

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the Reading Room, Husborne Crawley following the Annual Parish Meeting which started at 7.45pm.

Present: Councillors N Buist - Chairman, W Cuell, T Hopper, E Lear, R Lyman, B O'Rourke, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman - The Clerk and 1 resident.

1412. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: No apologies received.

1413. **Declaration of Members' Interests:**

a) Declaration of members interest of a non-pecuniary nature: Cllrs Lyman & Pearston – Charity.  
(Having membership of a club, charity etc or a close relationship)

b) Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature: None.  
(Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner)

1414. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 be signed as a true record of events.

1415. **To consider Matters arising:**

1349b Tree overhanging the footpath in Mill Road: this has been reported (327045) to CBC Highways but nothing has been done to the tree. The Clerk agreed to follow this up. **Action: LL**

Subsequently : **Reference: 327045 Engineer's Update:** We are currently investigating your issue and will provide an update shortly. Depending on the type of fault, this may take up to 10 working days. **Last updated: 12/06/2019**

The broken white gate on Ridgmont Road: Cllr Hopper has taken this away for which he was thanked.

Cllr Buist had spoken to Syed Shah (Galifords Tri) who agreed they would like to do something for the community. The Clerk had subsequently spoken to Syed who confirmed they should hopefully be able to contribute towards the safety surface which needs to be replaced (was under the rocking horse). **Action: NB/LL**

The Play Equipment working group took out the bench in School Lane and Syed Shah (Galiford Tri) said he will take it away.

1416. **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:***

Resident: Concerned about the layby in School Lane which is being used as a public convenience any time of the day or night. Also concerned about children who wait for the bus etc in the layby and other pedestrians as this is also a route to Husborne Crawley Lower School. There is no telephone box there now so the layby is not used for that reason. Horsepool Lane box is still there. The act of urinating in public is illegal although most laybys suffer from this. The Clerk has already contacted CBC but to date no response has been received. One suggestion was cctv signage as a deterrent. It was felt that parents of children who catch the school buses would not appreciate the layby being closed. The resident was asked to give consideration to signage.

A number of hedges need cutting back on Turnpike Road. Bedford Estates have been requested to take care of the ones owned by them but there are some privately owned ones which need cutting back. (17, 18, 19 & 27). It was agreed to ask CBC if they would contact the residents requesting that their perimeter hedges be cut back, or that they would be done for them and they would be charged.

**Action LL**

The verge is very overgrown outside the two houses opposite The White Horse where the road was stopped up. It is understood that Bedford Estates now own the piece of verge. There is fence, verge, footway, estate wall. Unfortunately Gigaclear cables are now laying on top of the grass so care would need to be taken. Cllr Cuell agreed to take this forward and The Clerk agreed to contact Bedford Estates to see if they do actually own the verge now.

**Action: WC / LL**

1417. **School Lane layby:**  
Discussed above.

1418. **To accept Reports:**  
Cllrs O'Rourke & Pearston and The Clerk attended the Schools sports day last week which was well attended. Unfortunately the head mistress fell whilst running and fractured her ankle. The PTFA organised a good fete afterwards.

**Speedwatch:** Cllr Pearston said spoke of the up and coming conference at Kempston. Unfortunately there has been a new ruling where we cant stand on the same road twice within 14 days. (ie School Lane where we stand in two different sites in one week). Unfortunately recently there have been no volunteers to stand on Mill Road but we will do our best in the future.

**The Clerk:** said The CBC Town & Parish Councils Conference has been re-arranged for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Beadlow Manor. Cllr Pearston and the Clerk agreed to attend.

1419. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**  
Road working dates for the A421 were circulated.

Magpas Air Ambulance Service is requesting donations toward the excellent service which they provide. It was agreed to donate £150.

1420. **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.

1421. **To accept Accounts:**  
Approx balance as at 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019: £16,958.33

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

HMRC 1 <sup>st</sup> ¼ PAYE	84.20	000576
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary June	114.32	s/o
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Air ambulance £150	312.84
	150 = 462.84

1422. **To discuss the Section 106 Play Equipment:**

- \* The working group took out the rocking horse which has now been disposed of. Morgan Sindall (A421 Contractors) supplied a generator.
- Cllr Lear has produced the framework for the bench and together with Cllr Hopper will organise the timber to be attached to complete the bench.
- The Clerk has requested a quote for the safety surfacing under the bench. Hopefully there might be a donation towards this from Galiford Tri and Morgan Sindall

Cllr Lear agreed to cut back the shrubbery behind the benches by the school side of the hedge.

The hedges on the two other sides need cutting back and lowered. Suggested contacts: Marston Vale Tree Care – Eversholt, CBC, Len Wissons son – Elm Grove, Woburn Sands, CBC.

It was agreed to hold a meeting to finalise the equipment once the prices have been received.

1423. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 starting at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Cllr N Buist.  
Chairman.