

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 7.30 pm

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

Present:	Parish Councillors: R Hatton (in the Chair), Steve Garner, Sue Garner, D Harpur and T Smith Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillors D Hoskin; K McLean (from Item 23/07/2020) Two members of the public including a representative from Lone Star Land Ltd	
01/07/2020	Apologies for Absence Parish Councillors M Hold and G Ridgeley Ward Councillor P Geary PCSO C1018 Arlene Ormston	
02/07/2020	Declarations of Interests: None	
03/07/2020	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 June 2020 were approved.	
04/07/2020	Items from members of the public: The Chair asked members of the public for any items that they would like to be discussed at the meeting or to be considered by the Council. There were none.	
	Matters Arising from the minutes	
05/07/2020	Minute 06/06/2020 Bryans Crescent car park: The Clerk had followed up this matter with MKC but no response had been received. She would contact MKC again.	Clerk
06/07/2020	Minute 08/06/2020 – Installation of mirror: The Clerk had contacted Arlene Ormston for accident statistics but no response had yet been received.	Clerk
07/07/2020	Minute 09/06/2020 – Churchyard matters: A meeting would be arranged in due course to discuss issues in the churchyard/cemetery.	Clerk
08/07/2020	Minute 10/06/2020 – Brook End pavement crossing: The Clerk had followed up this matter with MKC but no response had been received. She would contact MKC again.	Clerk
09/07/2020	Minute 13/06/2020 – Milton Keynes Play Association: The Chair reported that another email had been received from MKPA to say that they were definitely taking bookings for play sessions during the summer. There were several issues concerned with this such as risk assessments, the Institute remaining closed until September, difficulty in effective social distancing, etc. It was therefore agreed that, reluctantly, no sessions would be booked this year but that, if possible, efforts would be doubled next year by booking extra sessions. MKPA would be informed of this decision.	Clerk

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10/07/2020	Minute 15/06/2020: 20/01185/LBC – Proposal: Installation of garage door and rebuild of brick pillar. Removal of brick pillar inside garage with roof to be support by RSJ (re-submission of 20/00831/FUL) at 1 Crawley Grange, Pound Lane, North Crawley: Application still under consideration by MKC.	
11/07/2020	Minute 16/06/2020: 20/01090/LBC – Proposal: Listed building consent for conversion of existing attached garage to a habitable space and modifications internally, the covered lobby and area to the rear of the garage at 8 High Street, North Crawley: Application approved by MKC.	
12/07/2020	Minute 17/06/2020: 20/01042/FUL – Proposal: Erection of a 5.4 x 3.6 m barn with a canopy for the storage of fleece and for the preparation of fleece at Goodman’s Field, Brook End North Crawley: Application approved by MKC.	
13/07/2020	Minute 18/06/2020: 20/00923/FUL – Proposal: Erection of two dwellings (resubmission of 19/02490/FUL) at 7 Folly Lane North Crawley: Application still under consideration by MKC.	
14/07/2020	Minute 19/06/2020: 20/00905/TPO - Proposal: Conifer nearest house (front) - Remove and grind stump; Conifer nearest roadside - Crown raise by 2m at Devox House 7 High Street North Crawley: Application still under consideration by MKC.	
15/07/2020	Minute 22/06/2020: Refuse bins by the MUGA: The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from MKC that it was responsible for maintenance of the MUGA and also for servicing the two adjacent refuse bins. Cllr Hoskin suggested that the Clerk wrote to MKC to ascertain the schedule of frequency for emptying the bins so that this could be monitored.	Clerk
16/07/2020	Minute 23/06/2020: Annual Accounts 2019/20. The Clerk reported that the accounts had been published on the website and the notice board along with details of the period of public inspection.	
17/07/2020	Minute 27/06/2020 Trees: Nixey’s Walk: The Clerk had written to RTM Landscapes about this but no reply had yet been received. This would be chased. Tree on PC/Institute land: The Clerk had written to the resident concerned. Planning: Application no: 20/01201/TCA: Remove spruce in back garden - Remove Silver Birch (smallest one) - Reduce by 2m the 3 x remaining Silver Birch trees at Devox House, 7 High Street, North Crawley - The comments of the Parish Council (Minute 27/06/2020 refers) had already been sent to MKC relating to the original application. Notification had been received from MKC that this resubmitted application had been refused.	Clerk
18/07/2020	Update from PCSO Arlene Ormston: There was no report as Arlene was not present at the meeting. No-one was aware of any issues to report.	

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19/07/2020	<p>Update on Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a vacancy for a Parish Council representative on the Steering Group. It was resolved that Cllr Steve Garner would be appointed to this role (Proposed by Cllr Hatton, seconded by Cllr Smith). • The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from James Sandall resigning from the Steering Group with immediate effect. The reason for this was the recent unsuccessful appeal in Olney. It appeared that the wishes in Olney's Neighbourhood Plan had been overlooked by the Inspector who had approved a 48-dwelling housing development on a particular site. He felt that this decision had undermined the neighbourhood planning process and its ability to control development. He also cited other examples of where neighbourhood plans had been overlooked. This resignation was received with regret. • Cllr Hoskins explained that the Olney application had been refused by MKC and that it had then subsequently been approved by the Inspector. He did not however feel that this particular decision meant that North Crawley should not have a Neighbourhood Plan as these plans still had validity in many cases. It was agreed that work should continue towards formulating a new plan to go to referendum, if possible, in May 2021 and that it was important the momentum that had existed before lockdown was not completely lost. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would write to the secretary of the Steering Group to arrange a meeting with the two Parish Council representatives on the Group (Cllr Steve Garner and Cllr Harpur) to discuss the way to take this matter forward without any further delay. 	Clerk																																				
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21/07/2020	<p>Review of Policies: The following policies were reviewed and approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Regulations • Risk Assessment • Standing orders • Members’ Code of Conduct • Complaints policy • Equality and Diversity policy • Publication Scheme <p>Further consideration would be given to the Freedom of Information Policy at the next meeting.</p>																									
22/07/2020	<p>Churchyard Matters: There was nothing to report.</p>																									
23/07/2020	<p>Councillors’ Items:</p> <p>Highways – Cllr Hatton raised the question of the re-surfacing of Nixey’s Walk which she had understood was included in the MKC programme for 2020/21. Ward Cllr Hoskin suggested that Davina Millership should be contacted about this.</p> <p>Landscape – Cllr Sue Garner raised the question of the windows in the bus shelter as they needed to be cleaned. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask M Chilton if this could be added to the work he does for the Council and at what cost. The bus shelter would also benefit from a coat of stain. The Chair reported that this had been carried out around two years previously by a Parish Council working party.</p> <p>Recreation and Community Development – Cllr Steve Garner queried whether the Steering Group was intending to send out another questionnaire to residents; if so he would like to add some questions on possible activities in the community. Cllr Harpur did not think it was the intention to run another questionnaire. The ward councillors stated that neighbourhood plan questionnaires should be used as a vehicle to get views of residents on general community aspects in addition to housing and planning questions. Cllr Steve Garner had recently met with the chair of the IMC and they had a useful discussion on the organisation of possible community activities.</p> <p>Rural Paths – Cllr Smith reported that he had walked all the paths in the parish area and had circulated to other councillors the details of the problems he had found. These problems would be taken up with MKC and/or landowners as appropriate in due course. He</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p>																								

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	<p>hoped to be able to get a scanned copy of the map showing North Crawley paths on the website soon along with notes on historic walks.</p> <p>It was reported that the plank bridge over the ditch near the MUGA had become a trip hazard. Cllr Steve Garner had done a temporary job to improve it but it was possible that the planks would need to be replaced. Cllr Smith agreed to look at the bridge and report back at the next meeting. There was also the question as to whether or not it was on IMC land and the Chair agreed to investigate this.</p>	<p>TS Chair</p>
<p>24/07/2020</p>	<p>Ward Councillors' Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste and Recycling Centre - Councillor Hoskin reported that there were still problems with the appointment system at the tip which MKC officers were trying to solve. The question as to why it could not be open from 8 am to 8 pm as before had also been raised by councillors. • The household waste system was also not working satisfactorily; this was due to staff illness but was also systemic. He asked that the ward councillors were told about missed collections as they now had access to a monitoring report which they would be able to check against. Cllr Maclean said that missed collections potentially happened if someone was absent who had experience of a certain route. Staffing levels were however reasonable. • There was still evidence that some areas had not received their annual re-cycling sack supply. The ward councillors requested that this information was sent to them so that this could be resolved. • The decision to close Newport Pagnell High Street when the shops re-opened had caused chaos. Thanks were expressed to those residents who complained about this so that the street was opened again after a few days. • HIF Bid – It was reported that the Leader of the Council was intending to take the decision to accept this funding on 28 July. This was a risky strategy as there were many conditions that should be met first and there was a danger that any funds received might be clawed back. The ward councillors were continuing to object to this course of action. • Wheelie Bin pilot scheme – It was reported that the wheelie bin trial which had been due to start in July had been cancelled. This was because the trial would be expensive to run but it was understood that a public consultation would however be carried out in due course on the possible transfer to a wheelie bin system. Time was however of the essence as decisions had to be made in good time before the current contract expired. • Ringcroft Farm – Cllr Maclean reported that he was encouraging the Enforcement Officer to take pre-emptive action at this site if 	

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	necessary. He asked councillors to inform him if they noticed activity which was of concern.	
25/07/2020	Correspondence and information matters: The Clerk reported that she had received a request to join the MK Association of Local Councils. It was agreed that, as the Parish Council was a member of NALC and BALC, membership of MKALC was not necessary.	
26/07/2020	Membership of the Parish Council: The Chair informed members that she was intending to resign from the position of Chair at the September meeting and also as a parish councillor once a replacement bank signatory had been arranged.	
27/07/2020	Date and time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1 September 2020 at 7.30 pm via video conferencing	

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