

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Institute

Present:	Parish Councillors: Steve Garner (in the Chair), G Baxter, Sue Garner, D Harpur, M Hold and J Weatherley Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillor D Hosking One member of the public	ACTION
01/11/2021	Apologies for Absence Councillor T Smith and Ward Councillors K Mclean and P Geary	
02/11/2021	Declarations of Interests: None	
03/11/2021	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 October 2021 were approved.	
04/11/2021	Items from members of the public: There was one member of the public present at the meeting but no issues were raised for discussion at this point.	
05/11/2021	MK East: The Chair reported that, due to a member of the team having to self-isolate, the representatives from St James Consultation had not been able to attend the meeting. They would now attend the December meeting.	
	Matters Arising from the minutes	
06/11/2021	Minute 06/10/2021 Review of North Crawley Conservation Area: The outcome of the Review was still awaited.	
07/11/2021	Minute 08/10/2021 – North Crawley United Charities: The Chair reported that he would present the draft of the agreement to the Parish Council as soon as he had agreed the terms with the United Charities.	Chair
08/11/2021	Minute 09/10/2021 – Footpaths: The Clerk reported that a second letter had been sent to the Crawley Grange Management Committee but no response had been received. Cllr Hold agreed to contact them informally to try to ascertain when a reply could be expected.	MH
09/11/2021	Minute 11/10/2021 - Planning applications at 31 High Street. The Clerk reported that she had contacted MKC to ascertain why the Parish Council's comments on earlier applications at this address had not been uploaded on to the Planning Portal. She had been informed that the planning officer dealing with these applications, who had since left the Council, had omitted to do this in error. The Clerk was however assured that the Parish Council's comments had been taken into account even though they were not uploaded into the public domain.	
10/11/2021	Minute 12/10/2021 Trees in Nixey's Walk: This meeting had not yet been arranged and the Clerk agreed to contact RTM about this again. Re-siting of defibrillator – The Clerk would contact a suitable electrician to carry out this work.	Clerk Clerk

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	<p>IMC minutes on the PC website – The Chair had not received a response from the Chair of the IMC on this matter. In the meantime, it was agreed that the PC IMC representative would pass copies of the minutes to the parish councillors for their information. The minutes would not be uploaded on to the PC website.</p> <p>Cemetery: The Chair reported that the weeds which were growing alongside the perimeter of the church building were outside the area maintained by the PC. Cllr Weatherley agreed to pass this matter on to the Church Council for its attention.</p>	JW
11/11/2021	<p>Ward Councillor’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hosking reported that the meeting to discuss the MK East application would be held on the evening of Tuesday 9 November and would extend into the next evening if necessary. He also said that if anyone wanted to book a three minute slot to speak at the meeting, this had to be lodged by noon on Thursday. Following discussion, it was decided that the Chair would endeavour to book a slot where he would express the concerns that the Parish Council had about the traffic issues the development would have on the village. • Cllr Hosking also reported that a new Interim Head of Highways had been appointed, Graham Cox, who appeared to be keen to understand the highway issues that existed, and in particular those that were long-standing. Cllr Hosking asked for details of any highway issues which he would then pass on to Mr Cox. • He reported that the MK Connect transport system was showing to be more effective in urban areas than in the rural areas of Milton Keynes. The point was made that it was probably not widely used by North Crawley residents as there was still a regular bus service through the village. • Cllr Hosking asked about the current situation on the archery club at Broadmead. The Chair reported that, due to the extension of the permitted days from 28 to 56 until the end of 2021, the monitoring of the situation by the PC had been suspended and would restart in January 2022. 	
12/11/2021	<p>Planning Applications: Application no: 21/03065/FUL - Loft conversion, reinstating staircase access and installation of eyebrow windows (accompanied by 21/03066/LBC) at 26 High Street, North Crawley, Newport Pagnell, MK16 9LH There were no objections to this application</p>	
13/11/2021	<p>Councillors’ Reports: Recreation: The Chair reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Adventure Play Park was now open and a full page spread about it was in the latest edition of Phonebox. • voting was now open for the 2021 Village Champion and votes could be cast by email or by hard copy to the Clerk. • carol singing would be organised in the village on 17 December 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> work on the children's play park would hopefully begin in February/March 2022 and be opened in time for Easter. <p>Footpaths: On behalf of Cllr Smith, the Clerk reported that he was continuing to contact land owners direct regarding problems. The broken stile at Little Crawley and the kissing gate at Church End Slipe was on the landowner's "to do" list. He had also written to the owners of Ringcroft Farm regarding the problem stile off Pinfold Lane to see whether they wanted to repair the stile or install a kissing gate.</p> <p>Cemetery: The Chair reported that he and the Clerk had completed the health and safety check in the cemetery and that this would be repeated in 12 months' time. One of the memorials had to be laid down because it was seriously unstable.</p> <p>Plant trough: Cllr Hold agreed to plant the trough with winter pansies.</p>	MH
14/11/2021	<p>Traffic Issues: The Chair reported that the call for residents to join a working group to look at traffic issues in the village had received a disappointing response. Only one resident so far had expressed an interest in this which was insufficient to form a working group. The PC would await distribution of this month's SCAN, which has another advert for the scheme, to see if a viable group could be formed</p>	
15/11/2021	<p>Play Park Project: The following was noted/agreed:</p> <p>Dog waste bin: The location of the dog bin near Pound Lane was now inappropriate as it was too close to the new adventure play park. It was therefore agreed to remove this bin and purchase a new replacement bin and locate it further away from the play area. The Clerk was asked to take this forward..</p> <p>Maintenance Agreement: A quote had been received from Sovereign for a maintenance plan for the adventure playground equipment. It was agreed that it was essential to have a maintenance plan and that it would be advisable to have this with the installation company, particularly in the early years. The cost of this was £770 and covered a three-year period. It was unanimously agreed to accept this quote and the Clerk agreed to take this forward.</p> <p>Funding Agreement: A Funding Agreement has been received for the grant of £73,964.34 the Parish Council had received from FCC Communities Foundation Limited for the children's play area. It was agreed that this would be signed by the Clerk after she and the Chair were satisfied that it was in order.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/ Chair</p>
16/11/2021	<p>Neighbourhood Plan: The Chair reported that an updated leaflet had just been delivered to all residents to inform them of a late change to one of the sites. The change would increase the total number of dwellings on the site from 15 to 20 with the proviso that sixteen of them would be 2 and 3-bedroom homes. An open event was to be held on 6 November where residents would be able to call in to view displays, speak to members of the Steering Group and also listen to presentations. The Steering Group is keen to obtain feedback from residents on this change to the Neighbourhood Plan prior to the first formal consultation period which will</p>	

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18/11/2021	<p>Churchyard Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The late Dawn Gillian Goff – approval was given to memorial in Garden of Rest (Plot 2/29) The late Colin Mitchell – request received to place a tablet which is a direct replacement for the one currently in place which can no longer be deciphered. Following discussion, it was agreed that the standard £206 memorial fee should be charged for this replacement. 																																																					
19/11/2021	<p>Correspondence and Information Matters:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An email had been received from Ward Cllr Mclean about an amount of £1,000 that had been allocated to each ward councillor to distribute to organisations that needed support due to the impact of the pandemic. It was agreed that there was no knowledge of North Crawley organisations that would require this support. An email had been received from MKC about funding that had been secured from the Forestry Commission’s Local Authorities’ Treescape Fund to plant 400 trees in Milton Keynes to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. It was decided to request one medium sized tree to be planted on the right hand side of Nixeys Walk, opposite the Women’s Institute tree. The Clerk agreed to order the tree from MKC. The Clerk reported that the noticeboard for the rear of the bus shelter had been received. She would arrange for this to be installed by the Village Warden. 	Clerk Clerk																																																				
20/11/2021	<p>Date and time of next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 29 November 2021 (Budget meeting)</p> <p>Monday 6 December 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Institute</p>																																																					

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