

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017 in the Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

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

1254. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: CB Cllr Wells

1255. **To agree Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2017 be signed as a true record of events.

1256. **To consider Matters arising:**

1167c Water is still ponding on both sides of School Lane between The White Horse and The Reading Room despite CB Cllr Wells having been advised that the problem had been fixed. CB Cllr Wells had advised that he had reported it again today. **(293020.)** It was noted that the tarmac is coming away from the manhole. *Action: LL/BW*

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

1239c The Clerk has details of salt bins from Gritbin.co.uk which Cllr Hopper has agreed appear to fit the requirements well. CBC has advised we could site salt bins on the BT phone box bases once they have been taken away. The salt bins will be purchased once the BT telephone boxes have been removed.

Cllr Cuell reported on the recent Hayfield Consortium presentation which he and Cllr Lyman had attended regarding the Aspley Guise triangle proposed planning for housing. The Consortium are planning to create a village of some 700/750 houses. There will be only one entrance/exit and that will be onto the A421 bypass. Virtually everyone there objected strongly on the grounds of too much traffic and its impact and not enough infrastructure. It is not yet known exactly what routes the expressway and the canal may take. There is still talk of the possibility of a 'Park & Ride' scheme at Junction 13. Public consultation was due to take place in May but this may be delayed to give the developers more time to work on the transport aspects of the proposed scheme. On the CBC proposed Strategic Plan, the area is earmarked for housing. Cllr Cuell left the brochure for all to see.

1257. **Open Forum:**

A comment had been received about the process for tendering for the re-decoration of the Reading Room. The process was explained, also that the Reading Room Committee and the Parish Council are two completely different entities so the Parish Council have no responsibilities for the running of the Reading Room.

1258. **Reports:**

CB Cllr Wells: No report available.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston reported a successful week recently although it would be appreciated if a couple more volunteers came forward for just one hour a month. The Police Camera Van now covers three counties and comes to the village as and when they can.

1259. **Correspondence:**

The RoSPA Playsafety Team has advised they will be carrying out the Play Equipment safety inspection during May. The Clerk mentioned the fence at the side of the gate which Cllr Hopper agreed to check.

CBC – Breach of Condition Notice regarding land at The Halt Garage. Within 3 months of the date of permission (June 2016) a landscaping scheme to provide soft landscaping along the front boundary of the site with Bedford Road is to be submitted. If approved, the approved scheme shall be implemented by the end of the next full planting season (being October 2016 – March 2017). This had not taken place.

Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterways Trust newsletter.

1260. **Gigaclear:**

The new fibre broadband service was explained and leaflets were distributed.

1261. **Confidential Item:**

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

1262. **Accounts:**

Balance at bank as at 1st January 2017 £8,770.52

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

Cancelled		000530
Bedford Estate Recreation Ground Rental	1.00	000531
H C Reading Room Hall Hire	48.00	000532
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary February	100.52	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary March	100.52	s/o
	<u>249.04</u>	

1263. **Date of next meetings:**

15th May (Annuals). Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.45pm and will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Cuell suggested that maybe it would be advantageous if a younger person took over as the Parish Council Chairmanship and asked Cllrs to give this further thought in time for the Annual Parish Council meeting being held in May.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Cllr W Cuell - Chairman.