

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 November 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Institute

Present:	Parish Councillors: S Garner (in the Chair), J Armstrong, L Butterworth, D Harpur and N Kearney Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillor K McLean	ACTION
11/2024/01	Apologies for Absence Parish Councillors T Smith and J Weatherley Ward Councillor P Geary; PCSO Arlene Ormston	
11/2024/02	Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 October 2024 were approved.	
11/2024/03	Items from members of the public: There were no members of the public present at the meeting.	
11/2024/04	Update from PCSO: Arlene Ormston was not present at the meeting.	
11/2024/05	<p>Ward Councillor’s Report: Cllr McLean reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Previous minute 10/2024/05) Discussion with Lisa Beckett: Lisa Beckett felt that all items raised were either no longer relevant or had been resolved. The Chair was disappointed that no written response had been received following her commitment to report back on the issues discussed back in May. Cllr McLean would pass this comment on to her and asked for any emails concerning unresolved issues to be sent to him so that he could investigate further. • MK Connect: the contract for MK Connect would end in March 2025. It was proposed to tender for a new contract from April 2025. • MKCC Budget: the current budget would be subject to some significant in-year cuts. The financial state was not good with expenditure on special needs education (SEND) being particularly high which was a challenge. Work on next year’s budget had begun and more information would be available in due course. • MK Forum: he had attended this meeting on 28 October as had the Chair (see Minute 11/2024/16) • Flooding on Cranfield Road: He was pursuing the drainage matter (previous minute 10/2024/10). • Gog Lane: He was aware of the problems caused along Gog Lane during the recent floods. He had attended a meeting 	KMCL

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	<p>with Head of Highways the previous week and this subject had been discussed. The diversion signs had been put on the wrong side of the closure and motorists had disregarded the road closed signs at Gog Lane and at other locations within the Olney Ward. He believed that the drain had been cleared and that the verges would be reinstated when weather conditions were right. The Clerk agreed to contact MKCC to ask whether a plan had been devised for the reinstatement of Gog Lane.</p> <p>Cllr McLean also commented that, if it appeared that road closed or diversion signs were no longer relevant, residents should not take them down or remove them but should inform Customer Services at MKCC.</p>	Clerk
11/2024/06	Brook End Nurseries Site: The result of the Inquiry was still awaited.	
	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	
11/2024/07	<p>Minute 10/2024/05 Rainfall and Flooding: The Clerk reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> she had contacted the MKCC Emergency Team and had received a template for an Emergency Plan which she would pass to the Chair who would produce a first draft of the plan for North Crawley. The Chair commented that he envisaged that any Plan would be a simple one containing useful phone numbers and addresses which would be updated annually. she contacted MKCC about the problems in Gog Lane and had received a response which she would pass on to Cllr McLean. following the request on Facebook and through Scan for residents to let the PC know if they had experienced flooding, only one response had been received. It was also known that a property along Gog Lane had also been flooded. It was therefore concluded that it was not relevant to set up a register of properties liable to flood or to set up a Flood Action Group. 	Clerk
11/2024/08	North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan: The Chair reported that the developer was intending to re-submit the H4/H5 plan through the Pre-application process. The application for the Topcrofts (H3) site was on-going.	
	Planning Applications	
11/2024/09	PLN/2024/2057 - Continued use of former agricultural barn (use class) as mixed retail and storage (use classes E (g)(iii) and B8) with and the formation of proposed parking, landscaping and the widening of access at Rookery Farm, East End, North Crawley: This application was discussed and it was agreed that it was an overdevelopment of a rural site. A response to this effect would be sent to MKCC.	

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Councillors' Reports:				
11/2024/10	IMC: Cllr Butterworth reported that the IMC was looking for an auditor for its accounts. The Clerk agreed to investigate and would pass information on to her.			Clerk
11/2024/11	Tree in Cemetery: The Clerk and the Chair had inspected a tree in the Garden of Rest which had been reported by a resident due to its low-lying branches. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain advice and a quote for pruning this tree.			Clerk
11/2024/12	Children's Play Area (previous minute 10/2024/12 relates): The Clerk reported that Kompan had confirmed the drainage work would take place in Summer 2025 when the weather conditions would be dry. The Clerk, the Chair and the Village Warden had an on-site meeting at the children's play area to discuss the latest operational inspection carried out by Kompan. There were several Low-Risk items mentioned in the report, some of which would be solved when the drainage work was carried out. There were other items mentioned however where it was unclear exactly what the problem was. The Clerk agreed to contact Kompan to request that the Village Warden be present when the next inspection took place.			Clerk
Finance Matters				
11/2024/13		AMOUNT	METHOD	DETAILS
	RECEIPTS:			
	Sundry customers	£66.00	Bank transfer	Sale of 6 x North Crawley maps
	H W Mason and Sons	£395.00	Bank transfer	Interment fee – Elke Sadeghi
	PAYMENTS:			
	Sage UK Ltd	£12.00*	Direct Debit	Payroll software – November 2024
	North Crawley IMC	£26.00	Bank payment	Hire of Institute – Oct 2024 PC meeting
	North Crawley IMC	£30.00	Bank payment	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (Tee J Dance Studios)
	North Crawley IMC	£48.00	Bank payment	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (Church Fashion Show)
	North Crawley IMC	£39.00	Bank payment	Hire of Institute under Subsidy Scheme (Historical Society)
	Amazon EU	£30.00	Charge card	1 x Cineworld Gift Card for Young Fun prize
	RBL Poppy Shop	£24.49*	Charge card	Poppy wreath
	Barclaycard	£54.49	Direct Debit	Payment for above items
	RTM Landscapes Ltd	£1410.00*	Bank payment	Grass cutting – October 2024
	Steve Garner	£50.39*	Bank payment	Plants and potting compost for trough
Kompan Limited	£164.72*	Cheque	Quarterly inspection of play area	
* Payment includes VAT				

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11/2024/14	Budget Meeting: The Chair outlined the arrangements for the Budget Meeting which would take place on 13 November 2024 and the Clerk confirmed that the relevant paperwork would be sent to members within the next few days.	Clerk
11/2024/15	Cemetery Matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The late Elke Sadeghi – Interment of cremated remains in Grave 1/187. The late Phil Stanton: A request has been received for a plaque in the Garden of Rest to include red painted poppies. This was approved as an acknowledgement of his connection with the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal. 	
	Meetings with other organisations:	
11/2024/16	North East Rural Community Forum: The Chair reported that he had attended this meeting on 28 October. The main topic of conversation was speeding. The Sentinel system was now available to be used as part of Community Speedwatch and this enabled the operatives to be a discreet distance away from the device and was very accurate. It was confirmed that North Crawley would have the opportunity to be able to borrow this. There was also discussion as to how to limit Anti-Social Behaviour such as loud motorbike exhausts.	
	Correspondence and Information Matters:	
11/2024/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premises Variation for Morrisco Local, 25 High Street, North Crawley: Details of a proposed premises variation for the sale of alcohol (off sale only) had been received from MKCC Licensing. This was to amend the current licensing hours from 07:00 - 19:00 hrs Monday - Saturday and 07:00 – 16:30 Sunday to 07:00– 22:00 hrs Monday - Sunday. There were no objections to this variation. Traffic Safety in the High Street: The Chair reported that he had received an email from a resident expressing concern about “another near miss with crossing of the High Street” and asking if measures could be put in place to improve pedestrian safety. Discussion took place on this matter. It was agreed that MKCC would require a lot of data on pedestrian near misses/casualties to justify installing a crossing or other solution. The Clerk agreed to write to the resident requesting any evidence the resident may be able to provide. Hare Coursing: The Chair reported that he had received information from a resident that they had witnessed a possible hare coursing incident at the end of Pound Lane. The Chair had contacted PCSO Arlene Ormston about this who had advised that this should be reported via 101 in order that it could be recorded and investigated. However, the 	Clerk

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	resident was not willing to do this as they wished to remain anonymous.	
11/2024/18	Young Fun Draw: This took place for the month of November and the Clerk would deliver the £30 prize.	
11/2024/19	Date and time of next meeting: Monday 2 December 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Institute	

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