

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th March 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 E Lear – Chairman, W Cuell, P George, T Hopper, B O'Rourke, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman and 1 resident present.

1533. **To Accept Apologies:**

No apologies were received.

1534. **Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

Stephen Thomas has decided against joining the Parish Council so there is still a vacancy.

Giles Lang had shown interest in joining the Parish Council. He was asked to give a quick resume. He has lived in the village for 5 years although he had spent 2 years living/working in South Africa. He has a wife and young family.

It was unanimously agreed that Giles take up the Parish Councillor Vacancy. The Clerk agreed to send him the relevant form for CBC. *Action: LL*

1535. **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, Cllr Lang (Planning).
(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)

1536. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2021 be signed as a true record of events and will be signed when possible.

1537. **To consider Matters arising:**

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. Nothing further heard from CB Cllr Baker to date. *Action: JB*

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.

Cllr George felt the notice board had seen better days and the ply backing was coming away too. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Cuell that we should purchase a new noticeboard from Earth Anchors. This was seconded by Cllr Leah with all in agreement. The working party would be led by Cllr Hopper.

Cllr George will inform the Reading Room Committee as the existing notice board is sited with in the Reading Room car park. We could maybe get a larger noticeboard so that the Reading Room could share it? Maybe they would like to contribute financially too. Cllr George agreed to let us

know the outcome.

Action: PG, TH, LL.

1538. **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 Clerk has advised Bedford Estates that the fencing by the brook in Horsepool Lane is now non-existent and would be very dangerous as it is a deep drop down into the water. No fences either side of the road.

1539. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker: No report available.

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 the 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 is 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.

Cllr George has checked with the Reading Room Committee and they are happy for it to be fitted on the outside of the Reading Room.

It was agreed the Parish Council should install a new one ourselves. Report to be done and see what grants there are available.

Action: WC / PG

1540. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

Anglian Water strategic water network programme: Anglian Water is proposing to create a series of interconnecting pipelines across the region. As part of this programme, Anglian Water is planning to install a water pipeline in the Bow Brickhill area called the Ampthill scheme to provide additional resilience in the area. They are seeking to identify routes that minimise the impact to the local environment and disruption to the community. They will soon be consulting with landowners on the way forward. It looks as though the small area in Husborne Crawley may be being upgraded and doesn't look as though it is likely to affect residents.

Marston Vale New Villages Development Brief: The consultation is out at the moment and ends at the end of the month. This is an important document. As the Local Plan Inspectors didn't oppose the development, it looks as though it may go ahead so although we may oppose it, we need to get the best out of it for our area. Ask for undertaking and assurance to keep HGV's out of our village (weight limit). See Cllrs comments which were circulated. Safeguarding the surrounded villages. A suggestion that another junction be built at Magna Park area to take the traffic to from Milton Keynes.

Play Safety Ltd will be carrying out the play equipment safety inspection in May.

1541. **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:

LexisNexis Local Council Admin Publication	149.88	000596
J Darlow Mole Control	115.29	000597
Bedford Estates Recreation Ground Rental	1.00	000598
HMRC PAYE 4 th ¼	85.80	000599
Mrs Lyman Working from home allowance (Feb & Mar)	52.00	BACS
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – February	114.32	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – March	114.32	s/o
	632.61	

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

1542. **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).

A new up to date quote for £12,049 has been received. Cllrs Lear & Hopper and The Clerk had agreed to stay on this Zoom Meeting to discuss the quote further and report back accordingly.

This is ongoing.

1543. **Annual Parish/Annual Parish Council Meetings:**

It was agreed to provisionally hold the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting on 17th May 2021 in The Reading Room. Cllr George agreed to make the provisional booking. *Action: PG*

1544. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 17th May 2021 Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.45pm and will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed: 9pm.

Cllr Lear.
Chairman.

Cllrs Lear & Hopper and The Clerk stayed on the Zoom meeting to discuss the new play equipment quote.

	New Quote		Original Quote
6 x Sheep Play Sculpture	3,390.00	4 x Sheep	1,596.00
1 x Balance Beam	199.00		160.00
1 Hawkley Adventure Trail	995.00		715.00
Installation	4,478.00		3,360.00
Carriage charge	342.00		240.00
Site Survey	750.00		
Inspection Report	395.00		
Plant Hire & Skips	1,500.00		
	<u>12,049.00</u>		<u>6,071.00</u>

The original quote was dated 29/4/2020. It did not include site survey, inspection report, plant hire & skips expenses.

This is a ridiculous amount of money and a steep increase within 12 months.

If Cllr Hopper installs the equipment with a colleague, we could maybe purchase on a supply only basis.

Ask if we can purchase on a supply only basis.

Ask if we can have an installation guide as we have a local contractor who would do the installation. We can then make a decision once we have seen the installation guide.

Try to get a timed appointment for Playsafety when they do the rec inspection. Try to get it as early as possible in the morning,