

CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Crawley Village Hall on Monday 20 March 2017

ATTENDANCE

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

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)

Also, present: PSCO Kerry Croutear, Martin White (part), Cllr Bailey (part), 3 members of the public

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 Alison Carey, Neighbourhood Watch and Cllr Caroline Horrill

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 16 JANUARY 2017**

To approve and sign the minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of 16 January, 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**

Traffic concerns

Rina Hall, a parishioner had informally gathered the views of villagers on traffic via Facebook and email and had received 28 responses primarily related to the speed of traffic. As an ongoing concern residents were questioning why no actions had been taken despite representations over the years. Peter Critchell, a road safety consultant, who formerly worked for HCC, also a resident of the village gave a professional overview and explained that given financial constraints areas of traffic casualty were prioritised by HCC. Community Funded Traffic Management Measures, which enabled Parish Councils or community groups to fund minor and straightforward traffic management measures, such as village gateways were discussed. Mr Critchell believed the most effective measure was the use of Speed Limit Reminders placed in strategic locations and moved at regular intervals. The cost of a SLR was approximately £2,500 with the associated costs of a contract for regular relocation. Some local parishes had grouped together to share SLRs. Other potential measures included Community Speed watch (CSW), a locally driven initiative where active members of the community joined together with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. After discussion, it was agreed that

- A working group would be established with Councillors Heather Stewart and Peter Deehan and parishioners Rina Hall and Peter Critchell to explore the most appropriate ways to reduce traffic speeds particularly at the four entrances to the village
- County Councillor, Phil Bailey, would source the injury/accident record for the past ten years for the parish
- Mr Critchell would analyse the above data
- More information would be gathered on the Speed Watch scheme
- A reminder about "speeding" would be incorporated in the Parish Newsletter
- Cllr Phillips and Ms Hall would visit Aquiva to remind them of commitment to ensure that employees/contractors (albeit the latter harder to police) did not drive through the main street of the village

The Working Group would report its findings back to the Parish Council

5. **FOX AND HOUNDS – UPDATE AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS**

A group of village investors had put together a bid under the Enterprise Investment Scheme. The six-month moratorium was due end on 20th April and investors had been led to lead several parties

were interested in purchasing the pub. This would be good news with all keen to see a pub retained in the village.

6. REPORTS FROM POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

PSCO Croutear reported a relatively quiet period but encouraged all to report concerns either to her directly or to the 101 number (as described in the Parish Newsletter). Mrs Carey was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a report echoing PSCO's comments. In addition, she reported that she had attended a Rural Crime Conference at Sparsholt College which was useful for farmers and gamekeepers and appropriate information had been forwarded to them.

7. REPORTS FROM CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

City Cllr Horrill was unable to attend the meeting and had sent a report as attached.
County Cllr Bailey reported a 4.99% increase in council tax primarily reflecting adult social charge change. Elections would take place on 4 May and Cllr Bailey would not be standing for re-election but would be coming to the Crawley Annual Parish Meeting. Candidates included Cllr Eleanor Bell, Liberal Democrat and Cllr Jan Warwick, Conservative. Further news on waste recycling proposals was anticipated in July following the elections.

8. REPORTS FROM TREE AND CRICKET WARDENS

Martin White, Cricket Warden, reported that the first grass cut of the season had taken place. With a three-year stewardship agreement in place it would not be possible for the farmer to cut the top of the boundary hedge. The possibility of tidying up the hedge at lower level would be revisited in the Autumn.

Tim Anderson, Tree Warden, had inspected the trees at the burial ground and suggested crown lifts to four trees. Quotes to be obtained.

9. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Phillips was reviewing the Village Design Statement, originally approved in 2001. This was being updated with new photos and maps as appropriate with the narrative needing very little change. Once completed a draft would be circulated to councillors and next steps taken.

10. PLANNING

Current Applications

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Closing date for comments
03/01/2017	17/00003/FUL	12 New Barn Farm Cottages	Demolition of existing poly tunnel garage and replacement with new three bed dwelling	29/03/2017
<i>This was effectively a tandem development which the Parish Council had historically objected to – a comment to this effect to be drafted by Cllr Deehan</i>				
09/01/2017	17/00064/HOU	Danebury Cottage Peach Hill Lane	Replacement garage and side porch	
<i>The Parish Council had objected to this application - Crawley Parish Council strongly considers that this application should not be approved because it involves the replacement of a domestic garage with a more substantially sized garage and workshop building. The size and architectural treatment of the proposal appears incongruous with the general streetscape of this part of the Crawley Village Conservation Area. The greater width and height of the proposal, together with the incorporation of a link with the applicant's house and its elevated position when viewed from the road and the immediately neighbouring property, will create a much larger and visually imposing structure than that which it replaces. Further to this we are aware of, and are supportive of, the concerns expressed by the immediate neighbour of the applicant that her property will be overshadowed and darkened. We request that Winchester City Council rejects the current proposal due to its inappropriate scale and appearance and seeks to address our concerns regarding the general mass and architectural treatment of the proposal. We further request that as a part of the planning process, that a restriction be placed on the property prohibiting any use of the premises for vehicle related business purposes.</i>				

Recent decisions by WCC

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Decision
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06/12/2016	16/03363/HOU	Pitter Cottage	Ground floor rear extension and minor alterations to interior of existing cottage	Application permitted
25/11/2016	16/03238/FUL	The Beeches Northwood Park	Construction of a replacement dwelling with attached garage (alternative to planning permission 16/01475/FUL)	Application permitted

Cllr Deehan reported that following preparation of the agenda an application had been received 17/00291/FUL - The Farmhouse, New Barn Farm for Renewal of temporary stationing of mobile home for occupation of assistant dairy person during August to March for a period of 5 years. The Parish Council had no comment on this.

11. FINANCE

- a. Financial Statement as at 28 February 2017 was circulated and payments PV 70 to 82 described by Cllr Fratter and approved
- b. Budget Update Cllr Fratter reviewed key items highlighted that part of the tree fund had now been spent replacing lime tress in the Church Yard

It was noted that parishioners' council tax bills showed an increase in the village precept. Whilst the parish council had not increased the precept this increase was a result of the tax base being less for the 2017/18 calculation.

12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- a. **Burial Ground** – Robert Smith would visit the burial ground to ensure that grass cut and area tidied before Mother’s Day. In addition, it was suggested that a working party be organised soon for a spring clear up.
- b. **Mowing and Footpaths** – Nothing specific to report
- c. **Roads and Verges**- Cllr Stewart reported that she had written to Highways requesting that the pot holes by the Recreation Ground on Hacks Lane be incorporated in tarmacking. The pavement outside Pitter Cottage had been repaired and the strip of land outside Aquiva mowed. It was suggested The “Dragons Teeth” by the pond be reinstated by the lengthsman on his next visit.
- d. **Buses and Signs** - Nothing specific to report
- e. **Playground** – Cllr Philips was investigating options for repair or replacement of the seesaw.
- f. **Pond** – Cllr Anderson reported the repair of the Duck House was in progress.

The Dog Bin had been moved by WCC so that there were now bins by both gates to the recreation ground (one a dog bin and one a dual-purpose bin). Both City Councillor Horrill and Cllr Anderson for thanked for their perseverance in organising this.

13. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLORS ON RISK ASSESSEMENTS COMPLETED

There was nothing specific to report.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND PLANS FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Michele Price of Winchester Night Shelter had kindly agreed to outline the work of this charity at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 April.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.35pm. The next meeting would take place on 15 May 2017.

Signed.....
Chairman

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