

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Reading Room, Husborne Crawley which started at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: CB Cllr B Wells.

1322. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: None received.

1323. **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.

1324. **Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

Eddie Lear showed interest in the vacancy. He gave a short resume about himself and what he could bring to the Parish Council.

He moved into the barns on Bedford Road last year and is an Engineering Health & Safety Manager at Henlow.

It was unanimously agreed to invite Eddie to fill the vacancy which he accepted. He was given the information to be able to complete the relevant forms at CBC.

1325. **To agree Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 be signed as a true record of events.

1326. **To consider Matters arising:**

No matters were arising.

1327. **To accept Reports:**

**CB Cllr Wells:** Explained about the CBC Waste consultation which is taking place at the moment. The contract lasts 7 years and there are three major issues to take into consideration: Recycling, food waste, 3 week black bin collection (residual waste), It is proposed that there should be a charge for Green waste/garden waste collection of £1.54 per collection in future.

Q & A session followed. There is a dedicated number (030 300 8302) where fly tipping can be reported. Completed Questionnaires need to be returned.

**Local Plan:** The submission of this has been deferred until the end of April. Results should be out in September.

Gritting 90 runs have been carried out this year to date. When we said the roads in Husborne Crawley (apart from Mill Lane) hadn't been gritted, CB Cllr Wells told us to look on the CBC website where a list of road (by name) which should be gritted. Subsequently Bedford Road and School Lane were not shown on the listing.

**Speedwatch:** Cllr Pearston said the SID machine is still away being repaired. The camera van is now used tripartite between Beds, Buck and Herts which means we do not see the camera van very often. Cllr Pearston was asked to e.mail CB Cllr Wells details and he agreed to investigate.

**Fete:** Cllr Buist reported that they are no further on with any details at the moment.

1328. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

CBC are inviting residents to take part in a consultation on the proposed changes to waste and recycling services between 26<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Questionnaires were circulated.

There are many mole hills on The Green and the Recreation Ground so the Mole Man has been called in. In the first week he caught 2 moles on The Green. It is not known what numbers were caught on the Recreation Ground.

CBC Rights of Way Officer has been made aware of the dangerous situation of the electric fence to the rear of Turnpike Road so this is now in hand.

Bedford & Milton Keynes News – (March edition).

Playsafety Ltd has advised that the inspection of the play equipment will take place during May/June. The Clerk has advised them of the future workings and changes.

1329. **School Use of Recreation Ground:**

The Headmistress would like to ensure that everything is done properly, so has asked for permission for the school to use the Recreation Ground for sports activities on a lunch time during the Summer etc. They are happy to share the upkeep / mowing of the grass. This was agreed and they are to be thanked for contributing. They are to be advised that it will be the schools responsibility to litter pick the area after events.

Mrs Willans has also asked if the school could use the Recreation Ground for a sponsored sports event for Sports Relief this week which had been agreed prior to this meeting.

Dates are being confirmed for the Summer Fairs and Sports Days. Once these are known, we will be advised.

1330. **Section 106 Funding:**

The Clerk confirmed the figure of £9,111.91 which the Parish Council have to spend towards Leisure/Recreation.

A further quote has been received for £15,000 + VAT for a similar, good quality product. A grant for £15,000 has been obtained so long as the Parish Council pays the VAT.

With a grant for the safety surfacing, this will enable the Section 106 funding of £9,111.91 to be used for some pieces of new equipment. The Recreation Ground Working Group need to meet to finalise this.

Cllr Lear agreed to join the Working Group.

It has been agreed that the rocking horse is to be taken out. The above quote does not include this work.

A parent has spoken to the Clerk about her son having slipped every day for 3 weeks in the area around the roundabout. The parent has offered to try to obtain a pressure washer for a group of parents to use, although she has been advised that the Parish Council are in the process of installing new safety surfacing and small items of equipment. Cllr Hopper agreed to check the area and if necessary, put some tape around the roundabout to indicate the children should not use it.

1331. **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.

1332. **To accept Accounts:**

Balance at bank as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 was £12,013.68.

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

Husborne Crawley Reading Room Hire of Room for meetings	52.00	000547
Mrs Lyman Clerks Expenses (12 months)	36.67	000548
HMRC 4 <sup>th</sup> ¼ PAYE	75.40	000549
Mrs Lyman Share of cost re GDPR Training	52.00	000550
Bedford Estates Recreation Ground Rental	1.00	000551
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary February	100.52	s/o
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1333. **Date of next meetings:**

Recreation Ground Work Group meeting: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.45pm, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Cuell urged Cllrs to consider the position of Chairman for the next 12 months.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Cllr W Cuell – Chairman,