

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 November 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Institute

Present:	Parish Councillors: J Armstrong, G Baxter, Steve Garner (in the Chair), D Harpur, N Kearney, T Smith and J Weatherley Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell; Ward Councillor P Geary	ACTION
11/2023/01	Apologies for Absence PCSO Arlene Ormston Ward Councillors K McLean and D Whitworth	
11/2023/02	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 October 2023 were approved.	
11/2023/03	Items from members of the public: There were no members of the public present at the meeting.	
11/2023/04	Update from the PCSO: Arlene Ormston was not at the meeting but had reported the following via email: No crime reported in North Crawley or Little Crawley during the period 2.10.23 to 6.11.23. There was a traffic collision in Brook End in October and, in the wider area, a car stolen in Olney, motorhomes stolen in Moulsoe and Newport Pagnell and a theft of whitegoods from a building site in Lavendon. She had also had a very successful day on Saturday 4 November putting Neighbourhood Watch leaflets through approximately 230 doors and had signed residents up to receive Thames Valley Police alerts letting them know what crime was going on in their area.	
11/2023/05	Brook End Nurseries Site: The Chair reported that he and the Clerk had attended the first morning session of this Inquiry. It was understood from their attendance that, due to certain information not being available from the appellants, the Inquiry would be adjourned for a few months. Further information would be received from MKCC Planning Enforcement when it became available.	
11/2023/06	North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan: The Chair reported that a meeting had taken place on 24 October between members of the Implementation Group and the developers of sites H4 and H5. These two sites would be progressed as one project. The minutes of this meeting would shortly appear on the Parish Council website. The Chair invited any councillors to join the Implementation Group if they wished to be involved in detailed discussions about this and future developments. At the Implementation Group meeting it had transpired that there was a tree next to the pumping station that sat on the	

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	<p>boundary between Parish Council land and the development site. This tree needed to be reduced in size to improve the vision splay at the junction with Orchard Way. This work would likely be detrimental to the health of the tree and so the developer had requested it be removed at their cost and replaced with a suitable specimen tree. It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Smith that approval be given to the removal of the tree. This was carried by six councillors with one abstention (Cllr Harpur).</p>	
	Ward Councillors' Reports	
11/2023/07	<p>Ward Cllr Peter Geary reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A509 Road Closure (Previous minute 09/2023/05): MKCC was very reluctant to engage about setting up a forum about MK East and so it would not therefore happen. The Chair expressed his disappointment over this. • MK New Local Plan: This ambitious new plan was intended to cover the period to 2050. It would include the addition of 62,000 dwellings, including the 20,000 that had already been allocated. This Plan was likely to have a large impact on the rural areas of Milton Keynes and might involve the creation of a new central community hub. There would be numerous public consultations over the next few months and the plan would be the biggest challenge facing the rural area since the creation of MK. The Ward Councillors were intending to draw together all the parish councils into a group to learn and understand the proposals and their implications. • Winter Preparedness: He encouraged all to report empty grit bins, faulty streetlights, blocked drains, etc. to prepare for the winter months. • Wheelie Bins: Some residents were still experiencing issues with this system. • Brook End Nurseries Site: The Public Inquiry had been adjourned to a later date. <p>Although not at the meeting, Ward Cllr Debbie Whitworth had sent a report via email. She had worked with residents' concerns about the MK Connect minibus service, housing issues and the impact of the A509 closure.</p>	
	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	
11/2023/08	Minute 10/2023/09 Steel sheet piling barrier: No response had been received. The Clerk would continue to monitor this.	Clerk
11/2023/09	Minute 10/2023/10 Rookery Farm: The Clerk was continuing to monitor this issue.	Clerk
11/2023/10	Minute 10/2023/11 Archery at Broadmead: The Clerk was continuing to monitor this issue.	Clerk

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11/2023/11	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23/02343/TCA - The removal of a dead pear tree at 17 High Street, North Crawley – No objections • 23/02306/LBC - Listed Building Consent for the installation of timber-framed, double-glazed secondary glazing at 4 Crawley Grange, Pound Lane, North Crawley – No objections • 23/02470/TPO - The removal of lower lateral limb of an Oak tree (T1) protected by Milton Keynes Council Tree Preservation Order no. PS/540/15/76 at The Old Rectory, 2 High Street, North Crawley – No objections 	
11/2023/12	Councillors' Reports: There were no reports this month.	
11/2023/13	<p>Bleed/Trauma kit: Cllr Weatherley had been investigating the provision of a Bleed/Trauma kit in the village. She explained that with response times and speed of treatment being paramount to increasing the chances of saving a life due to catastrophic blood loss, the kit was designed to help control and stop severe bleeding. However, the kits were not just for stab wounds but for other incidents such as serious road accidents, a heavy fall in the street (or children's playground) or any other scenario that involved a major bleed where emergency first aid time was critical.</p> <p>Ideally, they should be available in as many venues and communities as possible and could be particularly useful in rural areas where ambulance response times may be slower.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to investigate this further and the possibility of purchasing a joint cabinet for the kit and the defibrillator. The current defibrillator cabinet was ageing and was sometimes difficult to open easily. The cost, including installation of the cabinet, would be approximately £1,000. It was agreed that this would be considered at the budget meeting.</p>	
11/2023/14	The Ford (previous minute 10/2023/18 refers): The Clerk reported that she had sent the Freedom of Information request to MKCC as agreed at the previous meeting. An incomplete response however had been received and it was agreed that the Clerk would follow this up with MKCC.	Clerk
11/2023/15	SID: Due to the problem of having to replace the batteries often, the Chair had been investigating the possibility of installing solar panels on the poles. He suggested that four would be needed for each entry into the village as those were the locations where the most speeding was recorded. These would cost approximately £3,500 including fitting and it was agreed that this would be considered at the budget meeting.	

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	Finance Matters:			
11/2023/16				
		AMOUNT	METHOD	DETAILS
	RECEIPTS:			
	H W Mason and Sons	£520.00	Bank transfer	Interment fee – Joyce Stanton
	H W Mason and Sons	£520.00	Bank transfer	Interment fee – Margery Fowler
	H W Mason and Sons	£200.00	Bank transfer	Interment fee – James Lancaster
	PAYMENTS:			
	Sage UK Ltd	£9.60*	Direct Debit	Payroll software - November 2023
	North Crawley IMC	£26.00	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute – October 2023 PC meeting
	North Crawley IMC	£72.00	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (Yoga Workshop)
	North Crawley IMC	£32.50	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute for Neighbourhood Plan meeting
	North Crawley IMC	£24.00	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (T J Dance)
	North Crawley IMC	£39.00	Bank transfer	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (Historical Society)
	Sovereign Systems Ltd	£35.99*	Direct Debit	Adventure Play Park inspection – monthly payment
	Foresport Fencing Ltd	£26,508.00*	Bank transfer	Supply & installation of netted cricket ball stop fencing
	North Crawley United Charities	£177.99	Bank transfer	Transfer of Winter Warming balance for Christmas distribution to residents
	Kompan Ltd	£155.40*	Bank transfer	Operational inspection of children’s play area – October 2023
	Poppy Shop UK	£20.99*	Barclaycard	Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day
	Screwfix Direct Ltd	£75.52*	Barclaycard	Black bin liners
	Barclaycard	£96.51	Direct Debit	Payment for above items
	RTM Landscapes Ltd	£1,410.00*	Bank transfer	Grass cutting – October 2023
	* Payment includes VAT			
11/2023/17	Winter Warming Funding: The Clerk reported that MKCC had again offered funding of £500 to “continue to provide vital initiatives such as community cafes, social clubs and wellbeing support, including ‘warm places’, pop up cafes and other informal social activities where people can meet up, be warm and enjoy a hot meal.” It was agreed to accept this funding and to discuss details for spending it at the next meeting.			
	Cemetery Matters:			
11/2023/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The late baby James Lancaster – Interment in Grave Number 3/161. Double interment fee received 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The late Margery Fowler – Interment in Grave Number 1/97. Interment fee received • The late Joyce Stanton – Interment in Grave Number 3/131. Interment fee received 	
11/2023/19	<p>Wasteground (previous minute 10/2023/21 refers): The wording of the sign needed to be finalised and Cllr Smith agreed to liaise with the Historical Society about this. He had also obtained a high-resolution copy of the North Crawley map which would be useful for the sign and also for the website. It was hoped that the wording and design of the sign would be ready for approval at the next meeting so that the order could be sent off. The Clerk raised the question as to whether planning approval would be necessary to erect a sign on the Wasteground and she agreed to investigate this further.</p>	TS/Clerk
11/2023/20	<p>Play Areas (previous minute 10/2023/22 refers): A meeting had been arranged with Kompan for the following day which the Chair, Clerk and Village Warden would attend. It was also agreed to accept the quote of £411.81 + VAT from Kompan to carry out three operational inspections of the children’s play area in 2024.</p>	
	<p>Correspondence and other information matters:</p>	
11/2023/21	<p>Fireworks: The Chair reported that he had received concerns from a resident about the effect of fireworks on animals. It was noted that it was illegal to let off fireworks in the street or a public place such as a park. Fireworks should only be let off on private land, e.g. gardens, or on land with the owner’s permission. It was agreed that fireworks must not be let off on land owned by the Parish Council, i.e. Nixey’s Walk, Kilpin Green, Orchard Way. The Chair agreed to mention this at the IMC meeting the following week with a view to extending this to include the recreation field. He also agreed to put a note in the next bulletin asking residents to be thoughtful before letting off fireworks and to consider their effects on animals and livestock.</p>	
11/2023/22	<p>Damaged footpath in Church Walk: There was an area of path in Church Walk that had been damaged for several months. Following investigation by the Clerk with MKCC, it appeared that this area was part of the Wasteground rather than the public right of way. The responsibility for ensuring that it was mended therefore lay with the Parish Council. This would be considered further at the budget meeting.</p>	
11/2023/23	<p>Date and time of next meeting: Budget meeting – Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7 pm in the Village Hall PC meeting - Monday 4 December 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Institute.</p>	

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