

# NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7 October 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Institute

Present:	Parish Councillors: S Garner (in the Chair), L Butterworth, D Harpur, N Kearney, T Smith and J Weatherley Clerk/RFO S M Bushnell Ward Councillor P Geary	ACTION
10/2024/01	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Parish Councillor J Armstrong (received after the meeting); Ward Councillor K McLean	
10/2024/02	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 September 2024 were approved.	
10/2024/03	<b>Items from members of the public:</b> There were no members of the public present at the meeting.	
10/2024/04	<b>Update from PCSO:</b> Arlene Ormston was not present at the meeting and no report had been received.	
10/2024/05	<p><b>Ward Councillor’s Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New City Plan:</b> Ward Cllr Geary reported that the Public Consultation would end on 9 October. The results from the Consultation would be interesting and would need to be considered carefully. Once adopted, the Plan would be reviewed every five years. The Chair reported that the Parish Council comments as detailed in the previous minutes had been submitted to MKCC.</li> <li>• <b>(Previous minute 09/2024/05) Discussion with Lisa Beckett:</b> It was reported that Cllr McLean was still pursuing this vigorously but there was nothing to report at this meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Operation Drover:</b> This had taken place since the last meeting and took place once or twice per year to increase the police presence in the rural areas. Details of the results of speed cameras had been sent and it was noted that the cameras were only in North Crawley for one hour and that no speeding had been detected. The Chair reported that Arlene had been asked for clarification on how the locations and timings had been decided.</li> <li>• <b>Rainfall and Flooding:</b> The recent very heavy rain had been exceptional and had caused flooding problems in the area. Some properties in North and Little Crawley had been flooded and there was concern that ditches could not cope with the water run off and that inappropriate traffic diversions had been put in place along Gog Lane which had caused chaos and serious verge damage. Cllr Geary</li> </ul>	KMcl

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	<p>commented that there were many lessons to be learned across MK. The PC then discussed the whole topic of resident' safety and the following suggestions were made to be actioned by the Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contact the MKCC Emergency Planning Team for details of how to formulate an Emergency Plan for the village.</li> <li>○ Investigate setting up a Flood Action Group</li> <li>○ Contact Highways about the road diversions along Gog Lane and whether they should be manned.</li> <li>○ Contact Highways about repairing the verge damage along Gog Lane and using a sweeper on the road.</li> <li>○ Raise concerns with MKCC about the ditches along Gog Lane</li> <li>○ Ascertain how many houses were flooded, e.g. through Facebook.</li> </ul>	Clerk
10/2024/06	<b>Brook End Nurseries Site:</b> The Inquiry had now been completed and the result was awaited which could be in a few weeks' time.	
	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</b>	
10/2024/07	<b>Minute 09/2024/16 Trees for Climate:</b> The Clerk had obtained and circulated further information about this scheme. It was considered to be a good idea and there were no reservations about supporting it.	
10/2024/08	<b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> The Chair reported that a meeting had been set up by the Implementation Group with MKCC Planning. The meeting had been considered necessary because of the comments received from the developers about negativity from Planning. The meeting was very useful and Planning had confirmed that it was very supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan but that the outcome of the application for H4/H5 might have been different had the developers made a Pre-Application which was recommended practice for all major developments. Thanks were due to Nic Sadeghi for attending this meeting at short notice. The Implementation Group also hoped to set up monthly contact with the developers to ascertain progress and also obtain updates from Planning.	
	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
10/2024/09	<b>24/01968/TCA Proposal: Reduction of Portuguese Laurel to 1.8 metres in height and 2 metres in width at 22 High Street, North Crawley</b> – No objections.	
	<b>Councillors' Reports:</b>	
10/2024/10	<b>Flooding on Cranfield Road:</b> Cllr Harpur reported that he had forwarded on to Ward Cllr McLean some thoughts about digging out a ditch to improve this problem. <b>Footpaths:</b> Cllr Smith reported that two kissing gates would be installed on Footpath 20 in due course.	

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	<p><b>IMC:</b> Cllr Whitworth reported that the issue with the ice cream van (previous minute 09/2024/11) had been reported to MKCC and gave a summary of the recent meeting of the IMC. The Chair reported that he had just received a phone call from the Chair of the IMC about roofing repairs that would shortly need to be carried out. Quotes were currently being obtained. Planning permission and the use of a structural engineer would be required. He had asked whether the PC would be able to claim back the VAT on any work that was carried out. The Clerk would provide the information on this matter.</p>	Clerk																																																												
10/2024/11	<p><b>Church Clock:</b> A request had been received from the Scan Parish Administrator for a contribution towards the repair of the clock chiming mechanism. The total cost of the project was £3,000 of which £1,500 had so far been raised. It was decided to contribute up to £500 towards the cost, subject to the review of the budget which would take place in November.</p>																																																													
10/2024/12	<p><b>Children's Play Area:</b> The Clerk reported that she had met with Sovereign and that a quote had been received for remedial work to the surface (£4,848). The quote previously received from Kompan was £3,515 which was net of the contribution being made by Kompan as a gesture of good will. It was decided to accept the Kompan quote, subject to the review of the budget. The Clerk would take this forward with Kompan.</p>	Clerk																																																												
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	Sovereign	£238.80*	Bank payment	Inspection of play area surface	
	NC United Charities	£40.00	Bank payment	Annual rent of land at Broadmead	
	Chris Stapleton	£7.99*	Bank payment	Cutting of key for PC cupboard in Village Hall	
	* Payment includes VAT				
10/2024/14	<b>Young Fun Draw:</b> This took place for the month of October and the Clerk would deliver the £30 prize.				
10/2024/15	<b>Date and time of next meetings:</b> PC meeting: Monday 4 November 2004 at 7.30 pm in the Institute. Budget Meeting: Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 7 pm (venue to be confirmed)				

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