

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018 in the Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

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

In attendance: CB Cllr B Wells.

1357. **To accept Apologies:**

All Cllrs present.

1358. **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.

1359. **To agree Minutes of previous Meeting:**

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

1360. **To consider Matters arising:**

1349b 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**

1349c Footpath in School Lane: bushes have grown over the footpath, especially in the layby and going up the hill and down to The Green. This has been reported to Highways.

1349d Footpath along Bedford Road to Aspley Guise: hedges overgrown over the footpath right to the kerb in places. One landowner has cut his hedge back but the verges and the speed sign need attention. The speed restriction sign can no longer be seen. **Action: BW/LL**

1349e The water leak in Turnpike Road has been repaired by Anglian Water.

The broken white gate on Ridgmont Road was discussed. It was agreed to take the damaged gate away.

There are problems with gates in two areas of footpaths around Crawley Park. Cllr Lyman has had a site meeting with Michelle Flynn, CBC Rights of Way Officer. It appears that these are the responsibility of the land owners although if a new gate is required CBC will supply it but the land owners is responsible to fitting them.

1361. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Wells:

The A421 didn't close Friday/Saturday and Sunday as proposed as the work was completed without closure. This is in regard to the final stretch of dual carriageway on A421 between M1 Junction 13 and the boundary.

The possibility of HGV's flouting the weight limits whilst this work is carried out could be high as the Police don't have enough staff to police the weight restrictions but where we can, we are reporting HGVs who flout the limit.

Bedford Road from M1 Junction 13 to an area in the vicinity of the Truck Stop is going to be closed for re-surfacing in the near future. How about all the other potholes/surfaces and turning area at the truck stop as they may just be outside the resurfacing area. CB Cllr Wells agreed to check this out for us. *Action: BW*

There is a wasp infestation on fly tipping just past the truck stop. This has been reported a number of time over quite a few months but it appears CBC are not willing to clear the fly tipping away until the wasps have gone. CB Cllr Wells agreed to report this to Paul Williams (Bedford Estates) as landowners. *Action: BW/LL*

CBC have been successful under Section 71 Powers, to take out a High Court Injunction against a group of named G & T's restraining them from entering Central Bedfordshire Council area and certain sites with the Brogborough area cannot be assessed. This is over a two year period.

School Lane – speeding. Bedfordshire Police has confirmed that they has evidence that the Police Camera Van attends on a monthly basis on Turnpike Road and School Lane. As Bedford Road is an approved site, Cllr Pearston will chase this site up too. *Action: SP*

The short 40 mph stretch on Bedford Road between Husborne Crawley and Aspley Guise was questioned again. Paul Salmon of Central Bedfordshire has said the Police do not want the speed limit lowered but it is unclear as to why.

A421 dualing is going ahead, data cabling has been removed and hedges are being cut back at present. Eagle Farm North is being demolished. The bridge at Cranfield Road is going to be closed for 15 months.

CBC: All front line staff are being giving body cameras. This will include traffic wardens etc.

Regarding the planning application for 650 Houses to be built at Hayfield Farm. CBC have been considering the application but it has been withdrawn for the time being. The corridor for the Oxford/Cambridge road is known but not the actual route. Highways England will be making the decision by mid next year.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said the group is not doing too well at the moment. We only had two people at the sessions but it ideally it needs 3 to be able to capture all info required.

The next session will be held on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday only. Cllr Buist asked for statistics to be able to create a flier which could be delivered to all houses within the village to try to encourage more help. All were asked to give thought to the situation and help Cllr Pearston.

1362a. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

The Parish Council have been asked to consider a donation towards the Bonfire Night celebrations. Last year's event was so well organised and was very successful. After consideration it was unanimously agreed to donate £100.

The state of the bench in School Lane opposite the bus stop is very poor. As this seat is not used anymore, it was agreed to look and see if we could remove it as it is very unsightly.

B & MK Waterways newsletter.

Highways England has advised that works have started on the M1 Junction 13 to 16 Smart Motorway programme.

CBC have advised of two separate road closures, one on Bedford Road and one on School Lane for

carriageway resurfacing. CB Cllr Wells was asked to check the road surface on the bend on Bedford Road in the vicinity of Crawley Park drive and School Lane junction as the Clerk has reported it on numerous times and it has been viewed on Highways Liaison visits. *Action: BW*

CBC will now only be sending hard copy of planning applications, any other paperwork can be viewed on their website.

An update letter had been received from the Headmistress of Husborne Crawley Lower School..

1362b **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 have been made and the clerk has asked for the suppliers to quote for their choice. *Action: LL*

Brian Clerk has declined to cut the Recreation Ground hedge but the Clerk had asked CBC Highways if they would cut it and part of it has now been cut. She has asked to have a site meeting with the contractor to discuss the rest of the hedges. *Action: LL*

1363. **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.

1364. **To accept Accounts:**

Balance at bank as at 7th October 2018 was £12,883.86.

The bank mandate needs to be changed. *Action: LL*

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

HMRC PAYE	81.20	000562
Mr N Burton Donation towards Firework Celebration	100.00	000563
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary August	108.36	s/o
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	<u>387.72</u>	

1365. **Grasscutting:**

Once more it appears that the grass is only being cut on Bedford Road and part of School Lane, missing out Turnpike Road and Mill Road. The Clerk had had various site meetings in the past and a new schedule had been put together but it appears that they may have reverted to the old schedule. The footpath by the Reading Room (Turnpike Road) is very overgrown and causes walking issues. The footpath there is also uneven and has been reported to Highways. (Craig Siddle is the contact at CBC). CB Cllr wells agreed to chase up the newer schedule with Craig Siddle. *Action: BW*

1366. **Date of next meetings:**
19th November, 21st January 2019, 18th March, 20th May (Annuals).

The next Parish Council Newsletter should include an article about Speedwatch, bonfire celebrations and Christmas.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Cllr N Buist.
Chairman.