

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 in The Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

Present: Councillors - P George, T Hopper, G Lang, E Lear, B O'Rourke, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman (Clerk).

Due to the absence of Cllr W Cuell, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Hopper take the chair for this meeting.

In Attendance: CB Cllr J Baker.

1659. To accept Apologies:

Apologies were received from: Cllr W Cuell.

1648. To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2022 be signed as a true record of events.

1660. Declaration of Members' Interests:

a) Declaration of members interest of a non-pecuniary nature:

(Having membership of a club, charity etc or a close relationship). Cllr Pearston – Charity and Reading Room Committee and Cllr George – Reading Room and PCC. Cllr Cuell – PCC.

b) Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature:

(Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner). None.

1662. To consider Matters arising:

1582b The new litter bin requested for Horsepool Lane has not yet been installed. CB Baker was asked to follow this up. **Action: JB**

CB Cllr Baker had previously asked for speed checks. Once these have been carried out the data needs to be collated by CBC. Cllr Cuell agreed ask for the resulting information.

Action: WC

Festival of Britain Sign:

CB Cllr Baker has offered to donate a figure from his Ward Cllrs fund to refurbish the Festival of Britain sign if we would like this doing. The Clerk met with Ed Durdey who is unable to refurb the Festival of Britain sign due to the materials originally used and certain parts are stuck on. CBC have suggested who we can contact. If possible a request for funding needs to be sent to CBC by 17th March.

The PCC sign in Church End could do with being renovated – Ed Durdey could do it. New wording needs to be agreed with PCC. **Action: PG/LL/ED**

Cllr Hopper has installed the new noticeboard for which he was thanked. It looks very good.

1663. 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:

Prologis planning application and 5,000 houses in Marston Valley was discussed.

Bad parking in Horsepool Lane – CB Cllr Baker will try to get something done about this.

Action: JB

The White Horse pub is now open 7 days a week although no food is being served at present.

Highways have carried out some work to the surface of Horsepool Lane. Tar and a rut have been left on the verges, CB Cllr Baker is to ask when works are going to be completed.

Action: JB

1664. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr John Baker: Bin on Horsepool Lane – CB Cllr Baker is following this up.

Action: JB

There is to be a public hearing at Chicksands about moving of footpath (elephants) in Woburn Park. There were some objections. Consider relocating the footpath to take pedestrians away from elephants.

St James Church: Cllr George said :

- there had been a few services and a christening carried out by The Bishop.
- The funeral of Diane McBarron took place.
- A Carol service took place lead by Choral Nova, the new choir who practice in The Reading Room.
- Wreath making course took place just before Christmas.
- The churchyard is looking much better but still needs work carrying out. Residents are pleased that the church has been revived.
- It would be nice to replace the wooden seating in the church but this will cost a lot of money. The PCC would replace them if they had the finance.
- Bellringers practice takes place on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- Next Sunday Churches Together service (ecumenical service) takes place at 9.30am. It is so good to see the church used.

It was felt that the Coronation needs to involve the church, the Reading Room and the village so that it is a village wide effort.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said the team haven't been out since November due to weather and road closures but they are due out this month providing the weather is suitable.

Speedwatch Signage:

Matt Simkus – Senior Highways Officer, CBC: After internal discussion CBC is in agreement that they will arrange the new Speedwatch signs to be purchased and installed at the cost of £437.16. As Cllrs agreed to this expense, agreement has been passed to CBC and this work was expected to take place last July/August. CB Cllr Baker was asked to follow this up.

Action: JB

1665. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

CBC have advised that all P Cllrs have been sent an e.mail with their own unique link to enable them to complete/make any alterations to the Register of Interest for Town & Parish Cllrs form direct to CBC.

1666. **To accept accounts:**

Approx balance as at 5th January 2023: £26,029.05 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try and Cllr Grant towards notice board & Speedwatch signs.

Expenditure:

Home Counties Toilet Hire Toilet hire for play equipment installation	120.00	BACS
Mrs Lyman WFH Allowance – Dec & Jan	52.00	000640
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – Dec 119.60	114.32	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – Jan 119.60	114.32	s/o
	401.04	

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the above invoices be paid.

(Still need to amend the Clerks standing order). £5.28 x 12 (63.36) + further new rate

1667. **Section 106 Play Equipment update:**

Section 106 Funding is £9,111.80. (Invoice £19183.20 diff £10071.40)

The new play equipment and the safety surface under the bench has been installed. Agreement to forward the finance for the play equipment has been received from CBC although it has not yet been received.

1668. **Date of next meetings:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 starting at 8pm.

Meeting closed: 9.10pm.

Cllr T Hopper.
Chairman for the meeting