

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020 starting at 8pm.

Due to Corona 19 Regulations, face to face meetings have been postponed until further notice so this meeting was held by Zoom Conference Facilities.

Present: Councillors E Lear – Chairman, W Cuell, T Hopper, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman - The Clerk. There were 1 resident present.

In Attendance: CB Cllr J Baker.

Congratulations were extended to Cllr Hopper and Emily on the birth of their son Henry.

1509. **To Accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs N Buist & B O'Rourke. Cllr Buist has tendered his resignation. Cllr Buist was thanked for all he had achieved over his time as a parish councillor and he was wished well for the future.

1510. **Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

Peter George had expressed his interest in joining the Parish Council. He was invited to give a short resume and what he could offer as a Parish Councillor. He was then invited to stay and observe the meeting.

Due to the resignation of Cllr Buist, there is now a further vacancy so Councillors were encouraged to speak to residents who may be interested in the vacancy. The Clerk agreed to advise CBC of the vacancy.

1511. **Declaration of Members' Interests:**

a) Declaration of members interest of a non-pecuniary nature: Cllr Pearston – Charity and Reading Room Committee.

(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)

1512. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st September 2020 be signed as a true record of events and will be signed when possible.

1513. **To consider Matters arising:**

Ward Cllr Grant towards Speedwatch signs: Due to the present situation, although we were successful with the grant of £122.50 towards the cost of the signs (7 x £35 + VAT = £245), CBC will have to install them. CB Cllr Baker agreed to check with Paul Salmon at CBC when this could take place. This is ongoing. **Action: JB**

HGV situation is extremely heavy again. CBC Cllr Baker said he would take this forward. He will obtain the latest figure taken from strips across the road. Even more HGV's are using School Lane. This is ongoing. **Action: JB**

1514. **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:

A newsletter is usually published in time for Christmas so the Clerk asked for Cllrs to let her know what they would like included.

The large tree between the Recreation Ground and The White Horse has been invaded by a creeper which needs cutting back. The Clerk agreed to speak to John Hunter at Bedford Estates.
Action: LL

1515. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker: Regarding the Speedwatch signs and HGV situation, the Integrated Transport Section consists of Paul Salmon and Charlotte Dunham. Unfortunately Paul has been ill during the greater part of this year. Regarding the Speedwatch signs, he will speak to Charlotte.

Action: JB

Regarding the new site which will combine Husborne Crawley, Ridgmont and Woburn Lower Schools, a site has not yet been located although CB Cllr Baker is following this up. A decision on the future of Aspley Guise and Swallowfields Lower Schools is expected in December.

It appears the rail scheme is likely to go forward and CBC is considering the housing numbers for 2020/2026, grid roads etc. Once the Local Plan has been accepted, CB Cllr Baker envisages CBC will be looking for more housing allocation sites which could possibly involve land to the north of the railway line.

Footpaths were partly cleared around the junction of School Lane and Bedford Road but is very slippery now with more fallen leaves and running water down the footpath when it rains heavily. The Clerk has reported the situation to Highways on at least two occasions. If this work has not been completed by December, CB Cllr Baker would like to be informed. **Action: LL / JB**

Newport Road between Woburn and Woburn Sands has been sided out but the footpath on Turnpike Road isn't wide enough for two people to pass. The footpath is also badly broken up and needs re-surfacing. The verge in Turnpike Road also needs cutting back. CB Cllr Baker will try to get this done. **Action JB**

What is happening to the logs on the verge in Turnpike Road? At the time they were instated, it did protect the residents but at present they are no longer required. It was suggested that we should write to Bedford Estates asking if they could now be removed but not do this until after the consultation on the yellow lines has taken place. (Ian Delgarno is the CBC Portfolio Holder).

Re-direction of the footpath by the Elephants: A lot of objections have been received. On welfare grounds, it is thought this will be approved.

When yellow lines were introduced in Turnpike Road, they were going to be on a temporary basis but they are still in place. CB Cllr Baker will chase this up in the Spring. A Consultation should be taking place (CBC). It was thought the PC should carry out a secondary consultation so that we can make a response. We need to check with our parishioners to make sure of their feelings. Thought needs to be given to this to see how it should be carried out.

Speedwatch: A new battery charger has been issued for the SID although we are unable to go out at present due to the Covid Restrictions.

Regarding the increased number of HVG's coming through the village, we could always take the details individually and pass them to Cllr Pearston who would pass them on to Juliette – she will check with Juliette to see if this would be acceptable.

1516. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

Bedford/Milton Keynes Waterway Park October newsletter.

Planning: CB/20/03830/Full & CB/20/3831/LB Crawley House. Replacement of 280m of existing post and rail fence. There were no objections.

1517. **Confidential Item:**

Nothing raised.

1518. **To accept Accounts:**

Approx balance as at 5th November 2020 £22,379.37 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try.

Expenditure:

Mrs K Severs Internal Audit	25.00	000593
Mrs Lyman Working from home allowance (Oct & Nov)	52.00	BACS
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – October	114.32	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – November	114.32	s/o
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It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the above invoices be paid.

The school would like funds to replace the pads and battery on the defibrillator. (pads have to be replaced every time they are used). Funds were raised so that the defibrillator could be placed at the school but this is an unexpected expense. As this could be a lifesaving piece of equipment, this was agreed. It was also suggested that the presence of the defibrillator should be more widely known as it is for public use.

It was suggested that perhaps it would be more noticeable if the defibrillator was fixed on the Reading Room wall but obviously this would need the Reading Room Committee's permission. Or a second Defibrillator could be purchased. A second one would need to be placed in a different part of the village. If purchased, who would carry out the upkeep?

Ian Thomas who runs Michael Graham Estate Agent organised a defibrillator for Woburn Sands. They are in the region of approx £1,000 + fitting and would require a power supply. Or they can be rented which would include the costs of repairs.

It was agreed that Cllrs Cuell and George would compile a report for the next meeting.

Precept:

Expenditure to date had been circulated. After a lengthy discussion it, it was proposed by Cllr Lear that the Precept request should remain at £6,650. This was seconded by Cllr Pearston with all in agreement.

Action: LL

1519. **Section 106 Play Equipment update:**

(Section 106 Funding is £9,111.80. The up to date quote for the sheep, balance beam and Hawley Trail together with installation and carriage charge is £4,585.00.

The quote for safety surfacing to match the rest in the recreation area – to remove existing rubber tiles and dispose of them £700.00 and to supply and install the tiger mulch £1,404.00 = £2,104 + VAT. The sum of £2,524.80 has been received from Galliford Try to enable the safety surfacing to be completed. This work is to be done when they are in the area carrying out other work in the area.

It was agreed to purchase a replacement bench at the lower end of the Recreation Ground).

This is ongoing.

1510b. **Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

Peter George was asked if he thought he would like to fill the vacancy for the co-opted Parish Councillor to which he agreed. The Clerk agreed to send him the required Declaration form.

Action: LL / PG

1520. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 18th January 2021 starting at 8pm. This will be held by Zoom conference facilities.

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Cllr Lear.
Chairman.