

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3 July 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Institute

Present:	Parish Councillors: Steve Garner (in the Chair), G Baxter, D Harpur, N Kearney, T Smith and J Weatherley Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillor K McLean (for items 07/2023/06 to 07/2023/09)	ACTION
07/2023/01	Apologies for Absence Ward Councillors P Geary and D Whitworth; PCSO Arlene Ormston	
07/2023/02	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 June 2023 were approved.	
07/2023/03	Items from members of the public: There were no members of the public present.	
07/2023/04	Update from the PCSO: Arlene Ormston was not at the meeting. (Post meeting note) She had sent the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime Statistics from 3.4.23 to 29.6.23: North Crawley – Harassment/Criminal damage to property – one incident in June; Little Crawley – No crime reported. • Other incidents not crime-related: Road related incident – North Crawley in May 2023; Road traffic accident (non-stop) North Crawley in June 2023 • Other Incidents in surrounding villages Scams – phone calls pretending to be a police officer from Met police force; Theft out of vehicles – Newport Pagnell 	
07/2023/05	Brook End Nurseries Site: There was nothing further to report on this matter at the moment.	
	Ward Councillor’s Report	
07/2023/06	Wheelie Bins: Ward Cllr McLean reported that the roll out of bins had begun ready for the new service commencing in September.	
07/2023/07	Ousedale Admissions: Ward Cllr McLean confirmed that an extra class had now been created at Ousedale so the children from the villages could now be admitted in September 2023. It was acknowledged that earlier notice must be sought or received from MKCC/Ousedale if a similar situation was likely to occur in 2024.	
07/2023/08	Travellers: Cllr McLean reported that MKCC had obtained an injunction preventing the group of travellers from camping/residing in MK for a period of two years.	
07/2023/09	School Crossing Patroller: It was reported that a letter had now been sent to all schools informing them that they could apply for	

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	grants of up to £5k to allow them to employ their own School Crossing Patroller (SCP). It was agreed that the Clerk should write to North Crawley School to offer whatever help was necessary to recruit an SCP.	Clerk
	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	
07/2023/10	Minute 06/2023/07 Traffic Issues: No information had been received from the Police about the siting of speed cameras. It was understood that a camera had been in the village the previous week but there was no information as to its location.	(Unresolved)
07/2023/11	Minute 06/2023/08 Weight Restriction on the High Street: The Clerk reported that the data received from the traffic survey had shown that there was an average of four vehicles weighing 7.5t and above travelling eastbound through the village each day during that week. Weight Restrictions when in place must be enforced by the Police which is difficult to achieve particularly when many vehicles are granted exemptions due to needing access. The MKCC Senior Traffic Engineer had therefore passed the data on to the Police for comment. Due to the small number of vehicles, the Police had confirmed that they would object to any suggestion that a Weight Restriction should be introduced. It had therefore been confirmed that MKCC would not be putting forward a proposal for a Weight Restriction in North Crawley.	
07/2023/12	Minute 06/2023/09 Steel sheet piling barrier: The Clerk reported that an MKCC officer was looking further into why this reported issue had been closed before being resolved.	Clerk
07/2023/13	Minute 06/2023/10 The Rock Project: A notice had not been put on Facebook and it was therefore agreed that it was now too late for organising an event for the Summer Holiday. It was agreed that further consideration would be given as to how and when to spend the Reserved Youth Club funds.	
07/2023/14	Minute 06/2023/14 Rookery Farm: Cllrs Baxter and Harpur had attended the Planning Enforcement Drop-in Session and had discovered that planning breaches could take up to ten years to resolve due to staff shortages, etc. in the planning enforcement team. It was agreed that this was a very unsatisfactory situation.	
07/2023/15	Minute 06/2023/15 Archery at Broadmead: Cllr Harpur reported that activity at this site appeared to have lessened recently. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Planning Enforcement to see if there was an update on this situation.	Clerk
07/2023/16	Minute 06/2023/21 Electric Vehicle Charging Points: The Clerk had informed MKCC about the suggestion of Bryans Crescent as a location.	
07/2023/17	Minute 06/2023/28 38a Folly Lane: The Clerk reported that the letter had been forwarded to MKCC. On request, a copy had also been given to the owner of 38a Folly Lane.	

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07/2023/18	North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan: The Chair reported that a date had been provisionally booked for monthly meetings in the Village Hall but these would be cancelled on a month-by-month basis should there be insufficient business to discuss.																																																					
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07/2023/19	23/01130/TCA - The removal and grind stump to below ground level of Conifer tree (T1) due to size and proximity to listed building and well, replace with low-growth tree species, and the crown lift by 0.5m and crown reduction by 1.5m to side of listed building to improve light and access of Silver Birch tree (T2) at 39 High Street North Crawley: It was noted that the Conifer Tree appeared to be in good health and that it was a focal point in the streetscape of the High Street. The Clerk was asked to write to MKCC to object to the tree's removal unless there was strong evidence to support its felling.	Clerk																																																				
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07/2023/20	Coronation Event: The Chair reported that the pictures resulting from the artwork at this event were now displayed in the Institute.																																																					
07/2023/21	August Fun Day: The Chair reported that plans for this event were well underway.																																																					
07/2023/22	Footpaths: Cllr Smith reported that he had spent time walking several of the footpaths and had cut back brambles, etc. to ensure that the paths were accessible. On FP 19, the path across the field had now been sprayed and was therefore easy to follow. Cllr Smith was thanked for his work on the footpaths.																																																					
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	Oli Rose	£300.00	Bank transfer	Work in Garden of Rest	
	Oli Rose	£310.00	Bank transfer	Refurbishment and re-siting of seat	
	Salary payments	£1,606.10	Bank transfer	Staff salaries (net) – April to June 2023	
	HMRC	£401.20	Bank transfer	PAYE due on above salaries	
	Playsafety Ltd	£196.80*	Bank transfer	Annual Inspections of play areas	
	Sovereign Systems Ltd	£35.99*	Direct Debit	Adventure Play Park inspection – monthly payment	
	* Payment includes VAT				
	Cemetery matters				
07/2023/24	Approval of additional inscription to memorial - Derek and Pam Clarke (grave number 3/151)				
07/2023/25	<p>Maintenance of Play Areas: It was reported that the Annual Reports on the two play areas had been received from PlaySafety (RoSPA) and there were several comments made but none of them of a serious nature. It was agreed that the Chair, the Clerk and the Village Warden would meet on site before the next meeting to discuss the report and present recommendations to the PC for discussion.</p> <p>Although not intended to be inspected, the report had also mentioned the football goals on the field. The Chair agreed to report this comment to the next meeting of the IMC.</p>				Clerk Chair
07/2023/26	<p>Wasteground: A comment had recently been made on Facebook about the name of the Wasteground and suggesting that it should be renamed. There was a historical reason for the name of Wasteground and it was therefore agreed that it must not be changed. As it was important that the history behind the name was not lost, it was agreed that a sign should be put up to explain its historical significance. There were other names in North Crawley (e.g. the playing field's name is Crouches) which could also perhaps be explained on a sign. Cllr Smith agreed to make initial enquiries into the provision of information signs.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that if there was a historically significant anniversary related to the village in 2024 or 2025, we could organise a Village History morning with an accompanying booklet. Cllr Smith agreed to investigate this.</p>				TS TS
07/2023/27	Date of next meeting: Monday 4 September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Institute				

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