

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 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 Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillor D Hosking (left meeting after Item 17/02/2021) PCSO C1018 Arlene Ormston	ACTION
01/02/2021	Apologies for Absence Parish Councillor M Hold, Ward Councillors P Geary and K Mclean	
02/02/2021	Membership of Parish Council: It was reported that no-one had come forward to fill the two current vacancies.	
03/02/2021	Declarations of Interests: No declarations of interest were made.	
04/02/2021	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 January 2021 were approved.	
05/02/2021	Items from members of the public: There was one member of the public present at the meeting.	
	Matters Arising from the minutes	
06/02/2021	Minute 06/01/2021 Review of North Crawley Conservation Area: The Clerk reported that details of the result of the review had not yet been received.	
07/02/2021	Minute 09/01/2021 Parish Council noticeboard: It was confirmed that refurbishment of the noticeboard had now been completed and that it would now be formally handed over to the school for its use.	
08/02/2021	Minute 10/01/2021 The Cock Inn: It was reported that the hanging baskets had now been removed.	
09/02/2021	Update from PCSO Arlene Ormston: Arlene reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That there had unfortunately been two crimes committed during January – the theft of a catalytic converter in North Crawley and the theft of oil from Little Crawley. There was no useful CCTV footage for either crime so far. • She had received reports about 5-6 cars congregating in the Institute car park every night and she asked for residents to let her know if they noticed anything but she stressed that the people concerned must not be approached. • She had received reports about a recovery vehicle being parked in Orchard Way and asked for residents to let her know if an obstruction was being caused as a result. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern had been expressed to her about a resident who frequently walked along the North Crawley Road, often in the dark. He had been provided with a Hi-Vis jacket for his own safety and that of motorists. • She was concerned about a large pothole along the High Street which, although marked for repair, had been in existence for a long time and was very dangerous to motorists. The flood along the same stretch of road was also a hazard. It was thought that this was caused by drains being blocked, often by debris being washed down from the fields. It was agreed that both these items would be followed up with MKC. 	
10/02/2021	<p>Planning Applications: Application no: 21/00143/FUL - A single detached two storey dwelling within the garden of an existing domestic property at 38 Folly Lane, North Crawley - It was agreed that this application could not be supported as it was understood that the land was designated as being in open countryside, the land was outside the settlement boundary for North Crawley and a Neighbourhood Plan was currently in the process of being prepared.</p>	
11/02/2021	<p>Bryans Crescent Car Park: The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with MKC and that work on producing a sign for the entrance to the car park would shortly be started. The Clerk would monitor this.</p>	Clerk
12/02/2021	<p>Neighbourhood Plan: The Chair reported that a meeting of the Steering Group had been held on 28 January at which the consultant's report was discussed. The report provided an objective assessment of the suitability of sites based on current local and national planning policy. MKC planning department had reviewed the consultant's report and, whilst proposing some minor amendments and clarifications, agreed that "assessment has a robust methodology, is thorough and has been carried out by experienced professionals" and "in the same manner that MK Council would conduct such an exercise". MKC had no concerns with the conclusions of the assessment and the categorisation of the sites. Some members of the Steering Group felt strongly that a few of the rejected sites could potentially have been suitable for development. However, it was also accepted that the Steering Group did not possess the technical expertise and in-depth planning knowledge that the consultants have. The Steering Group supported the acceptance of the consultant's report (5 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention). It was resolved (proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by the Chair) to ratify the Steering Group's decision to accept the consultant's report and to proceed on that basis to the next stage of the process. Unfortunately, following the meeting on 28 January, one of the members of the Steering Group had resigned. It was also reported that a leaflet for residents would be distributed before the end of February.</p>	
13/02/2021	<p>Post of Village Warden: The Clerk reported that an application had been received for this post from a resident of North Crawley. Following email consultation with councillors, the Chair and Clerk had interviewed and had</p>	

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	<p>offered the post to him which he had subsequently accepted. It was therefore decided to appoint to this post at a salary of £1,043.89 per annum for 2 hours per week.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the correct disposal of waste from dog bins and the Clerk agreed to investigate this matter further.</p>	Clerk
14/02/2021	<p>North Crawley Village Shop: The Chair reported that a celebration for the 100 year birthday could not take place at the present time due to the current restrictions. However, this would hopefully happen later in the year.</p>	
15/02/2021	<p>North Crawley Village Champions 2020: Due to COVID-19, it had not been possible to hold the usual Village Champion event during 2020 based on resident nominations. The Parish Council had therefore decided to make awards for 2020 to Pardeep in the Village Shop and also to Gary and Tracy from the Chequers in recognition of their work to support residents during this difficult year. The Chair and Cllr Smith would make presentations on 4 February. Arrangements would however be made in due course to request nominations from residents for the Village Champion for 2021.</p>	
16/02/2021	<p>Councillors' Reports:</p> <p>Streetscape: It had previously been suggested to place a sign on the reverse of the bus shelter concerning the use of the Wasteground for parking. Cllr Sue Garner would send the suggested text of a notice round to councillors for their consideration prior to a sign being ordered.</p> <p>Landscape: The question of planting daffodils and snowdrops on Kilpin Green was discussed. It was agreed this would take place at the appropriate time of year and that the support of residents with planting would be encouraged.</p> <p>Playpark: The Chair reported that the committee work was continuing to apply for grants and that he would be attending its next meeting.</p> <p>Footpaths: Cllr Smith was continuing to report footpath problems and queries to MKC but he was concerned that the Rights of Way email address which he had been encouraged to use, was often full and emails were not getting through. Ward Councillor Hosking suggested that Cllr Smith contacted Nick Hannon at MKC for advice on this matter.</p>	
17/02/2021	<p>Ward Councillor's Report:</p> <p>Flooding: Ward Cllr Hosking reported that, although there had been some flooding in and around North Crawley and surrounding villages, the worst affected villages were Lavendon and Ravenstone where several houses had been flooded. A Section 19 Flood Assessment had taken place which looked at the problems that existed and how to mitigate them. North Crawley had not been included in this report but a watching brief would be kept on the flooding problems in the area.</p> <p>Bus Service Subsidies: MKC was taking £750k out of the budget for bus subsidies and transferring over to an on-demand service. The effect of this on the bus service through North Crawley was discussed and the Clerk was asked to identify what bus service was currently available to North</p>	Clerk

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	Crawley and to ascertain the position on whether or not it was currently a subsidised service.																																					
18/02/2021	Financial Support for IMC: The Chair reported that he had discussed the new scheme with both the Chair of the IMC and the Bookings Officer who were both supportive of it. Assurances had been given that the new system would be reviewed by the Parish Council each year and that the previous grant system would be reinstated should the future financial situation of the IMC warrant this.																																					
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20/02/2021	<p>Churchyard Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The late Marjorie Mabel Walton – Interment fee of £240 received for Plot 3/136 The late Patricia Ellen Currie - Exclusive Right of Burial Fee. Fee of £200 received for GOR Plot 2/28 – Exclusive Right Certificate No 196 																																					
21/02/2021	Meetings with Other Organisations: It was reported that the Chair and Cllr Harpur would shortly be attending a webinar on “Next steps for Planning Reform” organised by the TCPA (Town and County Planning Association).																																					
22/02/2021	Correspondence and information matters: The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the St James Group, who were the principal developers for the MK East development, inviting the Parish Council to attend an on line information meeting, possibly along with neighbouring parish councils. It was agreed that this would be worth pursuing and the Clerk agreed to look into this further.	Clerk																																				
23/02/2021	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom																																					

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