

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st September 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 and S Pearston & Lyn Lyman - The Clerk. There were no residents present.

In Attendance: CB Cllr J Baker.

1497. **To Accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr N Buist.

1498. **Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

Formal recognition was given regarding Cllr Lymans recent passing away. He had been a long serving member of the Parish Council and had worked hard for the village over a number of years. He had also served as both Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Upon the death of Cllr Lyman, CBC has been advised and the relevant notice has been displayed. We are now in the position of being able to go ahead and co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Councillors were encouraged to speak to residents who may be interested in the vacancy.

1499. **Declaration of Members' Interests:**

a) Declaration of members interest of a non-pecuniary nature: Cllr Pearston – Charity.
(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)

1500. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th July 2020 be signed as a true record of events and will be signed when possible.

1501. **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.

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. He will follow up getting Speedwatch signs installed.

1502. **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.

1503. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker: Confirmed that he had taken up the drainage issue by the cement works. Road resurfacing will be taking place in School Lane and Bedford Road.

Local Plan is ongoing. There may be a possibility of some 5000 houses and warehousing at Junction 13. More hearing are expected early next year.

MK SEMK houses in Brickhill Area is ongoing. CB Cllr Baker is a member of the Advisory Group.

The state of the footpath in School Lane which The Clerk had reported has not yet been carried out. CB Cllr Baker said he had also reported it.

Diversion of public footpath in Woburn Park, re-directing pedestrians away from the elephant area.

Schools: A new site in order to merge the three schools has not yet been confirmed although it was thought it would be decided by Christmas.

All 3 schools were built by Duke of Bedford in early 1900's. Husborne Crawley site may be a listed building.

Trees/logs have been removed in Ridgmont but not Husborne Crawley but it is not known why and by whom. Car parking seems to have moved on. The tree trunks are an eyesore, but until the footpath has been re-directed, the objects could be removed.

Speedwatch: Due to Covid restrictions, no Speedwatch sessions have been carried out. The SID charger is not working properly and is to be sorted out – hopefully a new charger will be issued.

1504. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

CBC Public Diversion Order : parts of footpath No's 1 and 7. Order was made on 20th September 2020. Objections to the order should be sent to CBC not later than 23rd October 2020. The elephants used to be kept inside but new regulations say they must be allowed to roam outside too. When there were so many visitors walking on the footpaths, they were often throwing items over the fence which could have endangered the elephants so it would seem to be a sensible re-direction for the safety of the elephants.

Planning: No planning application.

1505. **Confidential Item:**

Nothing raised.

1506. **To accept Accounts:**

Approx balance as at 21st September 2020 £22,877.81 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try.

Expenditure:

HMRC PAYE	82.80	000592
Mrs Lyman Backdated Working from home allowance (April to August)	130.00	BACS

Mrs Lyman Working from Home Allowance – September	26.00	BACS
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – August	114.32	s/o
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	311.44	

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

1507. **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.

The necessary Section 106 application form has been completed and sent to CBC but when chased they couldn't find the paperwork so it is to be re-sent.

1508. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 16th November 2020 starting at 8pm. This will be held by Zoom conference facilities.

Meeting closed: 8.40pm.

Cllr Lear.
Chairman.