

Minutes of the Husborne Crawley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th November 2021 in The Reading Room, Husborne Crawley starting at 8pm.

Present: Councillors: P George, G Lang, E Lear, S Pearston, B O'Rourke & Lyn Lyman (Clerk).

As the Chairman and Vice Chairman had given their apologies, Cllr Lear was nominated to take the chair for the meeting.

1578. **To accept Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs W Cuell & T Hopper

1579. **To accept Minutes of previous Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th September 2021 be signed as a true record of events.

1580. **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 & PCC.

b) Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature:

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

1581. **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. Cllr Hopper has agreed for it to be delivered to his father in laws farm and has asked for it to be delivered after Christmas as he will not have time to install it beforehand. It has now been ordered. **Action TH/LL**

1582. **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:

Residents living in Horsepool Lane have asked for a litter bin by the gate by the public footpath. Brambles and stinging nettles surround the dog poo bin. **Action: LL**

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 have said they didn't remove the bin when they were reminded it needed emptying. The Clerk agreed to follow this up again, also to request a bin for Horsepool Lane. **Action: LL**

Cllr George said there is a significant rat problem in Crow Lane especially by the two bungalows. It was wondered whether they may be coming from the pumping station. This is an environmental issue and it was agreed the residents should contact ED direct.

Despite the Clerk having written two letters to the occupier, brambles have overgrown onto the

footpath at 17 Turnpike. CBC are to be asked if they will cut the hedge back, it is understood they will in turn invoice the resident. Subsequently the work has been carried out. **Action: LL**

1583. **To accept Reports:**

CB Cllr Baker: No report available.

St James Church: Cllr George reported that the newly formed PCC consists of 6 members. He and Nick Burton are Church Wardens, Lyn Lyman – Honorary Secretary, Jill George – Honorary Treasurer, Wes Cuell and Rob Hallam. The PCC are trustees of the church and have a duty to look after it.

Various work has been carried out ie tidying up the churchyard, tidying up the roof and a grant is being obtained for a lead roof alarm. Installation of a temporary toilet is being considered. Hopefully the boiler can be fixed. The Diocese can be a source of grants where possible but the PCC has to get permission to do things.

The clock face is to be repainted in the Spring and it is hoped to get the clock chiming again (but not through the night).

It is hoped to hold fund raising events in the church ie Jazz Evenings, Share Club etc

7th December – Wreath making workshop: Cllr Lang said he has lots of holly which can be used for this.

16th December – Carol Service

- Mothering Sunday Service

Although it is not a PCC organised thing, it is hoped to start a bell ringing team as quite a few people have shown interest in learning to bell ring.

It was noted that the Graveyard has been tidied up which was much appreciated.

Defibrillator: It was agreed to 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).

Once it has been finally agreed which one to purchase, the Clerk will place the order.

Subsequently it has been ordered and will take two months to be delivered. Once delivered, we will see how best to get it installed. **Action: PG/LL**

Speedwatch: Cllr Pearston said due to various traffic lights within the village, the team had only been able to be out for two days this month.

1584. **To consider Correspondence / Planning:**

CBC will again be supplying bags of salt as in previous years (half ton / one ton sacks). There are some quite strict regulations though. If we buy a salt bin, it could be put by the Church as Cllr Lang owns the land outside the lych gate. Cllr Lang took the paperwork and agreed to take photos of where the salt bin could go and circulate them to Cllrs.

The BT Box in Horsepool Lane is in a disgusting and terrible state and it doesn't work properly. It is understood it supposed to be being taken out but not sure when. Subsequently BT have confirmed it will not be taken away as there had been an objection (by a resident) to it being taken away but it will be cleaned. **Action: LL**

The Bedford Estates have advised that as of 10th September 2021 the landlord of The Recreation Ground was changed from Woburn Estate Company Limited and Bedford Estates Nominees

Limited to the Trustees of 1987 Settlement, they have confirmed there will be no change to our tenancy.

MKC gave permission recently for 4,000 houses to be built by M1 Junction 14 towards Mulsoe.

1585. **To accept Accounts:**

Approx balance as at 31st October 2021 £26,033.71 which includes the donation towards the safety surfacing from Galliford Try.

Expenditure:

HMRC PAYE 2 nd ¼	85.80	000609
Jason Darlow Mole Treatment	115.20	000610
Husborne Crawley Reading Room Hire of Hall x 2	16.00	000611
Nick Burton Firework Contribution	100.00	000612
Cancelled		000613
Mrs Lyman Clerks WFH Allowance	52.00	000614
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – October	114.32	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – November	114.32	s/o
	597.64	

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

1586. **To agree budget and Precept:**

The Clerk circulated figures up to 31st October 2021.

£6,650 has been requested since 2019.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Precept request of £6,650 remain unchanged.

1587. **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.

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

As Cllr Hopper is too busy to carry out the installation at the moment, he agreed to investigate if any of his colleagues would be able to do it. This is ongoing.

Action: TH

1588. **Date of next meetings:**

Monday 17th January 2022.

Meeting closed: 9.20pm.

Cllr Leah
Chairman for the meeting