

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

Present: Councillors W Cuell, T Hopper, E Lear, R Lyman, B O'Rourke, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman - The Clerk.

In attendance: CB Cllr B Wells.

1347a. **To Elect the Chairman:**

Cllr Buist was nominated by Cllr Hopper. This was seconded by Cllr Cuell with all in agreement. There being no further nomination, it was agreed to advise Cllr Buist of his appointment. Although he was absent, it was known that Cllr Buist was agreeable to the nomination.

1347b. **To elect vice chairman:**

As Cllr Buist had been elected as Vice-Chairman at the May meeting but has been elected as Chairman at this meeting, a Vice-Chairman needs to be elected.

Cllr Lear was nominated by Cllr Cuell. This was seconded by Cllr Hopper with all in agreement. Cllr Lear accepted the position and in the absence of Cllr Buist, chaired the meeting.

1348. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr Buist

1349. **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:*

Overgrown hedges need cutting back: 15 & 16 (D of B houses) and 17 (privately owned) Turnpike Road. As a child/adult pedestrian could be knocked over stepping in the road to avoid the hedges or torn to pieces on way to schools /or walking by. The Clerk agreed to write to Bedford Estates and the private owner. **Action: LL**

Footpath down Mill Road: tree over grown in the verge. This has intertwined with the BT cables. CB Cllr Wells said he would report it. **Action: BW**

Footpath in School Lane: bushes have grown over the footpath, especially in the layby and going up the hill and down to The Green. **Action: LL**

Footpath along Bedford Road to Aspley Guise: hedges overgrown over the footpath right to the kerb in places. The speed restriction and village signs are covered. **Action: LL**

Water leak: from Churn House down to Turnpike Road. It has been running for some 5/6 months materialising at the footpath by the fence. It appears to be leaking from the water meter. CB Cllr Wells agreed to report it. Subsequently the Anglian Water Repair Team has been out. The reference number is 55224502 and their contact number is 0800 771 881. **Action: BW**

1350. **To agree Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be signed as a true record of events.

1351. **To consider Matters arising:**

No matters arising.

1352. **To accept Reports:**

**CB Cllr Wells:**

The dualling of the A421 M1 Junction 13 to the boundary should start this month but two compulsory order are still outstanding which may delay the start until next month. . The bridge still has to have the data cables removed and re-sited and more cutting back of greenery carried out. Overall cost will be £1.1m.

CB Cllr Wells attended a meeting at M1 Junction 18 with Gallifords regarding the road widening to lanes on both sides from Juntion13 to 18.

Bedford Road from M1 Junction 13 to the Truck Stop is going to be closed for re-surfacing in the near future.

County have hired 3 jetpatchers to fill in potholes.

Traffic calming notices went to Aspley Guise today. Three elements will be taking place: There is going to be a build out on West Hill by the junction with Wood Lane; repainting of The square and renewal of the island on Bedford Road before Mount Pleasant. MKC will be sharing the costs..

Local Plan: The Inspector will carry out his public enquiries at Chicksands. He will be checking that CBC have co-operated with Luton (which they have). It is expected that the Inspector will have made his decision by this time next year.

A hostile planning application has been submitted for 650 houses by the Hayfield Consortium. As the route of the new Oxford/Cambridge Expressway has not yet been decided by the Infrastructure Commission, CBC will not be considering the application. The Aspley Guise Triangle planning has been temporarily withdrawn until the route is known.

CBC are warning of a Council tax refund scam circulating at the moment and are advising residents to act with caution as they do not actually make refunds. If you have any concerns ring 03454 040 506.

Modern slavery helpline is 0800 012 1700.

My.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk is a very useful website which is full of information.

Question1: *the road is very uneven by Priestley's Farm shop.* This has been reported.

Question 2: *car washes often use slave labour, do trading standards check.* HMRC check first then if there are any problems, Trading Standards go in.

Question 3: *it was noted that Bedford Road and Turnpike Roads are still being treated as race tracks.* As there has been a lack of Police Camera van presence recently, it was suggested we may like to write to Katherine Holloway at PCC to see why there is a lack of camera van presence. It was also noted that speeding fines finance goes straight to the Police and not CBC or the parish. CB Cllr Wells said that the Police will not allow the short stretch of 40mph limit to be taken away on Bedford Road.

CB Cllr Wells said that 10 speed indicator devises have been purchased by CBC for Speedwatch groups. As the unit we use has not worked for 12 months despite being sent for repair, CB Cllr Wells said he would have a word with the CB Portfolio Holder to see if we could use one as we have a very active Speedwatch Group.

**Speedwatch:** Cllr Pearston said the unit has been defective for over a year now. It has been back for repair a number of times and is now being monitored.

1353. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

Hayfield Consortium: have advised that they have submitted an application for up to 650 homes (CB/17/04989/OUT).

MAGPAS AIR AMBULANCE are requesting financial donations toward the upkeep of their service. In 2017, they were called out to a total of 312 incidents across Bedfordshire, treating 137 patients. After discussion it was agreed to make a donation the same as last year (£100).

The broken white gate on Ridgmont Road and possible further village sign were discussed. Whether we should refurbish the broken gate or purchase two new ones. Highways will have to install them. Can we refurbish the gates or buy two nice gates, Highways have to install them. The Clerk agreed to speak to Highways. *Action: LL*

1354. **Section 106 Funding:**

The Clerk confirmed the figure of £9,111.91 which the Parish Council have to spend towards Leisure/Recreation. The choices of equipment is on-going.

The safety surfacing on the Recreation Ground has been installed successfully and looks good.

1355. **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.

1356. **To accept Accounts:**

Balance at bank as at 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 was £12,883.86.

The bank mandate needs to be changed.

*Action: LL*

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

J Darlow Mole Treatment	180.00	000556
Redlynch Leisure Installations Ltd Towards safety surface installation Balance paid by Husborne Crawley Charity	3,000.00	000557
HMRC 1 <sup>st</sup> ¼ PAYE	72.20	000558
Cancelled		000559
Mrs Lyman Backdated Salary Increase	23.52	000560
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary June	108.36	s/o
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	<u>3,492.44</u>	

1357. **Date of next meetings:**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> May (Annuals).

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Cllr E Lear.  
Vice Chairman.