

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

Present: Councillors N Buist - Chairman, W Cuell, T Hopper, E Lear, R Lyman, B O'Rourke, S Pearston & Lyn Lyman - The Clerk.

In attendance: CB Cllr J Baker.

1451. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: No apologies received.

1452. **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)

1453. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be signed as a true record of events.

1454. **To consider Matters arising:**

1444 The new parish council website is up and running many thanks to Jed Gibson who set it up and has agreed to assist the Clerk on an ongoing basis. The website is supplied by Wix.com and the annual cost will be £86.40 + domain costs (the domain cost being free for the first 12 months).

As Jed Gibson is not charging us for the work he has done and will continue to do, the Clerk suggested we show our appreciation and pay Jed. After discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to make a payment of £150 to Jed. **Action: LL.**

1455. **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:***

As the Reading Room Committee are now very active and organise lots of events, Cllr Cuell asked if the Parish Council should have more of a connection with them. Perhaps an annual meeting or more often so we both know what each other are doing. Cllr Buist said he would make contact with Peter Jones – Reading Room Committee Chairman. **Action: NB**

1456. **To accept Reports:**

***CB Cllr Baker:***

Congratulated the Speedwatch Team. He said everyone knows we are doing it and how well we are doing it. He noticed the camera van is quite active too.

CB Cllr Baker has been in talks with CBC about a Mobile VAS for the village. Westcotec supply them at around £7,000 each. We would need to move them ourselves and keep the battery charged.

Resurfacing of School Lane and Bedford Road has been put on hold until the new financial year

(April) as CBC don't have the funding for the project despite having advised this has been going to take place for the last couple of years. Highways have a budget of £600,000 for the whole of Central Bedfordshire.

CBC new 'Schools for the Future' scheme: Consultation is taking place at present regarding changing from the 3 tier system to the 2 tier system which would mean combining Husborne Crawley, Ridgmont & Woburn Lower Schools and making them into one Primary School and housing them in one building. Fulbrook School would go to a secondary and would be happy to keep accepting the children when they leave the primary school.

\*CBC wants to build one new school by 2024. Woburn is the busiest school. Bedford Estates owns all three school sites. Husborne Crawley is ideally situated as the centre of all three schools but doesn't have room to expand.

\*CB Cllr Baker had campaigned for Fulbrook to become an extended secondary school by 2024.

Oxford/Cambridge Expressway: the actual route has still not been decided. He expects the government may give up due to expense. There is an enormous amount of housing development linked all along the expressway which may be developed even if the expressway does not go forward. The potential decision was expected at the beginning of 2020!!

There is a lot of flooding in the vicinity of the concrete company on Bedford Road. The Environmental Agency, CBC and CB Cllr Baker are trying to get this improved. He was advised that this has been happening for a number of years and the Parish Council have been trying to get this work done as it is a death trap especially when it is frosty/icy as there is no street lighting there.

He has also reported the blocked drain in School Lane by the junction with Bedford Road and the rocking manhole cover in School Lane both of which had already been reported by the Clerk.

**Speedwatch:** Cllr Pearston said the next Speedwatch session takes place next week – weather permitting.

The Clerk had completed the Ward Cllr Funding form for some Speedwatch signs. A response from CBC is awaited.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Cuell that should the Ward Cllr Funding not be forthcoming, the signs should be purchased by the Parish Council and the Ward Councillor Funding be used for something else. This was seconded by Cllr Hopper with all in agreement.

1457. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

CBC Budget Consultation ends on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

***Planning:***

CB/20/00036/Full The Old Vicarage. Extension and amendments to existing dwelling. Demolition and reconstruction of outbuilding to habitable space. The Parish Council have No Objections.

A resident had sent a copy of his written objections which he had sent to CBC regarding objections to the Woburn Farm Partnership planning application for a new grain store, Mill Road. It is not known when the final decision for this application will be known.

1458. **To accept Accounts:**

Approx balance as at 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020: £18,042.72 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try.

Expenditure:

Cancelled		000583
HMRC PAYE 3 1/4	85.80	000584
Christian News Christmas Newsletter	65.00	000585
Mrs Lyman Wix.com website host	86.40	000586
Mr J Gibson Set up of website and assistance	150.00	000587
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary December	114.32	s/o
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	615.84	

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

1459. **To discuss the Section 106 Play Equipment:**

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 has been received – 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.

**It was RESOLVED that the Section 106 form should be completed in order to place the order for the equipment ASAP.** *Action: LL*

It was noted that the hedges around the Recreation Ground have been cut and all is looking good.

1460. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 starting at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Cllr N Buist.  
Chairman.