

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 in The Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

Present: Councillors W Cuell - Chairman, E Lear, P George, T Hopper, B O'Rourke & Lyn Lyman (Clerk).

In Attendance: CB Cllr J Baker.

1568. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs G Lang & S Pearston.

1569. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th July 2021 be signed as a true record of events.

1570. **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.

b) Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature:

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

1571. **To consider Matters arising:**

HGV situation: CB Cllr Baker had previously agreed to take this forward but nothing has been heard from him to date. According to Speedwatch, CBC and The Police are actively pursuing enforcing the situation. We must continue taking photos where possible and reporting them.

New noticeboard in The Reading Room car park: (wooden 2 door noticeboard to be purchased from GEViews for £1,098 + VAT). The working party would be led by Cllr Hopper. Ward Cllrs fund allocation of £300 has been allocated. Before placing the order, we need to know how heavy the delivery is likely to be, will it be on a pallet and how big will the vehicle be that delivers it? This will determine where we have it delivered to. (Delivery could be to Cllr Lang, Cllr O'Rourke or Cllr Hopper dependant to size of vehicle). Depending on the size, Cllr George will check with the Reading Room committee to see if it could be stored there in readiness for setting it up.

Action: LL/PG

1572. **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.

1573. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker: Highways general maintenance issues seem to have been problematic over the Summer. He said the Estate should be cutting the grass by the logs.

Gigaclear to do overhead work in Crow Lane.

Lower School situation: CB Cllr Baker has a meeting with the CBC Chief Exec tomorrow. He felt that when the situation was first discussed, some 21 months later nothing concrete has come of discussions. He thinks that CBC is now trying to re-think that they are going to do.

CB Cllr Baker asked if Husborne Crawley Parish Council had been included as participants of the Marston Vale Stakeholders Partnership as he felt that it was being carried out in relevant secrecy. The Marston Vale Partnership had been set up to involve the Parishes along the corridor which the proposed building of 5,000 houses involved. This did not include Husborne Crawley. The Clerk had advised Cllrs of the first meeting before she was advised of who it should involve. At that time Cllrs did not show any interest in attending. The Marston Vale Stakeholders group was set up to consider the possible 5000 houses which may be built to form the Marston Vale.

Cllr Cuell asked about 15 street lights at the bottom of School Lane, Turnpike Road and Mill Road being a waste on energy. This is a policy aimed at villages.

St James Church: Cllr George reported:

Meeting with Archdeacon David Middlebrook

- At the meeting Dave gave the village his blessing to form a new PCC.
- We discussed the future of the church as both a religious centre and a secular meeting place for the community. We discussed the idea of holding around 6 services in the first year and to see how it goes.
- We discussed the possibility of holding music, drama and cultural events in the church, partly to raise funds but also to get the village using and caring for the church
- We discussed the maintenance of the building and the churchyard. There is much to be done but we are at least starting from a relatively good place. Major works include gutters and gullies, roof alarms, clock face refurbishment, repointing of masonry, window repairs, boiler maintenance, electrical testing, fire escape plans and fire extinguishers.
- We also discussed improvements such as kitchen and toilet facilities (the main issue being drainage and waste handling), making the chairs movable or even replacing the chairs with a more flexible system that can be used for services or arranged for events.
- It is clear that the diocese is very keen that the church remains a church and part of the community. There was talk of a part time clergy for the benefice to cover Aspley Guise, Ridgmont and Husborne Crawley. Our efforts and those of Ridgmont, who find themselves in a similar situation, may help to tip the balance.

Harvest Festival

- We held our first normal service since lockdown yesterday, a Harvest Festival, and I am pleased to report that it was very well attended, approximately 50, and the feedback we have received has been very positive and will encourage us to continue in our quest to revive the church.
- The bells were rung, the organ performed well at the hand of Elizabeth Churchill and the flag was flown.
- More than 40 people continued to the Reading Room for lunch.

Next Steps

- Tomorrow, 21st, we will hold an Extraordinary Annual Church Meeting of the members of the electoral roll to vote in a new PCC.
- This will be followed by a Parishioner's Meeting to vote for two churchwardens. Nick Burton and I have so far stated they are prepared to stand.
- We will then call a normal PCC meeting in the near future to decide on future business.
- We will be communicating progress to those who are interested via email and a Facebook page. Notification of significant services will also be done through letterbox flyers.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said the next session takes place the last week of September.

Defibrillator: It was felt that the defibrillator should be visible and accessible. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase a second one to be fitted to the outside wall of the Reading Room. The Reading Room Committee has agreed it can be fitted on the outside wall.

At present we are waiting for the report from Cllrs Cuell and George re choices and any possible funding. And have training if possible. Cllr Cuell agreed to chase this with Cllr George.

Action: WC / PG

Cllr George said he has been to see the defibrillator in Woburn. It was agreed to purchase the defibrillator from The British Heart Foundation at the cost of approx £2,000. Cllr Cuell agreed to investigate and possible funding opportunities. Once this is known, The Clerk will order the defibrillator.

Action: WC/LL

1574. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

CBC will be collected green waste between 18th October and 30th October. More details to follow after that.

CBC has advised that there will be a temporary road closed on School Lane to enable culvert replacement works between 3rd January and 18th February 2022.

Magpas Air Ambulance has gratefully acknowledged the donation which we gave.

1575. **To accept Accounts:**

Approx balance as at 1st July 2021 £27,472.27 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try.

Expenditure:

Playsafety Limited Play equipment safety inspection	132.60	000607
Mrs Lyman Clerks WFH Allowance	52.00	000608
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – August	114.32	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – September	114.32	s/o
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It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the above invoices be paid.

1576. **Section 106 Play Equipment update:**

Section 106 Funding is £9,111.80.

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 has been received from Redlynch. 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. The clerk has chased them up on this and will do so again.

Action: LL

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

If Cllr Hopper installs the equipment with a colleague, it has been confirmed that we could purchase on a supply only basis.

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 Clerk had requested an installation guide which was forwarded to Cllrs Hopper and Lear. Cllr Hopper is too busy to carry out the installation at the moment but will investigate his colleagues.

1567. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 15th November 2021. Cllr Cuell gave his apologies. As Vice Chairman, Cllr Hopper will chair the meeting.

Meeting closed: 9.10 pm.

Cllr Cuell.
Chairman.