

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 December 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Institute

Present:	Parish Councillors: Steve Garner (in the Chair), G Baxter, Sue Garner, D Harpur, M Hold, T Smith and J Weatherley Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillor K McLean	ACTION
01/12/2022	Apologies for Absence Ward Councillors P Geary and D Hosking; PCSO Arlene Ormston	
02/12/2022	Declarations of Interests: None were declared at this stage.	
03/12/2022	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 November 2022 were approved.	
04/12/2022	Items from members of the public: There were no members of the public present at the meeting.	
05/12/2022	<p>Update from the PCSO: Arlene Ormston was not at the meeting but had sent the following information via email: Crime statistics 7.11.22 – 2.12.22 North Crawley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x public order offences Little Crawley – Nothing reported <p>She had also sent the following crime prevention advice for the darker nights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't make your home an easy target for burglars this winter - turn a light on • Make your house look occupied when you are out - use a light timer switch • Shut and lock doors and windows when a room is unoccupied • Don't leave any keys near to your letterbox or cat flap where a burglar can hook them out • Valuable items including laptops, game consoles and jewellery should be kept out of sight • Security mark all valuables with your postcode and keep a record of the property • Register items such as mobile phones, sat navs, jewellery, game consoles for free with www.immobilise.com • Join a local Neighbourhood Watch Group • For more info, visit www.safermk.com <p>It was agreed that this information would be put on the PC website.</p>	Clerk
06/12/2022	Waste and Recycling: It was confirmed that the MKCC Information Event on the new system would be on Saturday	

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	11 February 2023 starting at 10 am. This would be advertised nearer the time.	
	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting	
07/12/2022	Minute 11/11/2022 Ford at Broadmead: The work carried out by Cllr Harpur at the Ford was acknowledged as being excellent and would be effective in improving access. He was applauded for this work. It was acknowledged that some of the stones might migrate into the ford and this would need to be monitored and maintenance carried out if required.	
08/12/2022	Minute 12/11/2022 1 High Street – dropped kerb: It was noted that the dropped kerb had now been installed. The Clerk read out an email received from Planning Enforcement which indicated that the permission given for this dropped kerb by Highways was being reviewed. There was also an issue about a rear access on to Violets Close but this would need either a certificate of lawful development or a planning application before this could be installed. It was understood that the site owner had been informed of this requirement.	
09/12/2022	Minute 14/11/2022 Village Champion 2022: Two nominations had received equal votes and it was decided to make a joint award. The names of the recipients would be publicised in due course.	
10/12/2022	Minute 22/11/2022 MKCC Cost of Living Winter Plan: Further discussion took place on this matter and it was again difficult to formulate an actual plan. However, it was decided that the Clerk would apply for the funding from MKCC and that the amount would be ringfenced to be used appropriately when need had been established. Further thought would be given as to what could be achieved in North Crawley.	Clerk
	Ward Councillor’s Report	
11/12/2022	Ward Councillor McLean reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bridges in Newport Pagnell and Tyringham had now been reopened following completion of the repair/restoration work. • Brook End: There was no further news on when the Public Inquiry might take place. Planning Enforcement had requested information to be sent to them of any activity at the site that was causing any concerns. • Refuse/Recycling contract – the delegated decision on the letting of this contract was due imminently. 	
	Planning Applications:	
12/12/2022	Central Bedfordshire application number CB/22/04299/OUT: Proposed development on land north of Cranfield Airport, College Road, Cranfield by Marshall Aerospace: Although it was acknowledged that this application would hopefully not have a serious detrimental effect on North Crawley, it was agreed to	

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	write to Central Bedfordshire expressing the concerns about increased traffic movements through the village during construction and also when/if the development reached its full capacity.	Clerk
	Councillors' Reports	
13/12/2022	<p>IMC: The Chair reported that he had attended the AGM of the IMC at which a new Chair was appointed – Mark Rowe. Items that were discussed at the meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the path from the Play Park but the installer had confirmed that it complied with the specification • A request for the Parish Council to pay for the installation of a No Parking Sign. This was approved. 	
14/12/2022	<p>Community Events: It was agreed that a village get-together would be held on Sunday 7 May 2023 for the King's Coronation. Details would be confirmed in course.</p>	
15/12/2022	<p>Carol Singing: The Chair reported that this would take place on 16 December 2022.</p>	
16/12/2022	<p>Footpaths: Cllr Smith reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New marker posts would be installed on Footpath 18. • He had attended the MKCC Local Access Forum. • A Rights of Way plan for the period to 2030 was being formulated by MKCC. • MKCC had difficulties with some Parish Councils not taking sufficient interest in their footpaths. Cllr Smith had been asked to prepare a paper on the work he had done in North Crawley and the Clerk was asked to circulate this amongst other PC Clerks to hopefully raise awareness. • There was now a complete list of paths in North Crawley with their landowner contact details 	
17/12/2022	<p>Neighbourhood Plan: The Chair reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was now at the Referendum Stage and that this would take place on 26 January 2023. Further details would be on the Parish Council website and would also be circulated to residents.</p>	
18/12/2022	<p>Traffic Issues: Cllr Harpur confirmed that there seemed to be nothing further that could be achieved by the Traffic Working Group at the present time. It was therefore decided that the Group would be disbanded and thanks passed on to all those who had taken part in its work. The Chair also reported that an email had been received from Sherington Parish Council about the possibility of some joint working as far as traffic speed monitoring was concerned. This was being explored.</p>	

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		Finance Matters				
19/12/2022						
		AMOUNT	METHOD	DETAILS		
	RECEIPTS:	-	-	-		
	PAYMENTS:					
	Sage UK Ltd	£8.40*	Direct Debit	Payroll software – December 2022		
	North Crawley IMC	£52.00	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute – PC meetings – November 2022		
	North Crawley IMC	£14.00	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (Bingo))		
	North Crawley IMC	£52.00	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (NC School)		
	North Crawley IMC	£39.00	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (Historical Society)		
	Derek Harpur	£578.75*	Bank transfer	Reimbursement for materials bought for work to the Ford		
	* Payment includes VAT					
20/12/2022	Budget 2023/2024: A meeting had been held on 15 November at which the budget for the next year had been discussed in detail. The Chair raised the issue of the amount agreed in the draft budget for cemetery income (£6,000). He suggested that this amount should be reduced to £4,000. The expenditure of the PC had increased in the current year, for example the grass cutting contract, and this had in effect been subsidised by a high level of cemetery income. As this high level could not be relied upon in future years, it was agreed to reduce the cemetery income to £4,000 which should be likely.					
21/12/2022	Insurance: It was decided to obtain a quote from BHIB Councils Insurance in addition to the current insurers when the policy came up for renewal in 2023.					Clerk
22/12/2022	Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Institute.					

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