

# NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7.30 pm

(Under the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020, this meeting was held using video conferencing)

Present:	Parish Councillors: Steve Garner (in the Chair), Sue Garner, D Harpur and T Smith, J Weatherley (after item 02/03/2020) Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillor P Geary	ACTION
01/03/2021	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Parish Councillor M Hold (received post-meeting), Ward Councillors D Hosking and K Mclean	
02/03/2021	<b>Membership of Parish Council:</b> It was decided to co-opt Jan Weatherley on to the Parish Council (Proposed by the Chair; Seconded by Cllr Smith). Mrs Weatherley was welcomed to the meeting.	
03/03/2021	<b>Declarations of Interests:</b> Cllr Smith declared an interest in Item 8 on the Agenda as he held a minority of shares in Berkeley Developments and Cllr Weatherley declared at interest in Item 14 as she was involved in the Toddler Praise group.	
04/03/2021	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 February 2021 were approved.	
05/03/2021	<b>Items from members of the public:</b> There was three members of the public present at the meeting. One question concerned the need for appointments at the Recycling Centre along the North Crawley Road. Ward Cllr Geary reported that MKC had decided the booking system would remain and that there were no current plans to remove it. It was agreed that other Resident matters would be raised at the appropriate point in the agenda.	
	<b>Matters Arising from the minutes</b>	
06/03/2021	<b>Minute 06/02/2021 Review of North Crawley Conservation Area:</b> The Clerk reported that she understood the results of the review should be known within two months and that an update would be available at the next meeting.	
07/03/2021	<b>Minute 09/02/2021 – Theft of catalytic converter:</b> Cllr Smith reported that there was some CCTV footage available for this crime and that he had received an email from Thames Valley Police to say that this was now a cross-force investigation.	
08/03/2021	<b>Minute 17/02/2020 Bus Service Subsidies:</b> The Clerk reported that MKC had confirmed the C10 bus route was not subsidised and would not therefore be affected by the budget cuts. Residents would however be able to use the new on demand service when the bus was unavailable. Further information as to how this system will work would be publicised when available.	

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09/03/2021	<b>Update from PCSO Arlene Ormston:</b> No update was available as Arlene was not present at the meeting.	
10/03/2021	<b>MK East Development:</b> The Chair reported that he, along with Cllrs Harpur and Smith and the Clerk had attended an online meeting with representatives from St James Consultation who were the main contractors on this development. A pamphlet was due to be delivered soon to all residents which would give more details on this major development. The Chair expressed concern that, whilst road changes were proposed which would protect Moulsoe from much of the resultant traffic, this potentially left North Crawley exposed. He suggested that a proposed Moulsoe bypass road linking J14 of the M1 directly to Cranfield should be fast-tracked and potentially funded by both MKC and Bedford Council. He also suggested that we may need to consider traffic calming measures to reduce the impact of vehicular traffic through the village. Cllr Geary explained that this was a major development which would be under consideration for at least the next six months. Two planning applications would shortly be submitted and the Parish Council should put in a robust and well-constructed response. He confirmed that the Ward Councillors would assist with this.	
11/03/2021	<b>Planning Applications:</b> <b>Application no MK 21/00290/FUL: Proposed two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension at 38 Folly Lane, North Crawley, Newport Pagnell, MK16 9LW</b> - It was agreed that there were no objections to this when viewed as a stand-alone application. However, it was not supported when considered against the planning application for an adjacent detached house on the same plot. Cllr Harpur agreed to contact the Planning Department for further advice before formulating the response. <b>Application no 21/00573/FUL: Proposed outdoor swimming pool and associated single storey out-building containing changing room, plant room, store and sitting area at 4B Brook End, North Crawley, Newport Pagnell, MK16 9HH</b> - The applicant was present at the meeting. She explained, in answer to questions, that the earth from the excavation of the pool would be kept on site and landscaped and that it was possible for construction vehicles to turn round on the site. It was decided that there were no objections to this application as it was sympathetic to the main building and a distance away from Brook End. It should however be emphasised that construction traffic must not travel through the High Street or cause problems on Brook End.	
12/03/2021	<b>Bryans Crescent Car Park:</b> The Clerk reported that a design for the sign had been agreed with MKC and that she would be attending a meeting on site the next morning to discuss the siting of the sign and the repairs to the entrance to the car park.	
13/03/2021	<b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> The Chair reported that unfortunately another member of the Steering Group had resigned. The booklet had been produced and hand delivered to all residents. The Chairwoman of the Steering Group had collated all the responses to the leaflet in one	

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	<p>document which would be considered at a meeting later that week. Other meetings were also being held on the design codes for the various sites and with landowners. It was hoped that residents would be able to vote within the next six weeks on which sites to include in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>In answer to questions posed by a resident, the Chair confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the land known as The Slype had not been put forward for development by the landowner.</li> <li>• having a public meeting to explain the various sites to residents would be welcome but, under current COVID-19 restrictions, this was not possible. It was however important to proceed with the creation of a Plan sooner rather than later because when the proposals included in the White Paper on Planning were introduced, the existence of a Neighbourhood Plan would be essential. He emphasised that all the comments made following the leaflet would be discussed and acted upon and explanations would be given where necessary. Following the decision on which sites to include, there would be more opportunities for residents to have their say and be informed in various ways before the final Referendum took place.</li> </ul>	
14/03/2021	<p><b>Dog Bin Emptying Contract:</b> The Clerk reported that as the Parish Council provided seven dog bins for the use of the public, it had a duty to ensure that the waste was disposed of legally. Following the receipt of two quotes, one for £2.80 per bin empty and the other for £3.25 per bin empty, it was agreed to accept the contract with Marcus Young Environmental to empty the bins weekly at £2.80 per bin.</p>	
15/03/2021	<p><b>North Crawley Play Park Committee:</b> Following the decision made at the Budget Meeting, the payment of a grant to this Committee of £2,000 using funds from the H1 bank account was approved (Proposed by the Chair and Seconded by Cllr Smith). The proposal was approved unanimously. The funds would be used towards improvements to the existing play area and also for the area by the MUGA and the mound.</p>	
16/03/2021	<p><b>Toddler Praise Group:</b> It was reported that a request has been received from this group for help with funding due to the lack of donations received during the COVID-19 restrictions. It was agreed to approve a grant of £50 towards the cost of materials (Proposed by the Chair and Seconded by Cllr Smith). The proposal was approved unanimously.</p>	
17/03/2021	<p><b>Councillors' Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Highways:</b> Cllr Harpur had reported several potholes to MKC.</p> <p><b>Seat Replacement:</b> A discussion took place as to whether to replace the seat on the High Street which had recently been removed for health and safety reasons. It was agreed to replace it but that this would be deferred until decisions had been made on Neighbourhood Plan sites as this location for a seat might not be feasible.</p> <p><b>Signs on Bus Shelter:</b> It had previously been agreed to amend the sign on the reverse of the bus shelter and to add a board to display the North</p>	

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	<p>Crawley map. Cllr Sue Garner and the Clerk agreed to meet on site to discuss this.</p> <p><b>Green Roof on Bus Shelter:</b> Cllr Sue Garner had received a question from a resident on this matter. It was agreed that it was not a practical idea due to the cost of installation and maintenance and also the effect on the structure of the roof and the bus shelter due to the weight of the green roof.</p> <p><b>Wild Flowers in Nixeys Walk:</b> The Chair reported that the ground was nearly prepared and that 5kg of seeds at a reasonable cost of £154.99 had been purchased for scattering by the school children at the appropriate time.</p> <p><b>IMC:</b> The Chair, as IMC representative, reported that no meetings had taken place due to current restrictions and that a new Hon Treasurer was being sought as the current Treasurer had moved away from the village.</p> <p><b>Footpaths:</b> Cllr Smith reported that there had been some good progress with MKC. The Crawley Grange route, which was a dead end, was being investigated, he was to be sent some way marker signs to put up where necessary and advice had been received on the possibility of creating a permissive path at Swan's River. The provision of kissing gates was however taking a long time. Ward Cllr Geary agreed to mention this to the officer concerned.</p>																																																					
18/03/2021	<p><b>Ward Councillor's Report:</b> Ward Cllr Geary reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ward councillors were attempting to get more clarity on the on-demand transport arrangements</li> <li>• The main issue they would be dealing with over the next six months would be the MK East development</li> <li>• The MKC budget had been approved which amounted to an increase of 2.5%</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked the Ward Councillors for awarding the £400 grant for the book swap unit which he was sure would be a great addition to the village.</p>																																																					
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	It was agreed that physical meetings would be held as soon possible and would be in line with any guidance in force at the time.	
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