

Minutes of the Annual Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd June 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 N Buist, W Cuell, T Hopper, E Lear and S Pearston & Lyn Lyman - The Clerk. There were 4 residents present.

In view of the residents in attendance (wanting to speak in Open Forum), it was agreed that The Open Forum should be brought forward and be chaired by Cllr Buist. When this item was completed, the agenda would then be taken in order.

1479. **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 main item for discussion was the double yellow lines which had been installed on Turnpike Road. This has arisen due to the Safari Park car park having been closed by the Emergency Corona 19 Regulations then cars being parked on every conceivable area in Turnpike Road (both sides of the road), Horsepool Lane, School Lane and Mill Road. Vehicles were often parked dangerously, passengers (adult & children) walking into the road etc. An awful lot of rubbish being left behind too. Using Emergency Corona 19 Regulations, CBC put in temporary double yellow lines on both sides of Turnpike Road. This stopped vehicles being parked over the footpath in front of the houses but vehicles were still crossing the yellow lines and parking on the verge along the wall. Logs and cones were then put on the verges either side of the Safari Park entrance but cars then parked on the verges leading to Woburn. Whilst some residents welcomed the double yellow lines, others did not.

Comments received:

- Felt it was a retrograde step having temporary double yellow lines as it gives the wrong emphasis to the village, makes traffic faster and spoils the look of the village.
- CBC had distributed a letter concerning the Double Yellow lines which intimated the Covid 19 regulations could last for 18 months. The lines were temporary and it was not known what may happen to these.
- Are they temporary as in being taken away or are they there until going to be made permanent?
- How long are they there for and how did they get there?
- They are not being enforced – this is down to CBC not The Police.
- Is the footpath in the park going to be closed and re-located so it doesn't go past the animals so they cannot be seen? Hopefully this would alleviate large numbers of vehicles being parked outside of the park in the long run.
- The double yellow lines have not solved the problems – vehicles are still parking on the verge by the wall.
- It all happened so quickly and the Parish Council were had not been advised it was going to happen.
- Is this purely for a Covid 19 action?
- We should not discourage people walking in our lovely areas.
- Vehicles are parking in Ridgmont Road now the grass has been cut.

Cllr Buist proposed we try to find out what the plans are regarding the yellow lines.

Action: LL

A CBC notice had been posted to most houses where the yellow lines have been painted. 19th June the lines were painted and we have a 6 months period to give CBC our views about the order. Half of the village seem to be in favour the lines. Shall the PC carry out a consultation? It was agreed The Clerk should contact CBC to find out what is happening as the Parish Council had not been advised of the situation regarding the yellow lines. *Action: LL*

Website called Husborne Crawley Village People (facebook page).

It was agreed personal communications are better as in a public meeting. All residents need to be able to access and attend. Unfortunately The Reading Room is still in lockdown. Do a physical survey house by house giving options of yellow lines, logs, nothing, physical barrier to give us results. A4 sheet survey to be circulated to all residents so that they can complete and return it.

**Could we set up a meeting with Bedford Estate, CBC Ward Cllr, CBC and the Police about the letter which the Parish Council did not receive? Although this could be quite difficult due to Lockdown.

Possibly draft a questionnaire and arrange a meeting with **. Then hold an open meeting. Draft group, Nick Burton & Cllr Cuell. And draft a letter to various departments in CBC, so we get to know what the options are. Maybe circulate a letter to all the residents to say what the PC is doing. These Draft to be circulated to Cllrs for comments.

Cllr Hopper said there appears to be a mixed reception re the yellow lines. The pc will form a decision on the results of the questionnaire and CBC decisions. We will need to publish results.

Nick Burton: suggested that as it is CBC's intention to close School Lane to enable work to take place on the bridge, that if we can demonstrate we can use the road for other activities, could we use it? It was confirmed that in the past we have applied to close the road for an activity and we were advised it would be costing over £1,000 to do this. He proposed that we use the closed road rather than ask if we can use it. It may be an idea to ask the Reading Room committee and the school if there are any events which may be held. Toilet facilities need to be available. The final date for the closure has not yet been advised.

Nick Burton has asked Ward Cllr Baker if the footpath is going to be kept open whilst the road is closed.

There is a standard procedure for asking the road to be closed for an event. Maybe hold a Post Covid street party..... as there have been no fete, no VE day, may not be VJ date celebration.. Could also use the Rec. Maybe emanate from the Reading Room Committee.

Rob Hallam: it has been muted that the school may be closed although this is not definite. Unfortunately we have no say in the decision and we don't seem to be able to change their minds Going to made into 2 tier system. We were all concerned so Rob said he will speak to Headmistress again.

Cllr Cuell will forward the letter from CBC to The Clerk who will circulate to all Cllrs.

Action: WC/LL

1472. **To Elect the Chairman:**

Cllr Buist said, under the present circumstances that he would not be putting himself up for re-election as Chairman

Cllr Lear was nominated by Cllr Cuell. This was seconded by Cllr Pearston with all in agreement. There being no further nominations, Cllr Lear accepted, agreed to sign the acceptance form and took the Chair.

1473. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr Lyman & O'Rourke.

1474. **To Elect the Vice-Chairman:**

Cllr Cuell was nominated by Cllr Hopper. This was seconded by Cllr Buist with all in agreement. Cllr Cuell accepted.

1475. **To nominate Associated Positions:**

Play Equipment Inspector:	Cllr Hopper
Recreation Ground Working Group:	Cllrs Buist, Hopper, Lear, O'Rourke & The Clerk
Parish Liaison Representative:	The Clerk
Husborne Crawley Charity Trustee:	Cllr Lyman (2 year left)
Website:	The Clerk

1476. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

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

1477. **Declaration of Members' Interests:**

a) Declaration of members interest of a non-pecuniary nature: Cllrs Lyman & 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)

1478. **To consider Matters arising:**

Nothing which is not an Agenda Item.

1480. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker: No report available.

It was noted that News Around Husborne Crawley had not been received by everyone.

Speedwatch: Operations have been curtailed due to Corona 19 Regulations although Central Bedfordshire area have been advised that Speedwatch can resume so long as all present are not over 70 years of age (for the time being) – this obviously cuts out most of the operatives!

1481. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

BATPC: Parish & Town Councils Networking Event 5th May. Due to Corona 19 Regulations this was cancelled. (The Clerk had been going to attend).

Branch fallen over the footpath on Bedford Road had been reported to CBC (340451) has been cleared away by CBC at 11.30pm one evening.

Overgrown trees/shrubs on School Lane between The White House and Crow Lane were reported to CBC (340448). Work still to be carried out.

CBC: Temporary road closure - Bedford Road/School Lane carriageway re-surfacing to take place between 18th August to 15th September 2020 (to be confirmed). Between 8.00 – 18.00 hrs.

CBC: Temporary road closure – School Lane to take place between 18th July – 9th October (24/7).

(to be confirmed).

Playsafety advised of Play Area Safety Inspection has taken place and the Clerk had forwarded the report to Cllrs Hopper & Lear. It indicated the swing seats etc may need to be replaced and remedial work carried out. It was agreed the Recreation Ground Working Group should have a site visit.
Action: EL, TH, B O & LL

CBC has supplied some Covid 19 related posters.

BMK News March & June editions.

Magpas Air Ambulance has requested a contribution towards their excellent service which has obviously suffered during this Covid 19 Pandemic. We donated £150 last year. *It was RESOLVED* to donate £150 again this year.

Footpaths in Turnpike Road, lot of families walking along the footpath. Quite dangerous, the line of the hedges is in line with the wall of The Bakery, where hedges have encroached. Formal request to CBC to properly delineate the width of the footpath. Recover the full width of the footpath. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with CBC.
Action: LL

Planning: None.

1482. **Confidential Item:**
Item was duly noted.

1483. **To accept Accounts and y/e AGAR for 2019/2020:**
Approx balance as at 1st June 2020 £23,385.57 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try.

Income: CBC Precept £6,650.00 (April) HMRC VAT £43.20 (May)

Expenditure:

March:

Bedford Estate	1.00	000588
Recreation ground Rent		

Mrs Lyman	39.91	000589
Clerks Expenses 12 months		

Mrs Lyman	114.32	s/o
Clerks Salary – February		

Mrs Lyman	<u>114.32</u>	s/o
Clerks Salary – March	169.55	

April - June:

HMRC	85.80	000590
PAYE		

Mrs Lyman	114.32	s/o
Clerks Salary – April		

BHIB Ltd Annual Insurance	415.64	BAC
Magpas Air Ambulance Donation	150.00	000591
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – May	114.32	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – June	<u>114.32</u> 994.40	s/o

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

The Clerk has completed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 Part 2. This is for smaller authorities (less than £25,000) certifying that the Parish Council is exempt from a limited assessment review (external Audit). It was unanimously agreed the AGAR should be signed by the Chairman.

1484. **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 with the present Covid 19 Restrictions, nothing has been received to date.

It was noted that the hedges around the Recreation Ground have been cut and all is looking good. Marston Vale Tree care have apologised for not having got round to cutting the Recreation Ground hedges as agreed and as it is now bird nesting season, suggests doing it in August/September. As the hedge had been cut, it can only assumed that CBC did it as was previously requested. Marston Vale Tree Care is to be asked to cut the bits which were not done.
Action: LL

1485. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 20th July 2020 starting at 8pm. This will be held by Zoom Conference Facilities.

Cllr Buist was thanked for carrying out his position as Chairman successfully. Cllr Buist said he had enjoyed his time as Chairman too.

Meeting closed: 09.50.

Cllr Lear.
Chairman.