

CRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 18th.April 2011 at 7.30pm at the Old School, Church Street, Crick.

Present – J. Richards (Chairman) D. Tolfts (Vice Chairman) J. Goodger, Mrs G. Nisbet, W. Simms, Mrs M. Gibbins, Miss A. Ward, P. Dunkley, R. Atterbury, and W. Fursman.

No members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies.**

R. Lowe

2. **Declaration of Interests.**

W. Fursman – agenda item 15 – allotments – he is the Secretary of Crick Allotment Association. P. Dunkley and D. Tolfts – tenants on the site.

P. Dunkley and J. Goodger – Old School. IT Centre – proposed changes – both are Trustees of Crick Old School.

R. Atterbury – Crick Boat Show 2011 – he is the owner of land where the show is held.

3. **Open meeting.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Peter Johns and Rachel Grignon of Waterway World magazine, promoters of Crick Boat Show 2011. They informed the meeting of the plans for the forthcoming Boat Show, including the plans for traffic management and pedestrian access/safety on the Boat Show site. The presentation concluded at 8.00pm. The Chairman thanked them for their valuable input.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st.March 2011.**

The minutes had been circulated previously. W. Simms proposed that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Mrs M. Gibbins and agreed unanimously.

5. **Circulations.**

The following documents were circulated, via the IT Centre;
WCC – Waste Core Strategy: Emerging Spatial Options consultation.
Yelvertoft Parish Council – minutes of the meeting held on 14/3/11.
NCALC – ‘Update newsletter’
Newsletters from Rural Network Services.

6. Correspondence for information.

NCALC – training guide for 2011.

DDC – management restructuring for 2011 – Ian Vincent will take up the role of permanent Managing Director and Simon Bovey will be the Director. Judy Gregory has now left DDC on an amicable basis.

BDO – the external auditor has forwarded the 2011 Annual Return. This will need completing by the 16th.May 2011.

MGWSP – the Rights of Way Team will take responsibility for the Parish Path and Tree Warden schemes. Nick Wedgebrow is their representative for the Crick schemes.

DDC - the existing Councillors have been nominated to take office in May 2011 and no Parish election will be held.

7. Correspondence for response.

The Local Council Review magazine is to be separately ordered from the publisher, there will be 4 copies a year at a cost of £15.50. Members agreed not to purchase the magazine.

LGBC has published their draft recommendations for the Electoral Review of Daventry. The proposals have moved Crick Parish into the Braunston Ward, with Kilsby, Barby, Ashby St. Ledgers and Welton. Members agreed that the new ward was logistically impracticable and would cause the District Councillor(s) travel problems. LGBC wish to see alternatives which are supported by evidence. It was agreed that the District Councillor, R. Atterbury, will forward his proposals for Crick Parish to LGBC.

The Cooperative Bank plc has reinvested the Guarantee Investment account, the sum of £41,092.13, until 22/9/11. The interest on the account totalled £249.22 for 2010/11.

NCALC – the membership cost for 2011 is £314.86. The Internal Audit service cost will be £204.89. The figures are based on an electorate number of 1,400. J. Goodger proposed to continue with membership and the audit service. The Chairman seconded the proposal and this was agreed by those present.

NCC has a vision to be at the leading edge of the global digital economy and is looking to facilitate the roll out of superfast broadband to all premises in the County. Update on the delivery will be made via newsletters.

Comments on the Council's website have been received requesting improvements to existing children's play facilities. The Clerk had informed the sender of the funding for a new play facility but the lack of land to house the equipment and the aspirations of CSFA.

The project manager of Volkerfitzpatrick Ltd. who is constructing the new Tesco development in Kilsby Parish has invited Parish Councillors to a site visit. Six Councillors declared an interest in the visit and a convenient time/date will be arranged. (Pmn – site visit arranged on Wednesday 4/5/11 at 2.00pm) BPC has also offered a site visit of their new premises in Dockham Way, Crick. A time/date has to be arranged.

DDC has announced the candidates for the election of a District Councillor for Crick Ward on 5th. May 2011 – Richard Atterbury (the Conservative Party) and Janet John (the Labour Party)

Nick Wedgbrow, MGWSP Rights of Way, has located the asbestos sheet on the footpath at Yelvertoft Road fields and DDC has agreed to remove the same (Pmn – still in location on 25/4/11)

DDC is to hold a training session on 25th. May 2011 at 6.15pm in the Council Offices on the proposed changes to the planning system. P. Dunkley agreed to attend.

Keith Liggins, Crick Millennium Wood, has commenced negotiations with DDC over the ownership of Cracks Hill, with a view to the Parish Council taking over the management of the land. The Chairman confirmed that it was still the wish of the Parish Council to take on the management of the land.

8. **Planning.**

DA/2011/0219 an application for Listed Building Consent, for the installation of a satellite dish at Queens House, 22 Lauds Road, Crick. The plans and photographs were inspected and members agreed to support the application.

DA/2011/0229 – an application for the demolition of the existing houses and the construction of three pairs of semi-detached dwellings, car parking and landscaping at 23-29 Bucknills Lane, Crick. R. Atterbury declared an interest in the application as he is a board member for DDH. After a discussion on the access and the car parking facilities, members agreed to raise no objection to the application.

DA/2011/0046 – planning permission has been granted for the construction of a detached bungalow and new vehicular access at 11 Well Hill Close, Crick.

DA/2011/0089 – planning permission and Listed Building Consent has been granted for the conversion of a former cow-shed to ancillary residential accommodation at Greenhill Farmhouse, 7 Drayson Lane, Crick.

DA/2011/0020 – DG landscapes, Yelvertoft Road, Crick has been issued with a Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) for the storage of landscaping material and the maintenance and services of vehicles and machinery.

9. **NCC – proposed additional grit bins.**

The Chairman reported that the proposal had not been furthered by NCC.

10. Streetlights – part time lighting.

E.on Energy has reported that to supply and fit a time switch, to enable the streetlights to be switched off during the night would cost £192 each + VAT. P. Dunkley proposed that the Parish Council still needed to know the savings per lamp if the lights were switched off for five hours at night. An enquiry will be made with Central Networks.

11. Gazeley UK Ltd. – Community Funding.

The Clerk reported that the original £20,000 from Gazeley UK Ltd. had been transferred from the Parish Council's current account into the Community Fund. £20,000 had also been received from Butchers Pet Care Ltd and the sum is in the same account. The eleven applications for funding from groups and organisations had been handed over to the Chairman of the overseeing panel, Sarah Alexander (BPC) she is now on leave until 27/4/11 and the Clerk will make contact on her return to arrange to meet the other members of the panel, Tom Marks, Rob Chamberlain, Colin Mynott, and Robert Cave. The Chairman of the panel has requested that another female be appointed on the panel and members agreed to contact Gloria Stephenson.

P. Dunkley queried the timescale that the funding should take. He believed that to leave the decision to donate funding should not be left until June. The Parish Council should ratify the recommendations of the panel at the meeting in May. Estimates obtained for the funding may well be out of time if the decisions are left until June. Members agreed that the recommendations of the panel should be ratified at the meeting in May.

12. Scarecrow week-end.

Mrs M. Gibbins informed the meeting that she had an unconfirmed sponsor for the event. An open backed trailer has been obtained as a stage for the music festival, if the Committee can obtain the necessary insurance – i.e. public liability insurance. The Committee has arranged fun fair rides, a mini circus and circus workshop, a dog show and a science workshop.

The market stall holders have reached double figures. The music festival is in place. Two buses are available for tours of the village. The only concern is the number of scarecrows that have been pledged. A further advertisement will be placed in the May issue of Crick News.

13. Noise nuisance – allegedly from Gazeley UK Ltd/BPC Ltd.

Dr. Bains – Environment Agency – Midlands Region - has reported that the BPC site is regulated by the Environment Agency and future meetings have been arranged with the developers and BPC to identify and eradicate the problems of noise from the site. He has met with Mr. Cox from Southfield Drive and other residents. The Clerk reported that Mr. Cox was unable to attend the meeting but he has reported that the noise is coming from generators in the brown building near the new BPC building. The building needs an acoustic hood.

In respect of odours from BPC – Dr. Bains reports that the odours are as a result of a temporary effluent treatment plant and he has been working with BPC to reduce the source of the odour. In terms of the new plant, BPC have had to build into the new plant the best available technology to handle odours and effluent. This includes a state of the art effluent treatment plant and a building within a building which is kept under negative pressure where the most odorous materials are to be handled.

Dr. Bains can be contacted – gurinder.bains@environment.agency.gov.uk or complaints made to E.A – 0800 807060.

14. Old School/IT Centre – proposed change of use/waste collections.

R. Lowe had reported to the Chairman that the Old School/IT Centre was originally open on two afternoons per week. The take up was now very low for the IT Centre and it is proposed to open the IT Centre upon request. The waste collection of the green wheeled bin could be reduced to once a fortnight.

The Parish Council pay the Old School Trustees to have monthly meetings and use of the IT Centre throughout the year. The agreement also includes a sum towards the electricity costs. A proposal was made to reduce the number of work stations and free up one end for committee meetings and make better use of the area. It was agreed that the IT Centre volunteer group and the Old School Trustees should look into the proposed changes. The Parish office should remain for small meetings and filing of Council papers. It was agreed that the Council should continue payment for use of the building, no change is required for the lease agreement and the waste collections be reduced.

15. Allotments – proposed change of loan agreement to a grant.

W. Fursman left the meeting at 9.20pm. In July 2010 the Parish Council granted a loan of £1,000 to Crick Allotment Association to enable a watering system to be installed. A proposal had been received to make the loan into a grant. After a brief discussion R. Atterbury proposed to make a grant of £750, leaving the allotment tenants to make a contribution of £250. J. Goodger requested more information of the costs of the watering system and proposed that the Association should prepare the facts and figures associated with the watering system and present them at the meeting in May. Members agreed to this course of action. W. Fursman returned at 9.30pm.

16. Community Speed Watch.

P. Dunkley informed the meeting that NCC, due to budget cuts, had withdrawn the funding for the Community Speed Watch programme. He proposed the Parish Council should write to the County Council expressing their dismay that the programme had been discontinued. The proposal was agreed. The Chairman proposed that the letter should also ask what is happening to the redundant equipment, i.e. speed detection cameras. These could be used by trained Parish Councillors to check on vehicle speeds through the village, speeding vehicles remain a problem on the village roads.

17. Date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Members agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th. May in the Old School, Church Street, Crick. One of the agenda items will be DIRFT III – ‘wish list for the parishioners’ – e.g. footbridge over the canal, A5 dual carriageway along the length of DIRFT III, purchase of allotment land. An invitation will be extended to Councillor Mrs Boardman.

18. Problem with dogs.

DDC has confirmed that two Technical Officers, Lee Goodridge and Lisa Hudson-Fryer will be responsible for fulfilling a broad range of public health and pollution duties including dog welfare and dog fouling.

19. Accounts for payment and account balances.

The following invoices, as listed on the agenda, have been received. W. Simms proposed that payment be authorised. The proposal was seconded by Mrs G. Nisbet and agreed by those present;

Cheque No. 605 – DDC - rate bill for the cemetery and premises - £44.01.

No. 606 – Marmax Products Ltd – purchase of two picnic benches for the Millennium Woodland - £812.64.

No. 607 – NCALC – membership fees for 2011/12 and fee for internal audit - £519.75.

No. 608 – E.on Energy – streetlight maintenance - £596.84.

No. 609 – E. on Energy – unmetered supply - £777.40.

No. 610 – Friends of St, Margaret’s – donation towards restoration of the church - £5,000.00.

No. 611 – DDC – hire/service of wheeled bin at the IT Centre - £182.38.

No. 612 – James Yates – recruitment and 2 meetings - £70.00 (confirmed that the youth leader is self employed and not subject of PAYE)

No. 613 – Stephen Hartwell – scheduled grass cutting – March/April - £2,224.80.

Income – HMR&C payment of VAT refund – October 2010 to March 2011 - £2124.81.

Burial fees - £130.00 and donation from Hemplow Scouts Group to purchase of picnic bench - £406.12.

Bank balances – current account (31.3.11) - £27,095.40 – 5.4.11 - £7,100.27.

Investment account - £41,092.13 – invested until 22/9/11.

20. Agenda items for the meeting 16/5/11.

Car wash facility at the Wheatsheaf P.H.

21. Open meeting.

The Chairman updated members on the car parking proposals for the Cooperative Store. The Heart of England has submitted proposals for increased parking and a new lay-by on Main Road to NCC Highways and DDC. NCC Highways wish to revise the approach angles for the parking bays but do support the proposals in principle.

The Chairman confirmed that the Heart of England had funding in place for the proposals, including the flower garden and notice board.

The Payback team will be asked to clear back the overgrown footpath from the allotment entrance to Eldon Way. W. Fursman agreed to liaise with the supervisor. The team had cleared the overgrown bushes in Chapel Lane footpath and R. Atterbury agreed to remove the debris.

R. Atterbury reported that DDC had installed new and better bins on the A 428 lay-by.

An extraordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd.May 2011 to discuss planning matters and Parish Council insurance.

W. Simms will contact DDC to empty the litter bins on the playing field. Although the Playing Field Committee had changed the grass contractor for 2011, R & G, the contractor for 2010, had carried out an initial grass cut to the playing field. The matter will be raised at a Playing Field Committee meeting.

No other issues were raised; the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Signed.

Chairman. 16/5/11.