

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2022 in The Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

Present: Councillors: W Cuell - Chairman, P George, T Hopper, E Lear, S Pearston, B O'Rourke & Lyn Lyman (Clerk). 1 resident

In Attendance: CB Cllr J Baker.

1599. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr G Lang.

1600. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th January 2022 be signed as a true record of events.

1601. **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 and PCC.

b) Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature:

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

1602. **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. We must continue taking photos where possible and reporting them although it was felt that the situation is better lately. The Camera Vans have been present. CB Cllr Baker said the Council do not have the power and the Police do not have time to take these issues forward. Cllr Cuell agreed to write to Bedfordshire PCC. ***Action: Cllr Cuell.***

The Clerk confirmed she has been reporting the details to the various companies which do help to improve the situation.

1581b New noticeboard for the Reading Room car park has now been ordered and should be delivered in the near future. The working party would be led by Cllr Hopper.

1582b Regarding the missing litter bin on The Recreation Ground: the Clerk had written asking when it was going to be returned or replaced but they maintain they didn't remove the bin when they were reminded it needed emptying. She had also requested a bin for the top of Horsepool Lane. The Clerk took this up with CB Cllr Baker but no response has been received.

Action: JB

1584b The BT Box in Horsepool Lane has been tidied up and cleaned by BT. It is now working but only by using credit cards. BT has advised that the planned removal of the box has now been cancelled due to CBC having received an objection to the removal. This weekend, the state of the box is as bad as previously! It was wondered whether cctv signs may help. After discussion, as the Clerk has been unsuccessful in getting the box closed and removed, it was agreed to ask CB Cllr Baker if he could get it removed. CB Cllr Baker said we could re-consult with CBC regarding its removal. Cllr Cuell agreed to write to CBC. ***Action: WC***

1603. **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:

Item 1:

Are the yellow lines along Turnpike Road enforceable these days? They were put down under emergency legislation. If they are not enforceable can we have them removed?

CB Cllr Baker is awaiting a response as to whether they are still legal. It would appear some residents want them kept and some want them taken away.

Would it be an idea to have a consultation with residents as to whether the yellow line should stay or go?

(Paul Salmon has now left CBC and Charlotte Dunham may now be the senior contact)

Motor bikes came through the village on Sundays at over 100 miles per hour. There are also two cars which come through at high speeds appearing to be racing. No-one has been able to get their details as yet.

Primary issues – speeding traffic along Turnpike Road and Bedford Road

Why cant we have traffic calming in Husborne Crawley - CBC do not have enough money.

Woburn would like traffic calming but Fire emergency got it stopped. They don't want obstructions in getting them to the M1 in an emergency. Average speeding camera's were another idea but they are too expensive.

Item 2:

The Councils of Woburn Sands, Bow Brickhill & Wavendon are actively pursuing the MK Council in an attempt to stop or divert the planned link road joining Old Farm Park area through to The Leys, Aspley Guise and Husborne Crawley to Junction 13.

Would appreciate an update and dates of meetings etc so that the residents can have a say. We don't want councils simply using non disclosure clause to bulldoze the plans through under the table

Item 3:

Oxford/Cambridge Arc Expressway has been cancelled.

Item 4:

During the past weeks the council has had numerous attempts to clear the road drains in Turnpike Road. In particular the one filled/blocked with builders rubble.

Thankfully efforts by the Clerk and Parish Council members have proved effective but caused residents and Parish Council officials unnecessary work having to submit repeated requests for the work to be undertaken

It would be appreciated if we can be assured that the offending manager has moved on or been removed from the council and more importantly that the sub-contractor was only paid once?

The drains have still not been cleared. The Clerk has reported them twice as has Cllr O'Rourke.

CB Cllr Baker said he does not have anything to do with staffing.

A resident has spoken to CB Cllr Baker as some drains were cleared but then the whole of Turnpike Road was blocked with leaves, twigs etc and water has leaked into his cellar.

Item 5:

A resident said there are 23 street lights around the junction of Turnpike Road, School Lane and Mill Road. He thinks it is a phenomenal waste of money when the lights are on all night. Surely they don't ALL need to be on all night? Maybe timers could be fitted.

Item 6:

Update on the recent CBC Development Management Committee Meeting: (Marston Vale Stakeholder Group)

Cllr Cuell said he had attended the DMC meeting and spoke for 3 minutes. Said we should have been involved in the Stakeholder Meetings as we may have been able to help.

Marston Vale Stakeholders Group: A meeting is arranged for **7.30pm on Thursday 31st March** at Mitchell Hall, Cranfield University MK43 0AL, for Parish, Town and Ward Councillors to discuss strategic level transport matters relating to the scheme. The Developer, O&H Properties will be giving a presentation and there will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions regarding the transport proposals.

In order to ensure that there is sufficient capacity for representatives from all parishes to attend, attendance will be limited to two representatives for each Parish/Town Council and, if you are able to nominate just a single representative, it would be appreciated.

Cllr Cuell has asked again to join the Marston Vale Stakeholders Group but he was advised that the Stakeholder Group is actually for Councils within the Vale.

1604. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker: The Prologis warehouse development at M1 Junction 13 was voted through last year as being included in the Local Plan. The Planning Application should be received soon.

East West Rail: new bridges in and around Bletchley are being put in. Government approval for money to upgrade the lines is awaited. CBC have submitted their comments re the removal or resiting of stations in our area.

There appears to be a lot of light contamination at the existing Prologis development at Brogborough. It is hoped that the new application only has down lighting.

St James Church: Cllr George said

- that since the last parish council meeting the successful Jazz Concert has been held which had been well supported. May well plan an open air theatre over the summer.
- A portaloos has been installed which was well used during the Jazz Concert!
- A Mothering Sunday Service is being held on Sunday led by Bishop Richard from Bedford. Posies will be given to all the Mothers and there will be light refreshments.
- Work has restarted on the churchyard.
- Easter Service is taking place on 17th April and will be led by Arch Deacon Dave.
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Annual Parishioners meeting will take place on 21st April.
- The Clock face restoration should hopefully begin by the end of April.
- Arrangements for the Queens Jubilee celebrations are underway. Thursday is focused on the Church, Friday focus on pub, Sunday focus at Reading Room with a street type party.

Defibrillator: The defibrillator is now in place on the external Reading Room wall. The purchase of this was made by the Parish Council together with a grant from the Ward Cllrs Grant Scheme and the fitting organised by The Reading Room Committee. It was installed last Thursday and needs to be registered. The Clerk will be the contact.

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said the last two months have not been very good due to weather conditions and road closures. The team should be out again next week.

1605. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022. CBC has forwarded contact information towards the celebrations.

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Acre (Action with Communities in Rural England) Support for Ukranian refugees – the role of village halls, churches and private homes.

Planning Application:

CB/21/05369/Full Crawley House, Crawley Park. Landscaping works to western driveway of Crawley Park House, including re-instatement of gates and replacement steps. There were no objections.

1606. **To accept Accounts:**

Approx balance as at 5th January 2022 £23,597.76 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try and Cllr Grant towards notice board.

Income:

£200 from CBC Ward Cllrs Grant towards the Defibrillator

Expenditure:

J Darlow Pest Control Mole Treatment	115.20	000620
Mrs Lyman Clerks WFH Allowance	52.00	000621
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – January	114.32	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – February	114.32	s/o
	395.84	

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

NALC have agreed the Clerks Salary increase for April 2021 which is backdated to 1st April 2021. This will be an increase of £6.48 per month less PAYE. The salary for 2022 has still to be agreed. This was unanimously agreed.

1607. **Section 106 Play Equipment update:**

Section 106 Funding is £9,111.80.

It was agreed to purchase a replacement bench at the lower end of the Recreation Ground.

Action: LL

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

<i>6 x Sheep Play Sculpture</i>	3,390.00	<i>4 x Sheep</i>	1,596.00
<i>1 x Balance Beam</i>	199.00		160.00
<i>1 Hawklely Adventure Trail</i>	995.00		715.00
<i>Installation</i>	4,478.00		3,360.00
<i>Carriage charge</i>	342.00		240.00
<i>Site Survey</i>	750.00		
<i>Inspection Report</i>	395.00		
<i>Plant Hire & Skips</i>	1,500.00		
	<u>12,049.00</u>		<u>6,071.00</u>

The Clerk thought she had found a local person to do it but this has fallen through.

After further discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should ask Broxapp to install the equipment.

Action: LL

1608. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 16th May 2022. The Annual Parish Meeting will begin at 7.45pm and be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Main Hall has been booked.

Apologies were received from Cllr George.

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm.

Cllr W Cuell
Chairman