

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 17th.January 2011 at 7.30pm in the Old School, Church Street, Crick.

Present; J. Richards (Chairman), R. Lowe, J. Goodger, Mrs M. Gibbins, W. Fursman, Miss A. Ward, P. Dunkley, W. Simms.

4 members of the public were present and Stephen Lassman (Switchover Help Scheme)

207. Apologies.

R. Atterbury (abroad), D. Tolfts (attending another meeting), Mrs G. Nisbet (injured)

208. Declaration of Interests.

The Chairman declared an interest in agenda item 14 – Funding from Gazeley UK Ltd. He had attended a prior meeting, on behalf of the Parish Council, with CSFA. After a brief discussion, members agreed that all Councillors would be involved with future applications for funding from the Baker/Gazeley funding and should only declare an interest when discussing an application from a group/organisation with which they have an association.

209. Open meeting.

Stephen Lassman informed the meeting that the aim of the Help Scheme is a BBC initiative to enable people who qualify for help to be aware of the Help Scheme so they can apply for assistance if needed. This will ensure that people at risk do not lose their television service when the signal is switched from analogue to digital transmission. He requested the meeting to advertise the Scheme, wherever possible.

A member of the public reported a blocked drain in the Marsh and a sunken drain in Chapel Lane. A broken manhole cover in Watford Road was also reported (Street Doctor has been informed)

210. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th.December 2010.

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated previously. The Chairman proposed that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by W. Simms and agreed by those present.

211. Circulations.

The following documents were circulated via the IT Centre;
Notes from the Junction 18 Liaison Forum meeting held on 9/12/10.
Northamptonshire ACRE – Village Viewpoint newsletter.
NRHA – Annual Report 2009-10.

NALC – The Localism Bill.
Rural Services Network – newsletters.
Clerk & Councils Direct - magazine.
The Clerk - magazine.

212. Correspondence for information.

DDC has adopted a formal policy and associated procedures, governing its approach to the 'adoption' of assets such as public open spaces at a full Council meeting on 9/12/10. DDC may take on ownership, if requested, of Community Buildings, historic structures, play equipment and other infrastructures.

The Chairman reported on Cracks Hill – the issue of future management of Cracks Hill is on-going, given it is part of a large and joint tendering programme by DDC and Northampton Borough Council.

The Royal British Legion is encouraging individuals and groups to hold 'Poppy Parties' over the weekend of 10th-12th June 2011 in celebration of The RBL's 90th birthday.

DACT is offering a Travel Club Promotion to all Parish Councils in Daventry District. Further information can be obtained from – Rob Kinning – 01327 701665.

NCC is offering free computer workshops for parents, grandparents, carers and over 50's. The six week course starts on 19/1/11 – 3.30 – 5.00pm at Roade School Sports College.

NNJPU is offering a free training event on 8/2/11 – 1.00-5.0pm – at the Council Chamber, Corby. The programme explores the issues surrounding Gypsies and Travellers.

Age Concern is to run a free 12 week, 2 hour programme especially for groups of 20 people who are over 55. The programme is called 'Get Set Go' and the contact is Yvonne Starkey – 01536 513100. The programme includes keep fit, yoga, line dancing etc.

213. Correspondence for response.

Woodlands Brigstock Ltd. the company that supplied the bush cutting equipment is offering a discount rate for servicing the equipment. After discussion, it was agreed to speak with the Payback team supervisor to ascertain the amount of use of the equipment. (Pmn – it has been confirmed that the equipment is not in need of servicing)

CPRE is asking for support in connection with the Localism Bill, especially the current powerlessness of local people to challenge inappropriate development. The Chairman requested that this issue be included on the February agenda together with the need to decide if the Journal of Local Planning was of sufficient interest for members to subscribe the £50 for 4 issues per year.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request from Mrs Marson, whose late husband, John, is buried in the Crick burial ground. The request was to extend the concrete base of the row in which her husband's grave is situated. The memorial is on the end of the concrete row but it looks unbalanced and there is a need to extend the base for this plot and further new plots. Members agreed to obtain a quotation for the work.

Northamptonshire ACRE has announced that the Best Village Competition for 2011 will take place and entry forms will be emailed at the end of this month. The entry form has been simplified and they will welcome digital entries. The fee will be around £35. The meeting agreed to enter the competition and the Chairman volunteered to complete the form and meet the Competition Judges.

Wayne Jones, CSFA, has been in contact with Gallagher Homes regarding a possible housing development and Your Energy Ltd regarding community funding for the CSFA. He forwarded copies of his email to both companies. The Chairman reported that Gallagher Homes were due to meet the Parish Council in January to discuss a proposed development but had cancelled the meeting. Members agreed to respond when Gallagher Homes make further contact. According to the CSFA, the community funding from Your Energy, for communities affected by the Yelvertoft Wind Farm, will be allocated by Northants Community Foundation. Alison Hood is their contact. Members agreed to make contact with her to ascertain their role in the allocation of funding.

Mrs M. Gibbins declared an interest in the letter from Crick Primary School. The Head teacher will be seeking support for pupil's residential field trips to North Norfolk and Everdon Field Activity Centre in June 2011. Further details will be available for the February meeting.

Following the Junction 18 Liaison Forum meeting in December, the representative from DIRFT had promised answers to four questions;

When is the pilling going to stop? – Works are programmed for recommencement 5/1/11 and will run to 14/1/11.

When is Nortoft Lane, Kilsby, being re-opened? The road will remain closed until the end of February.

When is the A5 being closed? – Two consecutive weekends 25 to 28/2/11 and 4 to 7/3/11 from 20:00 hrs to 06:00 hrs, dependant on the weather.

Have the speed limits on the A5 changed? – A 40mph speed limit is in place for 600 yards on the A5, south of the A5/A428 roundabout at Halfway House.

J. Goodger informed the meeting that he had written to Prologis Developments Ltd on behalf of Crick History Society. The Society realised that the site of the Crick and Kilsby Railway Station and goods yards were soon to be lost due to developments at DIRFT II. The Society requested finance to erect heritage boards in the vicinity. Robin Woodbridge of Prologis Ltd. has agreed to the request and an on-site visit will be made.

Previous mention was made at the December meeting of an £8,000 invoice from Anglian Water for the supply of water to the trough in the Yelvertoft Road fields. The Clerk reported that following dialogue with Anglian Water he had paid 0.11p and the Council will be credited with £1.25. This will be the end of the matter. The water supply has now been terminated. The reason for the excessive invoice is believed to be a faulty meter reading.

214. Planning.

DA/310 – consent has been granted for work on a tree, subject of TPO, at Crick Wharf.

DA/2010/1043 – an application for the expansion of the parking area at Truckstop, Watling Street, Lilbourne. The plans were inspected and members agreed to strongly support the application. This may ease the overnight parking in the lay-bys.

DA/2010/0941 – advertising consent has been granted for a non-illuminated fascia sign at BPC Ltd Dockham Way, Crick.

P. Dunkley queried the status of the planning application for a change of use of the car park at the Wheatsheaf PH to a car-wash facility. (Pmn – reply awaited from the case officer) The reinstatement of the land, off Bury Dyke and the planning issues at Papillion Fields, Yelvertoft Road, Crick, will also be raised with DDC.

The Clerk had received two planning applications that needed to be considered and members agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on Monday 24th January 2011. Mrs M. Gibbins and R. Atterbury tendered their apologies.

215. Coop Store – parking and new lay-by.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with representatives from the Heart of England Cooperative Society and Steve Ellis, DDC Planning, on 13/1/11. The Coop has agreed to re-submit plans for the proposed lay-by and improved parking facilities at the store. Steve Ellis has contacted NCC Highways, who will need to see the plans before giving approval. The Coop has also agreed to remove the cages, stored at the side of the premises and downturn the lighting over the delivery door.

216. Provision of salt bins – the Paddock, Southfield Drive & Fallowfields.

The Chairman had been in contact with Nick Gore (NCC) and Ian Smith (MGWSP) to provide the salt bins. It has been agreed to install one bin in the Paddock, but no timescale has been given. He has declined the bin for Southfield Drive, as there is not a slope. Fallowfields bin has been agreed but NCC will not fund the bin as the roads on DWH estate are un-adopted. DWH has agreed to purchase a bin. R. Lowe proposed that the Parish Council purchase one salt bin for the Paddock and make a request to DWH for the bin in Fallowfields. The Chairman agreed to make one final effort with Ian Smith for the bin in the Paddock before proceeding with the proposal of R. Lowe.

217. Transfer of land off Yelvertoft Road.

The Clerk had again written to John Pardoe (NCC) with copies to our County Councillor to further the transfer of the triangular piece of land. There has been no response. P. Dunkley proposed that the Parish Council should continue to write to the County Council until the matter is resolved. The proposal was seconded and agreed.

218. Future of the Youth Club.

R. Lowe reported that he had two possible people for the post of Youth Leader and he had received a response from the former organisers of the Youth Club, who now have other commitments. Members agreed that parents are needed to assist any Youth Leader before any re-launch is made. The need for volunteers will be advertised in the next edition of Crick News.

219. Streetlights – proposal to reduce all night lighting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that part-time night photo cells will cost E.on Energy £20 plus the cost of installation of around £20 per streetlight. Crick Parish Council own 136 streetlights and if half were fitted with part-time cells the cost will be around £2,720. The unmetered supply cost per annum is £3,024. P. Dunkley queried the cost of unmetered supply if the hours of lighting were reduced. If the hours were reduced by 25% will E.on reduce the cost of the unmetered supply by 25%? If this is the case the cost of part-time cells will be taken up in 3 years. An enquiry will be made with E.on.

220. Financial contribution by Gazeley UK Ltd – deadline date for applications & appointment of overseeing panel.

R. Lowe proposed that the deadline for applications for funding for village groups, clubs and organisation should be 31st.March 2011. The Chairman seconded the proposal and the date was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman requested that an overseeing panel should be set up of about five people with no direct connection with Crick. A lady from BPC Ltd. has yet to agree to Chair the panel. R. Lowe proposed that we should not appoint panel members until BPC Ltd. has agreed or otherwise. One application has been received from CSFA and members agreed to acknowledge the receipt.

221. Highway issues.

Three potholes have appeared on the by-pass. (Street Doctor will be informed) DDC will be requested to carry out a litter pick on the by-pass verges. An update on the proposal for a footbridge over the canal will be sought from NCC & County Councillor.

222. Parish Council website.

J. Goodger informed the meeting that Councillors and residents need to use the website more often. P. Dunkley proposed that Councillors should obtain minutes and agendas from the website, rather than by email attachments. J. Goodger seconded the proposal but other members disagreed. It was agreed that more use should be made of the website, to include future events, i.e. Scarecrow weekend, an update of the Chairman' opening comments etc. It was further agreed to send the Clerk any updates or information for the website as attachments are easily sent to the provider. Website statistics can be viewed at clerk@crickparishcouncil.org.uk
The login is cricket.

223. Programme of work for the Payback team.

J. Goodger informed the meeting that the team were working on the footpath from the Yelvertoft Road bridge to the proposed sports field. The Bury Dyke/Oak Lane footpath and the overhanging trees in Chapel Lane are on a list for work to be completed. The Chairman requested that a programme of future work should be an agenda item for the February meeting. Mrs M. Gibbins agreed to accept emails outlining future work for team.

224. NCALC – 2011 elections (5/5/11) attracting new candidates & promoting the election.

NCALC has provided notes on attracting new candidates for the election in May together with a timetable of important dates that will apply on the run up to the election. Members agreed to provide an article on the subject in Crick News.

225. Accounts for payment and account balances.

The following invoices, as listed on the agenda, had been received. W. Simms proposed that payment be authorised. The proposal was seconded by J. Goodger and agreed;

Cheque No. 583 – Northamptonshire ACRE – subscription fee for 2011 - £34.00.

No. 584 – Mike Henson Presentations Ltd. – Crick PC website – 2 invoices - £17.63 for the inclusion of the budget document and £72.00 for the annual fee for 2011.

No. 585 – NCC Crick Primary School – 2 x print of Crick News - £487.16.

No. 586 – J. Richards – Chairman's allowance 2010/11 - £300.00.

No. 587 – Northamptonshire Police Authority – fee for PCSO Partnership – 2011 - £6,238.00.

No. 588 – E.on Energy – streetlight maintenance for the quarter ending December 2010 - £584.41.

No. 589 – E.on – unmetered supply to 31.12.10. – £756.43.

Cheque totals - £8,498.63.

