

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021 in The Reading Room, Husborne Crawley following the Annual Parish Meeting which started at 7.34pm.

Present: Councillors W Cuell - Chairman, E Lear, T Hopper, G Lang, B O'Rourke, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman (Clerk).

1557. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr P George (self-isolation) and CB Cllr J Baker.

1558. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2021 be signed as a true record of events.

1559. **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.

b) Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature:

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

1560. **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. The situation has got worse and the weight limit is being ignored. Cllr Cuell agreed to take this up with CB Cllr Baker. It was pointed out that anyone can report issues. Cllr Cuell agreed to speak to the new PCC Commissioner to ask what his views are on the HGV situation. **Action: WC**

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). **Action: LL**

Charity: It was confirmed that the Parish Council do not have a right to provide a Trustee. The late Cllr Lyman was actually a Trustee in his own right. The Parish Council have no influence whatsoever in the running of the Charity.

Cllr Cuell would like The Charity to speak more to the Parish Council. They want to know when there are vacancies. Cllr Cuell would like to issue an invitation for the Chair to attend a Parish Council Meeting to see how we can work with the Charity. For the benefit of those who were not aware, Cllr Cuell explained about the two pieces of land which the Charity owns and about the option for the sale of a further piece of land for housing.

1561. **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:

St James Church, Husborne Crawley: Cllr George had been in discussions with the Arch Deacon. The Arch Deacon has been seeking ideas of how the church could be used in the future ie Artist Studios, Glamping, Singing etc.

It was suggested that Cllr George provide an update under Reports at future Parish Council Meetings. *Action: PG*

Overgrown hedges on Turnpike Road: 15 & 16 are DOB owned and 17 is Private. *Action: LL*

Hedges on Bedford Road to Aspley Guise are all over grown. Both the Clerk and Cllr Cuell had reported it to Fix my Street and report numbers have been obtained. Subsequently a wheelchair user has ripped his legs to shreds as the overgrowth couldn't be avoided so the Clerk has reported it again also the verges on the opposite side and has a report number. As this is covered by Waste Services not Highways, the Clerk has spoken to them and offered to meet for a site visit. Subsequently both sides of the road have been cut back.

1562. **The White Horse Update:**

Has a new tenant and was actually open over the weekend. He has a few other pubs and puts managers in and seemingly runs them successfully. He would like to keep it as a good village pub doing good basic food but is in the process of engaging staff. (Stoneleigh owns the property).

Prior to being advised that the White Horse had a tenant, Nick Burton was completing a form to register the pub as an Asset of community value. There was concern that with the asset of community value ruling on it, if the pub was closed that it may be difficult to get change of use to bring the property back in use, ie residential. We need to know the implications. The Clerk had invited Nick Burton to attend this meeting to give an update but as he didn't appear, Cllr Cuell will ask for an update. *Action: WC/NB*

1563. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker had sent the following report:

Future of lower schools: I've written an update on Facebook, which everyone should be able to access without having to login. Read more here: <https://www.facebook.com/aspleyandwoburn/posts/2975386626110346>

Drain on junction of School Lane / Bedford Road: This requires 'traffic management' to enable the gully clearance, and that has now been ordered. Unsure when it should happen but hopefully it's now on the radar. `

Weeds and general grass cutting: The Council's contractor has been pretty poor across the Authority this year so some verges have been left looking tatty. Pretty much every Councillor in a rural ward is unhappy. I can only assume the Officers are getting on top of it, but I'll be chasing it up as summer closes to ensure the verges are left tidy for winter.

Logs on Turnpike Road: Is it time for the logs to go? Life is going back to normal, the yellow lines are in place and the verges look scruffy. I'd appreciate some Parish Council direction on this matter. It was pointed out that the logs at Ridgmont have been strimmed around and the area looks very neat and tidy. It is not known who has done this, maybe The Estate? Cllr Cuell would like to see the grass grow long but have the logs taken away. His thinking is if the grass is long, vehicles wouldn't use this for parking. He would like to wait to see if the re-routing of the footpath is agreed as it may diminish the use and need for vehicles to park off site. He doesn't think we should rush into removing them. *Action: WC/JB*

Local Plan: I expect this to be approved by the Conservative Administration at next week's Full Council (it is on the agenda for adoption). This will include the warehousing at M1 J13.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said the next session takes place w/c 26th July.

Defibrillator:

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

It was wondered whether Amazon may contribute towards a defibrillator once we know what type of defibrillator we would like.

1564. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

The school asked for permission to use the Recreation Ground for their sports day for Friday 2nd July which had been agreed. We were not invited as they were not allowed to have any spectators only staff and children due to Covid Restrictions.

BMK News July 2021 edition.

Magpas Air Ambulance had sent an update on their excellent service and have requested a donation towards the running of it. It was unanimously agreed to donate £200.

1565. **To accept Accounts:**

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

Income: Ward Cllrs contribution towards the new noticeboard.

Expenditure:

BATPC Annual Affiliation Fees	93.00	000601
BHIB Annual Insurance Premium	420.10	000602
Mrs Lyman 4 months Clerks Allowance (4 x £26)	104.00	000603
Mrs K Severs Internal Audit	25.00	000604
Magpas Air Ambulance Donation	200.00	000605
HMRC 1 st ¼ PAYE	82.60	000605
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – June	114.32	s/o
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Clerks Salary – July

1,153.34

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

1566. **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 has requested an installation guide, once this has been received the working group can meet to make the decision. They have the authority delegated to take this forward.

Cllr Hopper and group will liaise and see how to go forward. If Cllr Hopper cant install, he may know people who may be able to provide tenders.

1567. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 20th September 2021.

Meeting closed: 9.40pm.

Cllr Cuell.
Chairman.