

CRICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 19th.July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Old School, Church Street, Crick.

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

4 members of the public were present

72. Apologies.

No apologies were tendered.

73. Declaration of Interests.

R. Lowe, D. Tolfts, Mrs M. Gibbins & W. Simms declared an Interest in agenda item 18 – Crick PFA – playground inspection/funding for repairs – all are on the Playing Field Committee.

74. Open meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting to members of the public. A member of the public raised concerns that the Bucknills Lane footpath had yet to have the potholes repaired. The Chairman has a planned meeting with Ian Smith (MGWSP) and a site visit will be made. Asbestos sheets are still in the hedgerow on the Yelvertoft Road path. Rights of Way will be contacted.

Overgrown footpaths were reported on the West Haddon Road, outside the Rectory, Main Road and on the approach to Bucknills Lane. The UPU will be informed. A report was received that BT had not issued the Coventry Telephone Directory.

75. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st.June 2010.

The minutes had been circulated previously. P. Dunkley reported that he and D. Tolfts had declared an Interest in the agenda item for Crick Allotment Association's request for funding for the improvements to the allotment watering system. The two members are also allotment holders. Item 66 – maypole expenses – J. Goodger reported that J. Scott had not submitted any expenses for the new and renovated maypoles. The Chairman amended the minutes at items 47 and 66. W. Simms proposed that the amended minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by R. Lowe and agreed by those present.

76. Circulations.

The following documents were circulated via the IT Centre:-
Clerk & Councils Direct magazine.

Rural Services Community newsletters.
Local Government Boundary Commission – electoral review of DDC.
Rugby Radio Station – DIRFT Symposium Report.
NCC –reduce waste – project newsletter.
Yelvertoft PC – minutes of the meeting held on 14/6/10.

77. Correspondence for information.

NCC has announced that the Marsh will be closed, from Chapel Lane to the junction of Marsh Close, Crick on 17th.August 2010 whilst work is carried out to the trees.

RBC has a schedule of suggested focused changes to their Local Development Framework – details are on their website – www.rugby.gov.uk/corestrategy

Northamptonshire Association for the Blind will have their mobile unit in New Street, Daventry on Thursday 19th.August 2010 – 10am – 1.0pm.

78. Correspondence for response.

NCALC is to host a course for Parish Councillors – ‘off to a flying start’ – on Thursday 2nd.September 2010 at 6.30pm at DDC Offices; the cost being £29.00. Mrs M. Gibbins expressed an interest to attend.

NCALC has researched the policies and documents that should be held by a Parish Council. A three page document has been prepared for consultation.

DDC is considering adopting a formal policy, and associated procedures, governing its approach to the ‘adoption’ of assets such as public open space. DDC is seeking the views of interested parties. The Chairman proposed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, R. Lowe and the Clerk meet to discuss any response to the policy, the policies and documents mentioned by NCALC. R. Lowe proposed that the group also consider the procedures for Declaring Interests. The members agreed to all of the proposals.

BDO, the External Auditors, has returned the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010. Box 8 does not equal the reconciled bank balance. Box 8 – the total cash – to read £53,338. Box 6 – total costs needs to be increased by £25.00 to £53,989 and Box 7 – balances carried forward is to be amended to £53,338. The reason for the changes is that the Clerk did not deal with an un-presented cheque of £25 correctly – Chq No. 488. The members agreed to carry out the changes.

Steve Ellis, (DDC Planning Officer) is willing to have a site meeting in relation to the application for a new lay-by at the Coop Store with a small number of Parish Councillors, representatives from the Coop and if necessary the highway authority. He hopes for a constructive discussion, which results in a clear outcome.

Gareth Edmunds, Rugby Radio Station Ltd. Partnership (RRSLP) has sent notes of the presentation to the Parish Council on 21st.June 2010. A number of queries followed the presentation and he has included the RRSLP responses. Any further queries or questions would be welcomed.

Kimbolton Fireworks Ltd. has reported that the same display as the 2009 event will cost £1,154.00 for 2010. The company is running a 20% discount on orders received before the end of July. The actual cost of the firework display will be £923.20. (£790 including VAT for 2009) R. Atterbury queried if the event made a loss in 2009. The Chairman reported that the event broke even but proved very popular and successful. Members agreed to hold the event in November 2010 and to pay £923.20 to the firework manufacturer.

DWH has agreed to provide two salt bins in Pyke Way and Fallowfields, as gesture of goodwill and in the interest of fostering good relationships. A delivery address is needed and the Clerk will ask MGWSP if they will store the bins, until such time when they will be moved onto the sites and filled. (Pmn – NCC has declined to provide additional bins for the Paddock and Southfield Drive, owing to the large number of requests for additional bins in the County)

79. **Planning.**

DA/2010/0352 – the application for alterations of the existing and new lay-by at the Coop Store has been withdrawn. The Chairman reported that he is to set up a meeting with Steve Ellis (DDC), Neil Morris (Coop), Verity Chilvers (NCC) and possibly the Police.

DA/20100524 – amendment to planning application- DA2009/0821 (construction of a dwelling at 16 Well Hill Close, Crick) – application to provide off road parking in the front of the house. The plans were inspected and no objections were raised.

DDC – Section 106 Agreements – R. Lowe reported that he has been negotiating, on behalf of the Parish Council, with the Solicitor of DDC, DWH and members of the Thomas family regarding the transfer of land and monies relating to phases 2, 3 and 4 of the DWH development. Part of the transfer included the right of access onto the proposed Elms Farm site. The transfer is nearly ready for completion but one problem has arisen. The way the road access is shown on the maps to the Elms Farm site is not totally within the area it was supposed to be within. The access encroaches onto phase 4, POS, the land fronting onto Coleman Close. The proposal from the Solicitor of DDC is that the land that is proposed to be given to the Parish Council from phases 2, 3 and 4 is all lumped together and all the same conditions and provisions are allocated to the whole transaction.

Under normal circumstances this would not be an issue. Under circumstances where DWH are showing plans of their proposed development, R. Lowe proposed that the Parish Council should be offered the land for each agreement separately and has the option to refuse or accept the offer. If this is the case DDC may require the Parish Council to undertake their legal work. This course of action could prove very costly. After discussion members agreed that there was more power in the amendments to the VDS and therefore ask that each phase be offered separately.

R. Lowe agreed to raise questions with DDC on the issue of an adopted road on POS. Once the plans for the proposals have been published, the Parish Council could request that the entrance to the proposal be off Church Street. The Chairman proposed that the issues should be left in the capable hands of R. Lowe. The proposal was seconded by P. Dunkley and D. Tolfts and agreed by all.

The Chairman reported that he has corresponded with Colin Mynott over the Crick VDS. Liaison has been made with Robert Keith (DDC Senior Policy Officer) regarding the proposed amendments to the VDS. The proposed amendments are as follows:

- (a) Providing a fuller explanation of the importance of the Wells Hills area to the west of Crick.
- (b) Identifying the setting of St. Margaret of Antioch Church as an important area.
- (c) Identifying the setting of Vynters Manor as an important area.
- (d) Identifying an area to the east of Drayson Lane as an important open space.
- (e) Identifying a triangle of land bounded by the bypass, Yelvertoft Road and Barley Croft as an important open space with potential as a pocket park.

The legal procedure where the formal notice is advertised has been carried out on 16th. July 2010 in the Daventry Express and Rugby Advertiser. There is now a six week consultation procedure, ending on 27th. August 2010. Colin Mynott has proposed adding a paragraph as this concerns the appeal for the proposed development at 21 Main Road, Crick. The current amendment wording is 'St Margaret of Antioch Church, a grade 1 listed building, dating from the 12th. Century is surrounded by its churchyard bordered by a low old dry stone wall. Beyond this wall are old traditional Crick buildings, and their gardens, marked Y on the first map. These gardens and the churchyard are the green heart of one of the oldest parts of Crick. The skyline view towards these buildings from the churchyard comprises mature trees, and partial views of the buildings. One of these, the bungalow at 21 Main Road is hardly visible because of its height and tree screening.

It is important to preserve and enhance the setting of the church and the roofscape view from its churchyard. The skyline of taller mature trees partly masks some buildings. But these trees may not always be there, especially conifers, which have limited lives. Therefore any potential development of area Y should be set well back from the churchyard boundary and not impinge upon the existing skyline. In particular, their layout, shape and size (mass and form) should echo the surrounding buildings not those of modern suburban executive housing. Their design and buildings materials should also be in keeping with the character of the old surrounding building'

Colin Mynott proposed an additional paragraph to mention the importance of the view from the important open space, marked E on the map. 'the gardens of the property (Y) bordering the churchyard are also an extension of the view from the important open space (E) This view is key to the character of the village as well as from further away the view is seen from the footpath that runs through the churchyard. This is the most heavily trafficked footpath through the village. It serves the main back entrance to the school and as a through way between properties that lay either side of the church to the north of Main Road'

P. Dunkley proposed that the Parish Council fully support the amendments and the additional paragraph, proposed above. The proposal was seconded by Mrs G. Nisbet and agreed by those present.

DA/2010/0551 – an application for the provision of a new vehicle roller shutter door to the north elevation of Home Delivery Network Ltd. Eldon Way, Crick. After inspection of the plans members agreed to raise no objection to the application.

80. **Highway issues.**

The pothole in Lauds Road has been reported to MGWSP. The white lining at the mouth of the junction of Watford Road and Watford Gated Road and Bucknills Lane and Main Road need re-marking. (MGWSP to be informed) The Highways Agency will be notified of the need to re-mark the slip road off the M1 at Junction 18. Crick Lane at Winwick and Nortoft Lane at Kilsby are both closed to traffic.

81. **Increase in wooden bollards at King Style Close.**

W. Simms reported that vehicles are again parking on the grass area in King Style Close. He requested an increase to the number of bollards along the verge. After discussion, members agreed to write to DDH with a request to provide a lay-by for their tenants. The Chairman agreed to speak with Neil Morris (Coop) regarding the traffic cones that have appeared at the junction of High Street and Main Road, Crick.

82. **Churchyard footpath repairs.**

Mrs M. Gibbins had obtained three quotations to repair the churchyard footpath, from the rear gate to the school to the churchyard wall. After consideration of all three, R. Lowe proposed to accept the quotation of Raybell & Sons to resurface 60m of path with a macadam finish. He further proposed that the company be requested to apply a macadam finish to the existing path between the school gate and the gate at Bury Dyke. The proposal was seconded by Mrs M. Gibbins and agreed by all.

83. **Review of the Scarecrow week-end.**

R. Lowe reported that the event again proved very successful and a great vote of thanks was extended to Mrs M. Gibbins and Nander Marchant for all their hard work in putting the event together. Both were key figures in organising the week-end. Nearly 500 programmes were sold and income received, including sponsorship and donations, raised nearly £2,400. The expenditure was £1400, making an overall profit of £943. £400 of which will be donated to local charities and £543 retained in the Parish Council account to start off the event in 2011.

Many villagers had set up their own stalls selling refreshments and goods, the profits going to the Air Ambulance and Help the Heroes. A vote of thanks will be extended to the Holiday Inn and Baker Brothers. In 2011 consideration will be given to incorporating the Scarecrow week-end with the Church fete week-end.

84. **Quotations for additional streetlights.**

E.on Energy Services had provided two quotations for additional streetlights, in Bucknills Lane and Oak Lane footpath - £1,367 and £3,162. The Bucknills Lane streetlight will have to be a new column; the company will not install lights on brackets on existing wooden posts. The cost of the Oak Lane is excessive due to the supply from Oak Lane, the sum of £2,611. After discussion, members agreed not to go ahead with either light.

85. The financial contribution from Gazeley UK Ltd.

As reported at the meeting in June, the developer Gazeley UK Ltd. is to make a financial contribution for improvements to the Environmental, Social and Economic wellbeing of the Village. R. Lowe proposed setting up a sub-committee to deal with the consideration and processing of the contribution. Members agreed that the Committee consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, J. Goodger, R. Lowe and the Clerk.

86. Yelvertoft Road Sports Field – update.

The Chairman reported that Kedlestone UK Ltd. had made a suggestion for forwarding the proposals for the Sports Field. The company is to hold a board meeting on 20th.July to decide upon a formal application or otherwise and the results will be reported upon in due course.

87. The Skateboard Park – an application to increase the facilities.

R. Lowe had been approached by representatives of the youth of the village, who felt that the skateboard facilities at the playing field were inadequate. Their request was for more and bigger jumps. He queried if the request should be to the PFA or the Parish Council. The Council has funding in reserves, allocated to children's play areas and the outlay could be £10,000 minimum. The representatives should look for some proposals for improvements.

88. DDC – Parish & Town Councils meeting.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting on 1st.July 2010. The agenda was planning the police and highways. Ian Smith (MGWSP) and Nick Gore (NCC) informed the meeting of the various schemes and plans for highways in the County. A promise was made for a highways inspection for Crick and this has yet to take place.

Police issues concerned the proposals for Government financial cuts to the service. The Chairman raised concerns for the 2 PCSO's that the Council has in place. The Superintendent assured him that the 2 PCSO's were on a three year contract.

Planning – the main concerns of Parish Councils was the proposal to stop site visits. The answer was this was a health & safety issue for DDC Officers and Councillors and site visits, as Parish Councils knew them, would not take place.

89. Crick PFA – playground equipment inspection/funding for repairs.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, W. Simms and Mrs M. Gibbins declared an interest, being members of the PFA Committee and left the meeting at 8.50pm. Crick PFA had received a copy of the playground equipment report following an inspection. The report indicated that over £1,900 was needed to bring the equipment to a safe standard. The PFA has made a request for an early payment of the yearly grant of £700.00 to help to repair the equipment. R. Lowe proposed that an early payment be made. The proposal was seconded by R. Atterbury and agreed by those present. The four members returned to the meeting at 8.55pm.

90. **Yelvertoft Road fields – transfer of land.**

J. Goodger reported that when the fields were transferred from NCC to the Parish Council a small triangular piece of land was also promised to be transferred. The transfer did not take place. He proposed that a letter be sent to NCC Legal Department, with a copy to Councillor Mrs C. Boardman to ensure that the transfer takes place. Further, the item remains on future agendas until the transfer takes place. The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and agreed.

91. **Sexton's hut.**

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Sweeney (PCC) and Mr. Barber (Heritage Surveyor) were to examine the hut and report to the PCC. No further information has been received.

92. **Wall of the Wheatsheaf P.H.**

D. Tolfts reported that the licensee of the public house was concerned over the poor state of the side wall. Bricks were loose and the wall was dangerous. A letter raising the Parish Council's concerns has been sent to the brewery. (Pmn – R. Atterbury has reported the matter to DDC Building Control)

93. **Village of the Year Competition 2010.**

The Chairman had entered Crick in the competition and judging had taken place on 6th.July. A laptop display was shown to the three judges who spent over two hours inspecting the village.

94. **Hanging baskets and tubs competition.**

The Chairman wished for the competition to take place again and suggested that Councillor Mrs Amos be requested to judge the displays. This was agreed, together with the monetary prizes to be the same as those for 2009.

95. **Accounts for payment and account balances.**

The following invoices, as listed on the agenda, had been received. D. Tolfts proposed that payment be authorised. The proposal was seconded and agreed unanimously.

Cheque No. 519 – Crick Allotment Association – loan for watering system improvements - £1,000.00

No. 520 – NCC Crick School – 2 x printing of Crick News + donation towards the copier lease - £804.18.

No. 521 – St. Margaret's Church – part payment of community website - £65.00.

No. 522 – Crick PFA – early payment of 2010/11 grant - £700.00.

No. 523 – Kimbolton Fireworks Ltd. – payment for the November display - £923.20.

No. 524 – The Mower Shop - West Haddon – purchase of a brushcutter and equipment - £684.01.

No. 525 – R&G – playing field grass cutting – June - £226.12.

No. 526 – Mr. G. McCallion – construction of a concrete base in the burial ground - £102.10 (no labour charge)

No. 527 – Crick Darby & Joan Club – donation towards travel costs - £600.00.
No. 528 – R. Lowe – expenses for Scarecrow week-end - £500.00.
No. 529 – Stephen Hartwell – scheduled grass cutting – June/July - £2,331.20.
No. 530 – E.on – unmetered streetlight supply to 30.6.10 - £756.43.

Account balances – current a/c - £24,099.11 (30/6/10) – Investment a/c - £40,842.91.
Income since the meeting in June - £90.00 for burial fees - £100 donation to the Scarecrow week-end (Gallacher Homes) – Lloyds TSB – closure of the War Memorial account - £175.21. – E.on – wayleave payments - £43.56 and BPC Ltd. – sponsorship of the Scarecrow week-end - £500.00.

96. **Agenda items for the meeting 20th. September 2010.**

Springwater Farm – update.
CSFA – update on the Kedlestone UK Ltd. proposals.
Papillion Fields – alleged breach of planning regulations.
Sexton’s Hut – update.
Crick Ex Serviceman’s Club – advertising on front wall.
Heartwood Tree Services – quotation for tree work.

97. **Open meeting.**

Graffiti on the bypass bridge – members agreed that the graffiti be removed as a matter of emergency.

Bury Dyke fencing – damaged by footballers – R. Atterbury will request repair by Mr. Carter, who is to repair two benches.

Ladies coffee morning group has raised funds to enable a bench to be purchased and placed in the burial ground.

R. Atterbury reported overflowing litter bins on the A428 lay-by and on the A428 link road.

Concerns were expressed over the advertising signs placed around the village by the new garden centre and tea room.

A request was made for DDH to make a presentation on the future of the Airey Homes in Bucknills Lane.

No other issues were raised; the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Signed.

Chairman.

20.9.10.

The minutes have yet to be approved by the Parish Council.

