

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Institute

Present:	Parish Councillors: Steve Garner (in the Chair), L Butterworth (after Minute 04/2024/04), D Harpur and T Smith Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell	ACTION
04/2024/01	Apologies for Absence Parish Councillors N Kearney and J Weatherley; PCSO Arlene Ormston; Ward Councillors P Geary and K McLean (received after the meeting)	
04/2024/02	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 March 2024 were approved.	
04/2024/03	Items from members of the public: There were no members of the public present.	
04/2024/04	Membership of the Parish Council: The Clerk reported that, following the notification of the Casual Vacancy, an election had not been called for and so co-option on to the Council could take place. After the last meeting, a resident, Laura Butterworth, had expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. Laura subsequently met with the Chair to discuss the role following which she circulated a brief "bio" to the PC outlining her background and interest in the role. It was decided to co-opt her on to the Council with immediate effect (Proposed by the Chair, Seconded by Cllr Smith).	
04/2024/05	Update from the PCSO: Arlene Ormston was not at the meeting but had reported via email that, for the period 29/02/2024 – 02/04/2024, there had been no recorded crime in North Crawley or Little Crawley.	
	Ward Councillors' Reports	
04/2024/06	There were no Ward Councillors present at the meeting.	
04/2024/07	Brook End Nurseries Site: The Public Inquiry had recommenced on 19 March 2024 and the Clerk had attended on the first day and the Chair on the morning of 20 March 2024. The meeting was beset with IT problems at the venue which were exacerbated by the barrister for MKCC having to join online rather than in person. As a result, it was agreed to adjourn the Inquiry again until the 3, 4 and 9 September 2024.	
	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	
04/2024/08	Minute 03/2024/09 Play Areas: The Clerk had chased this, but no response had yet been received. She would continue to monitor this.	Clerk

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04/2024/09	Minute 03/2024/10 Damaged footpath in Church Walk: The Clerk understood that this work would be carried out later in the week.	Clerk
04/2024/10	Minute 03/2024/11 Wasteground sign: The Clerk understood that this planning application would be determined at the end of April.	
04/2024/11	Minute 03/2024/12 Road Safety: An email had just been received from MKCC Road Safety to confirm that the funding for the school crossing attendant had been approved but that the school had not yet confirmed whether it wished to go ahead with this. The Clerk would contact the School to ascertain the situation.	Clerk
04/2024/12	Minute 03/2024/13 Solor Panels for SIDS: The Chair reported that the company fitting the solar panels had since confirmed that the four poles were not high enough to be able to accommodate the panels. It was disappointing that this possibility had not been communicated before the order was raised. The company had confirmed that it was unable to extend the poles and so the order had been cancelled. It was agreed to investigate whether the poles could be extended, and the Clerk agreed to contact MKCC in the first instance as it had originally installed them.	Clerk
04/2024/13	Minute 03/2024/14 Defibrillator: The Clerk reported she had found a company that was prepared to pay £150 for the old defibrillator which would then be refurbished and sold on.	Clerk
04/2024/14	North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan: The Chair reported that the next meeting of the Implementation Group (IG) was scheduled to take place on 18th April but might be postponed if the planning application for H4/5 had not been resubmitted or the application for H3 submitted. It was also agreed that the quorum as stated in the Terms of Reference of the IG would be amended to three rather than five.	
04/2024/15	Planning: The following planning application had been received: 24/00559/HOU- The demolition of existing front porch, and erection of a part two storey, part single storey front extension with roof windows, new front veranda and replacement of windows and doors on front, rear and side elevations at 12 High Street, North Crawley: No objection.	
	Councillors' Reports:	
04/2024/16	Highways: Cllr Harpur reported that work had recently been carried out by MKCC on the flooded area on the Cranfield Road and he thought that the problem had now mostly been solved as water was running into the ditch. He also mentioned two serious potholes in the High Street which he had reported.	
04/2024/17	August Fun Day: The Chair reported that he had begun the preliminary work on organising the Fun Day. He had paid £95 to	

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	secure the hire of a bouncy castle and was also considering £30 for a large ball pool. These two expenditures were approved.																																																																					
04/2024/18	Footpaths: Cllr Smith reported that a new kissing gate would soon be installed on Footpath 20 behind Church Farm.																																																																					
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04/2024/20	Cemetery Matters: The late Joyce Kathleen Stanton – Additional inscription to memorial approved – 3/131.																																																																					
04/2024/21	Adventure Playground: A quotation had been received from Sovereign for the installation of Grassguard tiles around the steel slide (£1,009 plus VAT). It was agreed to accept this quote as this work would help to protect the area around the slide.	Clerk																																																																				
04/2024/22	Playground Inspections: The Clerk reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft of a sign to be put on both playground areas had been circulated and this was approved. The Clerk would arrange for the sign to be made. She had attended an online meeting with Phillip Snell from MKCC about inspection of the play areas. He had confirmed that, along with all other playground areas in MK, MKCC would continue to carry out inspections but would liaise with the Clerk if it was considered that any work was necessary. 	Clerk																																																																				

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	<p>The Parish Council, as owner of the equipment, would continue with its current regime of visual, quarterly and annual inspections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the MKCC sign on the children’s play area would be removed. 	Clerk
04/2024/23	<p>Cemetery paths: The Chair and the Clerk had recently inspected the paths in the cemetery and felt that some remedial work was required in some areas. It was agreed that Cllr Harpur would also inspect and report back on his findings.</p>	DH
04/2024/24	<p>Young Fun Draw: This took place and number 38 was the winner. The £30 prize would be delivered by the Clerk.</p>	
04/2024/25	<p>Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Institute, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7 pm</p>	

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