barrister's letter, etc. It is understood this is a "one off" payment at this stage.

The consultation will now start from January 13th for 12 weeks; there is a

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drop-in fact finding session in Olney on 24th February 2016, details to follow.
 To finish, it was emphasized how important it is at this stage to respond to the consultation, not just Parish Councils and residents also, and Ward Cllr Mclean and Steve Waters suggested we write in with our views on why we do not want our village destroyed and for Residents to add their own personal comments. To help with this, emails will be going out with core ideas. WE MUST ACT NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!!

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FINANCE:
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RECEIPTS:

There were no receipts to report.

PAYMENTS:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE	DETAILS
P Reynolds Nunn	£615.79	101826	Clerk's salary – October to December 2015
S M Bushnell	£206.23	101827	RFO salary – October to December 2015
HMRC	£291.40	Direct Debit	PAYE due on above salaries
		101828	Cheque cancelled
RTM Landscapes Ltd	£351.98	101829	Grass cutting – October 2015 less adjustments for overpayments re Peter's Path
Sage UK Limited	£6.00	Direct Debit	Payroll software – January 2016
M Chilton	£205.50	101830	Bin emptying, etc. to 31.12.15

BUDGET 2016/17:

It was noted that the draft budget for 2016/17 had been discussed in detail at a budget meeting attended by all the councillors and decisions made for each budget heading including the following:

- Expenditure had not been increased significantly in any area and income was budgeted to be similar to the current year
- An amount of £600 was budgeted as a contingency amount
- It was decided to remove the amounts which had been earmarked for the Bollards in the Waste ground and Traffic Calming projects as they were no longer needed. An amount would be included in the budget for the purchase of bulbs, etc.

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	<p>for the memorial garden.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget for landscape maintenance was in line with the amount of the contract, the cost of which had been held for a second year (£3,330). An additional amount was added in case additional cuts were required • Amounts were included for maintenance of the Ford at Broadmead, notice boards maintenance and restoration of the War Memorial. Grants had already been received to contribute towards the cost of the War Memorial. • A budget had been included for the set up and hosting of the Parish Council website and also for the training of the Finance Officer that would be required. A grant from the Transparency Fund was also included as income which would partially offset this cost. • In view of the additional responsibilities and hours required for the management of the new Parish Council website, it was agreed that the Finance Officer's grade would be increased by one point and an additional four hours per month would be paid. The salary would therefore increase to £1,920 from 1 April 2016. • It was also decided at tonight's meeting to pay a one-off amount of £500.00 to the fund that had been set up by Olney Town Council to pay for a barrister's letter to be written to Milton Keynes Council to voice concerns on the Strategic Development of Milton Keynes. Several other local Parish Councils were also contributing to this fund. This would increase the precept amount required by that amount. <p>The draft budget for 2016/17 was approved. Proposed by Cllr Hatton and seconded by Cllr Small.</p> <p>PRECEPT 2016/17:</p> <p>The amount of precept to be levied from Milton Keynes Council was agreed at £12,725.64. Proposed by Cllr Hatton and seconded by Cllr Hunt.</p>
<p>Item 8. 05/01/16</p>	<p>NAG Report: There was no update this evening. However, due to the sad news that Cllr Hunt has resigned, we are now looking for a NAG replacement for him. He has kindly offered to train any volunteers to operate the SIDS in due course.</p>
<p>Item 9. 05/01/16</p>	<p>Residential Safety: Nothing new to report this month apart from the suggestion that more bollards may be needed in the High Street to deter vehicles from mounting the pavement, which appears to be happening on a regular basis. We will contact Phil Sears of MKC and ask an officer to visit to see what can be done to solve the problem. Cllr Hatton is dealing with the Chequers Lane and Nixie's Walk surface problems.</p>

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	<p>Chequer's Lane safety issues have been on hold whilst making the best decision regarding the safety of drivers entering into the High Street. , Cllr Hatton will write to Phil Sears regarding this and will copy Tony Toynton, Head of Highways, who has taken over from David Hall.</p>
<p>Item 10. 05/01/16</p>	<p>Highways: Ward Cllr Mclean suggested the Parish Council write to Tony Toynton, copying Duncan Sharkey, with any issues. Another suggestion for reporting issues is to go on the MKC website, select "Report it" and complete a report form; you will receive an instant response with a reference number to track progress.</p> <p>Landscape:- It was agreed to have RTM Landscapes to crown/trim the plane trees that need attention, at a cost of £175 + VAT; RMT also agreed to obtain planning permission regarding this work. The price of £720 to clear the path behind Bryans Crescent, which is overgrown with moss/grass, was rejected as too expensive, it is possible we could arrange a working party. However, it was agreed to first register the land to the PC, Cllrs Flower and Stapleton will deal with this issue.</p>
<p>Item 11. 05/01/16</p>	<p>Consultations with other bodies: None this month.</p>
<p>Item 12. 05/01/16</p>	<p>Councillors Items: Cllr Flower mentioned the bollards as reported previously. Cllr Rogers reported a manhole cover with the surrounding tarmac broken around it at Brook End, about two tenths of a mile from the Wellies Nursery sign going towards Newport Pagnell. There is a similar problem with a manhole cover along Chicheley Road on the corner with Orchard Way. The footpath to Brook End is overgrown with moss and grass reducing the width of the path considerably. Clerk this report all these issues via the MKC website as advised. Cllr Hunt mentioned the Union Flag is looking tired and needs cleaning or replacing. Cllr Rogers has had an offer of a resident to purchase a new one, but firstly Cllr Hobbs will speak with another villager who usually buys the flags, so as not to cause offence. He will report back. It was proposed that we raise the new flag on 9th April 2016, HRH The Queen's 90th birthday, and ask Mayor and Ward Cllr Keith McLean to do the honours.</p>
<p>Item 13. 05/01/16</p>	<p>Questions from Residents:- It was asked who owns the path at the back of Bryans Crescent as it is in a bad state of repair. As mentioned above in Cllrs items the PC are looking to register it with the Land Registry before any works can commence.</p>

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	<p>Before closing the meeting Cllr Hatton thanked Cllr David Hunt for all his hard work not only within the Parish Council but also for his input and dedication with NAG and SIDS. He will be missed.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.15pm. All were thanked for their attendance.</p> <p><u>The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall</u></p>
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