

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2021 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 W Cuell – Vice Chairman, P George, T Hopper, B O'Rourke, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman and 1 resident present.

In Attendance: CB Cllr J Baker.

1521. **To Accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr E Lear.

Unfortunately Cllr O'Rourke wasn't able to join us successfully for the whole of the meeting due to Broadband problems.

1522. **Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

Stephen Thomas 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.

1523. **Declaration of Members' Interests:**

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

1524. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2020 be signed as a true record of events and will be signed when possible.

1525. **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. Unfortunately strips across the road do not come into force until at least March due to weather conditions (possible frost/snow) so this will be ongoing. **Action: JB**

The large tree between the Recreation Ground and The White Horse has been invaded by a creeper which needs cutting back before it chokes the tree. The Clerk had left a message for John Hunter at Bedford Estates but didn't know whether he had taken it further. Cllr Cuell said he would check and advise the Clerk accordingly. **Action: WC / LL**

All the footpaths have been cleared thanks to The Clerk and CB Cllr Baker. The surface on the section from Husborne Crawley to Woburn is in an appalling state but unfortunately will be expensive to re-instate and CBC will not have the finance for this. Any large potholes need to be

reported to CBC Highways and a report number obtained for future reference.

1526. **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:

The notice board is in a bit of a poor state. Is anyone able to give it a bit of attention please or should we consider a new one? The Clerk has obtained a quote for a metal one and a wooden one £689 + carriage and £1,320 + carriage respectively from Earth Anchors. Cllr Hopper agreed to check the original one out. If not repairable, we could consider purchasing a new one. The Clerk agreed to circulate the quotes which she has in order for Cllrs to give it further consideration.

Action: TH, LL and all Cllrs.

1527. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker: Wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Stephen Thomas to the meeting.

CB Baker has spoken to Charlotte Dunham about the Speedwatch signs. She has agreed to meet with The Clerk regarding sightings of the signs although any meeting will be Covid dependant.

To date a new site for the three schools has not yet been located, it was thought that CBC would not have the finance for three separate sites though. There is to be a meeting between Head Teachers & Governing bodies with CBC and CB Cllr Baker on Wednesday when hopefully more will be made known. They may have to make the best of the buildings which they already have.

Cllr Richard Welham is the new CBC Leader.

Local Plan roles forward which it is thought that the Inspector may be mindful to approve.

Council tax up by 4.9%. so the bill will be significantly larger.

The footpath diversion away from the elephant house is still being pushed forward. It is hoped that once the footpath has been re-routed and there is nothing to see, that visitors will stop parking on the verges.

As the car park has been closed again, cars are being parked in various villages around Woburn Park. Cars are being parked down Horsepool Lane. It was noted that additional logs have been placed at the entrance at Ridgmont. When verges need mowing, the logs will have to be taken away.

Double yellow lines were temporary so time will tell. Needs a statutory consultation by CBC officers to sort out. All residents will be advised.

There are plans afoot for South East Milton Keynes including a new strategic road network. A Strategic Committee has been called whose prime intention is to 'Protect the Villages' although this doesn't seem to be happening. We have not been invited to attend these meeting, nor has Aspley Heath although Aspley Guise has. CB Cllr Baker became involved with this last August.

There is no connection between Wavendon Road and A421. The H10 would be the first horizontal grid road north of the railway line. It just seems acceptable for the new traffic generated to go through Aspley Guise and Husborne Crawley!

CB Cllr Baker suggested that CBC and Milton Keynes Council get together and start talking to

each other which they are now doing. A reserved corridor has been spoken about but not yet allocated.

Re 'Protecting the villages' – HC hasn't been invited to Stakeholder Group meetings. CB Cllr Baker will check to see who has been invited.

East West expressway has not been completely abandoned but the possible development of the South East MK may block one of the possible routes.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said that the Police have told the group that they do not want us to go out due to the Covid Situation. The camera van has been in the area.

Defibrillator:

The existing defibrillator is sited on the front of the school. 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. If a second one is purchased, its upkeep would need to be set up.

It was agreed that Cllrs Cuell and George would compile a report for the next meeting. The report is still to come.

Action: WC / PG

Cllr George had circulated a memo to Reading Room Committee. Peter Jones had said the original defibrillator had been crowd funded and that the Reading Room Committee had contributed to it.

It was felt the school needs one anyway so it should not be moved.

Ultimately it was thought we should have a second one and ensure that all residents are aware of where they are both sited. There are grants around which hopefully could go towards the purchase costs. The Reading Room Committee are to be asked if they will allow the defibrillator to be sited on the outside wall and for an electricity supply to be enabled. Costs are to be obtained for the purchase and ongoing maintenance.

Action: WC / PG

1528. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

No correspondence.

Planning:

CB/21/00038/Full The Old Vicarage. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement outbuilding. No objections raised.

It was agreed planning applications /redevelopment need to be scrutinised more. Once normal planning applications are circulated they can be viewed on CBC website.

1529. **Confidential Item:**

Nothing raised.

1530. **To accept Accounts:**

Approx balance as at 5th January 2021 £21,745.78 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try.

Expenditure:

BATPC	93.00	000594
Subs (last year)		

AEDonate Defibrillator parts	60.00	BACS
HMRC PAYE	85.60	00595
Mrs Lyman Working from home allowance (Dec & Jan)	52.00	BACS
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – December	114.32	s/o
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	519.24	

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

1531. **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.

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

This is ongoing.

1522b. **Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

Stephen Thomas was asked if he thought he would like to join the Parish Council. He said he would like to give it more thought and agreed to speak to The Clerk. **Action: LL / ST**

It was noted that Broadband quality has not been good this evening.

It was agreed someone needs to speak to Cllr O'Rourke to see how she can be assisted too.

1532. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 15th March 2021 starting at 8pm. This will be held by Zoom conference facilities.

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

Cllr Cuell.
Vice Chairman.