

CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Crawley Village Hall on Monday 16 January 2017

ATTENDANCE

Mr C Phillips (Chairman)
Mr F Fratter
Mr T Anderson
Mr P Deehan
Mrs H Stewart

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)

Also, present: Alison Carey (part), Martin White (part), Cllr Horrill (part)

The Chair agreed to several agenda items being taken out of publicised order to enable contributors to attend to other commitments.

1. **APOLOGIES- To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**

Apologies were received from PSCO Kerry Croutear.

2. **To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and Other Significant Interests (OSI's) from members concerning specific items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 NOVEMBER 2016**

To approve and sign the minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of 21 November, having been previously circulated, were agreed and duly signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded by Cllr Anderson.

To deal with any matters not arising on the agenda

There were no matters arising

4. **PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public attended the meeting

6. **POLICE REPORT & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

PSCO Kerry Croutear was unable to attend the meeting and Alison Carey, Neighbourhood Watch, updated councillors. The Beat Surgery in December was very well attended. There had been several reports of a suspicious vehicle in the village and a Neighbourhood Watch email had been circulated with the relevant crime number. Mrs Carey urged all to report such incidents to the Police 101 number.

Mrs Carey left the meeting.

9. **REPORT FROM CRICKET WARDEN**

Scandor, the grounds maintenance contractor, responsible for mowing of the playing field and cricket ground, were to increase costs from £77.50 per visit to £80 – all agreed that this was an appropriate increase. The Parish Council would continue to pay for 24 cuts per annum.

The inside of the boundary hedge needed trimming and the Cricket Club would organise this. The top of the hedge was normally cut by the farmer who owned the adjoining land. If this had not happened by March contact would be made to ensure no nesting birds were disturbed by a later cut. Risk assessment paperwork was being reviewed.

Mr White left the meeting.

7. **REPORTS FROM CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

City Cllr Horrill joined the meeting and was congratulated on her recent election as Leader of Winchester City Council. Cllr Horrill highlighted the following

- The purchase of the Garrison Ground at Bar End from Tesco by Winchester City Council was now complete. By purchasing the land the Council could now consider it as an option for the location of the city's new community sports and leisure centre.
- Car Parking Charges – charges were to be made on a ring basis with central car parks more expensive than those on the outskirts of the City. This, it was hoped, would encourage "Park & Ride" with the benefits of fewer cars in the centre city.
- John Moore Barracks were due to close in 2020. This would potentially give the opportunity to put in a Park and Ride on the west side of the City. The MoD had been tasked with obtaining the maximum return to government from the site but within the parameters of Local Plan. No housing was envisaged and ideas mooted had included moving hospital space, re-locating the prison or mixed use.
- The Chancellor's Autumn Statement meant that diminishing funds would be available at City Council level and the new homes bonus was to be diverted to social care. One of the key

things for Winchester City Council was to bridge the subsequent gap with less finance. The City needed thriving businesses with associated revenues from rates and in addition need to generate its own income (e.g. from such assets as a new leisure centre)

- The Budget would be decided in February.
- Consultation events had taken place about Bushfield Camp, owned by the Church Commissioners. Wildlife would remain a key element of any future plans.

Cllr Anderson asked about the ongoing issue of the dog bin at the cricket ground and Cllr Horrill said she would chase up.

Cllr Philips asked about Station Approach. The Royal Institute of British Architects Competitions Office had been commissioned to assist in the procurement of a design team. Cllr Horrill also talked about the Hampshire flow of traffic survey.

Cllr Horrill left the meeting.

8. LIME TREES IN CHURCHYARD UPDATE

Cllr Fratter reported that the trees had arrived and arrangement were made to locate, stake and plant these on 20 and 21 January.

11. FINANCE

- The Financial Statement as at 30 December had been circulated prior to the meeting and payments PV62 to PV69 were approved.
- Budget Update - The Budget had been circulated ahead of the meeting and Cllr Fratter reviewed key items
- It was agreed that no increase would be made in the precept and the clerk was instructed to complete the Parish Precept requirement form for a total sum of £14,500 (including Council Tax Support). Proposed Cllr Fratter, seconded Cllr Anderson

5. FOX & HOUNDS – UPDATE AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS

With no private buyer confirming an interest in purchasing the pub the Parish Council had submitted an Expression of Interest, with the moratorium on this listed asset of community value extended to the full six months ending 20 April.

A group of villagers were investigating options and two public meeting had taken place. Four options had been outlined by which the pub could be maintained – sale to an independent private buyer, an Enterprise Investment Scheme bid, a Public Works Loan Board bid or some sort of community led bid.

The Parish Council discussed the PWLB option at length. The key concern was the risk factor of repayments if the pub were not viable trading entity given the substantial loan envisaged. It was agreed that should this “option of last resort” be pursued further that a referendum would be required. A further village meeting was scheduled for 30 January.

Cllr Fratter left the meeting.

9. REPORT FROM TREE WARDEN

Two trees by the pond required professional tree surgeon attention and Cllr Anderson would contact C&D trees. Trees in the burial ground would also be checked to see if removal of overhanging branches was required.

10. PLANNING

The following was discussed and it was agreed that Crawley Parish Council would submit a no comment response.

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Closing date for comments
25/11/16	16/03238/FUL	The Beeches Northwood Park	Construction of a replacement dwelling with attached garage (alternative to planning permission 16/01475/FUL)	02/02/17

Cllr Deehan drew attention to an application received after agenda preparation. Case no 16/03203/HOU Woolbury House was a retrospective application for the addition of a bay window and associated roof to south elevation.

Recent decisions by WCC

The following were noted:

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Decision
26/08 (validated 17/10)	16/02136/FUL	Pond Cottage	Variation of condition of 4 iii) a) of planning application (15/02101/FUL Proposed new oak post and slate garage, with new rear entrance alterations to pond cottage) - To allow the use of natural clay tiles for the roofing materials on the garage (retrospective)	Application permitted

8/12 (validated 15/12)	16/03387/TPC	The Homestead	1x Ash, Remove 5 low branches over the rear garden. of property. Fell 2 X Sycamore in rear garden. Crown reduce 1 X Yew up to 1.5M that is overhanging western boundary to rebalance crown	That no objection be raised
24/10	16/02844/TPC	3 Kingswell Cottages	1 No Yew Fell to ground level	That no objection be raised
5/10	16/02603/TPC	Highfield House	No.1 Beech tree. Reduce branches overhanging neighbour's property by approx 2 meters to reduce overhang	That no objection be raised
21/09 (validated 3/11)	16/02413/FUL	Yew Tree Buildings Stockbridge Road	Erection of an agricultural grain store	Application permitted
21/09 (validated 11/10)	16/02424/HOU	The Homestead	Convert existing barn into kitchen, extend conservatory and replace roof & windows. Clad low level brickwork to conservatory with black larch.	Application permitted
21/09 (validated 11/10)	16/02425/LIS	The Homestead	Convert existing barn into kitchen, extend conservatory and replace roof & windows. Clad low level brickwork to conservatory with black larch.	Application permitted

12. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- a. **Burial Ground** – The Tree Warden was to check overhanging trees. The path needed clearance and it was suggested that this formed part of the next village working party.
- b. **Mowing and Footpaths** – The contract with Robert Smith that covered ground maintenance in the burial ground, churchyard, playground, pond and small triangle opposite and the triangle had not been revised for some time. It was agreed that payments should be raised to £333.00 per calendar month before VAT (current £312.50) with unanimous agreement. Ref 9 above for the Scandor contact.
- c. **Roads and Verges**- Cllr Stewart reported pot holes by the Recreation Ground on Hacks Lane together with deep channels at the end of the lane. Best methods of repair were being investigated.
The pavement outside Pitter Cottage was a trip hazard and had been reported to WCC.
The strip of land outside Aquiva was the responsibility of WCC to mow.
The "Dragons Teeth" by the pond needed reinstating and there was discussion as to whether these should be of a more permanent material than wood. This would necessitate warning signs for drivers of large vehicles. Cllr Stewart to report missing "teeth" to WCC.
- d. **Buses and Signs** - there remained confusion as to the Wheelers bus service -Cllr Stewart to investigate
- e. **Playground** – Cllr Philips said there was nothing specific to report. Phase 3 monies would be put towards repairs.
- f. **Pond** – Cllr Anderson reported a successful work day had taken place with a good number of people attending.

The date of the next Village Clear Up was agreed as Saturday 4 March at 10am (meet by the pond)

13. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLORS ON RISK ASSESSEMENTS COMPLETED

There was nothing specific to report.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.35pm. The next meeting would take place on 20 March 2017.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....