

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2019 in the Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

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

In attendance: CB Cllr Wells.

1387. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from. Cllr W Cuell.

1388. **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:

Nothing raised.

1389. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd January 2019 be signed as a true record of events.

1390. **To consider Matters arising:**

1349b Footpath down Mill Road: Tree over grown in the verge. This has intertwined with the BT cables and is between The White Horse Public House and the roundabout. CB Cllr Wells said he had located the issue and it is ongoing. **Action: BW**

The broken white gate on Ridgmont Road: Cllr Hopper has checked this out and it is completely damaged and he will take it away. Cllr Buist had spoken to Syed Shah (Galifords) who agreed they would like to do something for the community. **Action: TH/NB**

The bench in School Lane opposite the bus stop: Cllr Hopper had checked this out and said as it had been set in concrete, it would need to be cut out which he would do. **Action: TH**

1391. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Wells:

An increase of 1% on council tax by CB was agreed on 5th February. In the last 2 year previous years, they have set a 3% increase towards adult services. When setting their budget there were no increases but they have saved through efficiencies – no services have been cut.

CBC have built two new leisure centres, one at Flitwick and one at Dunstable.

CB have purchased 8 more Speed Indicator Devices, of which we had one but as it proved not to be as good as the previous one, we have changed it back.

Town & Parish Council conference dates have been set for 21st May and 14th November.

The Great British Springclean takes place 22nd March.

CBC have recruited and funded 12 Community safety officers who will work with the Police.

The Local Plan is going ahead in May & June although 2 new inspectors have been appointed.

A421 some 30,000 vehicles a day use the dual carriageway. A temporary bridge has been put in place to hold the cables/services on Salford Road. This is not for pedestrians, horses or cycles. The alternative route would be the bridge in Hulcote.

The vehicle bridge which is going to be closed for 12 months, has to be built in two halves so that traffic can keep moving on A421 and there is no room to build the new one then move over and take the original one away.

There has been a lot of fly tipping down by the truck stop and where CBC used to clear it away, The Clerk has now been advised that Highways England are responsible for that area. CB Cllr Wells is going to check this out with Craig Siddle and CBC.

Action: BW/CS

The Clerk: Attended the Bedford Branch of SLCC last Tuesday and the Ground Breaking ceremony at Hayfield for the dualling of A421 last Friday. She will be attending a VAT Course tomorrow and together with Cllr Pearston will be attending the O & H Site Visit to The Hamptons at Peterborough on 29th March organised by O & H Properties. Cllr Lyman & The Clerk attended the CBC Highways Open Afternoon at the new depot at Thorne Turn recently. The Clerk has also attended 2 Community Panel meetings and the third one is being held on Thursday. (These are about the smart motorway programme.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said despite having taken delivery of a new Speed Indicator Device, the team did not think it was as good as the previous models and it has been swapped.

1392. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

Bedfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner is inviting parishes to pay for their own PCSO at the cost of £31,200 per annum and there is no guarantee that they would not be taken away for emergencies. For various reasons, least of all, money had not been set aside in the budget/precept, it was agreed not to take this forward.

The phone box in School Lane has been taken away and the one on Horsepool Lane left as BT had original said. The actual phone didn't work previously so not sure if it works now.

Bedford & MK Waterway Park Newsletter.

Highways England Smart Motorway programme M1 Junctions 13 – 16 road closures.

Planning Enforcement:

CB/EN/19/0146 The Halt Garage, Crawley Crossing. Alleged unauthorised erection of an industrial building. CB Cllr Wells is going to check this out.

Action: BW

1393. **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.

1394. **To accept Accounts:**

Approx balance as at 25th January 2019 £11,878.56

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

The Bedford Estates Rec Rental	1.00	000568
Mrs Lyman	37.05	000569a

Clerks expenses 12 months

Mrs Lyman	108.36	000569b
Clerks Salary February		

Mrs Lyman	108.36	000569C
Clerks Salary March		
	254.77	

To be paid at the start of April

HMRC	81.20	000570
4 TH ¼ PAYE		

1395. **To discuss the Section 106 Play Equipment:**

Cllr Buist had spoken to Gallifords show appear to be keep to help so The Clerk will speak to them at the Community Meeting on Thursday. . *Action: Various*

Playsafety will be carrying out the play safety inspection in May.

1396. **Local Elections:**

The clerk circulated election packs for the election which takes place on Tuesday 2nd May 2019. She emphasized that Cllrs are responsible for completing their own forms and returning them in person to Chicksands well before the due date. If there are any errors which need correcting, they can then be done there and then and Cllrs wont miss the deadline.

1397. **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting:**

The May meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and will start at 7.45pm. It will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

1398. **Date of next meetings:**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 20th May 2019 starting at 7.45pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Cllr N Buist.
Chairman.