

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2017 in the Reading Room, Husborne Crawley which started at 8.00pm.

Present: Councillors W Cuell, N Buist, T Hopper, T Hunter, R Lyman, B O'Rourke, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman - The Clerk and 2 residents.

In attendance: Cllr John Baker (Aspley Guise Parish Council).

1275. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: CB Cllr Wells.

1276. **To agree Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2017 be signed as a true record of events.

1277. **To consider Matters arising:**

1177 Some of the street lights are still out at the School Lane/Turnpike Road Junction. CB Cllr Wells said these were reported on 22/11/16 ref: 286925 and 286924. (5 lights - 3 round the roundabout and 2 more). Cllr Cuell agreed to check the lights and report back to The Clerk.

Action: WC

1268 Fluorescent concrete blocks which have had appeared outside 24 Turnpike Road following Anglian Water vehicles having parked and damaged the verge have now been replaced by natural stone blocks. Unfortunately the Tesco Click & Collect delivery van also parks on the footpath, then drives along it to get back onto the road. Tesco have been advised and provided with times and photos but nothing seems to have come of this. The Post man also parks on the verge. Cllr Cuell agreed to speak to CB Cllr Wells again drawing his attention to the dangerous situation as there are also some blocks in Horsepool Lane to protect the verges.

Action: WC

The various issues along Turnpike Road (raised kerb stone, broken cover etc) are to be reported again as nothing has been done.

Action: LL

1271a Recreation Ground play equipment: Once the Clerk has clarified the Section 106 funding allocated to Husborne Crawley, a separate meeting can be held to enable a playground working team can be convened to decide how to go forward.

Action: LL

1278. **Open Forum:**

Residents will have the chance to raise anything relevant to Parish Council business but they will not be able to discuss the subject more than once. A maximum of 2 minutes per subject will be allowed:

A resident complained about harassment issues which are being experienced in Crow Lane predominantly between two neighbours. These have been reported to the Police and contact details and incident report numbers are to be given to Cllr Cuell who will contact the Police Officer.

John Baker spoke about two pots of money which parish councils have access to:

a) Section 106 funding which comes from developer payments. He reckons Husborne Crawley has in the region of £9,000 to spend. The Clerk confirmed she has a list showing what has been allocated to Husborne Crawley but that when she queried things with CBC she had been asked to ring them which she has still to do.

Action: LL

b) The green infrastructure fund has money the Parish Council can put in requests for. This covers public footpaths etc. He reckons Husborne Crawley has been allocated £6,000.

Action: LL

John Baker spoke about planning and the proposed Aspley Guise Triangle and asked what the Parish Councils comments were on the proposed 5,000 houses to be built between Marston, Brogborough & Lidlington.

It is also proposed that there be 3 villages built around Hayfield and the Aspley Guise triangle.

There is a desperately need infrastructure prior to housing being built not afterwards.

The various issues were discussed and it was agreed that if these do go ahead, the most important issues would be to ensure that the infrastructure is in place first as in so many cases, the roads and access etc get overlooked. As many Cllrs as possible should try to attend the Draft Local Plan consultations being held around the area so that responses could be made.

John Baker was thanked for his time and he then left the meeting.

1279. **Reports:**

CB Cllr Wells: No report has been available since CB Cllr Wells last attended a Parish Council meeting in January.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said all is going well but more help is still needed.

Fete: Cllr Buist said, under new management the event had been very successful and had raised £1,800 gross, obviously there were various expenses to be taken out of this. Due to holidays the debriefing meeting of the committee has yet to take place. The school have requested funding towards a time capsule and some equipment is to be purchased to help the church yard to be tidied up.

1280. **Hedges:**

The hedges by the phone box and outside 4/5 Horsepool Lane (Bedford Estate houses knocked into one) are extremely overgrown. Cllr Cuell had left a message for Paul Williams at Bedford Estate but he hadn't been in contact. ***Action: WC***

Turnpike Road: hedges are badly overgrown and require cutting back outside 17, 18 & 20. (17 Bedford Estates and 18 & 20 are privately owned). It was noted that a group of 26 children, teachers and helpers walked along Turnpike Road to get to Horsepool Lane last week and the teachers/helpers had to stand in the road to enable the children to walk along Turnpike Road. This situation is far from safe and the hedges badly need cutting back to allow the safe width of the pavement. ***Action: WC***

1281. **Correspondence/Planning:**

CBC Draft Local Plan: consultations are taking place at present. There is a Drop-In session at Chicksands tomorrow between 2pm – 8pm especially for parish councillors. Cllrs Cuell, Lyman & Pearston together with The Clerk agreed to attend.

East/West Rail – Western Section Phase 2 consultation has begun. When Cllr Pearston had attended one last week, she had been advised that it will only affect the area by one train a day – this is not what everyone has been led to believe and needs confirming. The Clerk has a presentation on a memory stick for Cllrs to view.

MAGPAS have gratefully acknowledged receipt of the donation from the Parish Council.

The School PTA belatedly asked for permission to use the Recreation Ground for their fete last Friday. Their sports day has been held but permission was not sort - subsequently the Clerk understands they did obtain permission. In principle, the Parish Council does not have any problems with the school using the Recreation Ground, but the Parish Council need to advised when the

school wishes to use the Recreation Ground.

Planning Enforcement Case:

Rear of Crow Lane: alleged unauthorised development – erection of fence.

1282. **Confidential Item:**

Anything discussed under this item, will be carried out in camera and any resident/public will be asked to leave. Subjects discussed will not appear in these minutes.

1283. **Accounts:**

Balance at bank as at 5th July 2017 was £12,946.38.

Repayment of VAT of £13.30 has been received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the following invoices be paid.

AON Insurance Insurance Premium	447.45	000538
BATPC Affiliation Fees	91.00	000539
HMRC PAYE – Apr/May & June	75.20	000540
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary June	100.52	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary July	100.52	s/o
	<u>814.69</u>	

1284. **Date of next meetings:**

18th September starting at 8pm. 20th November, 15th January 2018, 19th March & Wednesday 23rd May (Annuals).

Once again the Clerk is having problems when booking the main hall for the AP and APCM! Because of a ‘regular’ booking, we have been asked to change our meeting evening – or even all of our meetings to a Wednesday as there are no regular bookings on Wednesdays. All the years the Parish Council have been meeting on the third Monday of alternate months, surely WE ARE A REGULAR BOOKING! After discussion it was agreed to change the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meeting date to Wednesday 23rd May 2018 but only this one evening. The other meetings will remain as Mondays.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Cllr Cuell – Chairman,