

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st.November 2011 at 7.30pm. Held in the Old School, Church Street, Crick.

Present - D. Tolfts (Chairman) J. Richards, J. Goodger, R. Lowe, Miss A. Ward, Mrs G. Nisbet, W. Simms, W. Fursman, R. Atterbury.

4 members of the public were present.

177. Apologies.

Mrs M. Gibbins (illness) P. Dunkley (holiday)

178. Declaration of Interests.

Members did not declare any interests at this stage of the proceedings.

179. Open meeting.

One of the members requested the removal of a sign advertising barn conversions now the properties were let. R. Atterbury agreed to arrange for the removal.

180. Minutes of the meetings held on 17th.October and 7th.November 2011.

The two sets of minutes had been circulated previously. J. Richards proposed that the two sets of minutes were a true and correct record of the meetings. The proposal was seconded by R. Atterbury and agreed unanimously.

181. Outstanding items for 2011.

Yelvertoft Road fields – transfer of a triangular piece of land from NCC (minute 71)- Deanna Simpson (NCC Legal Services) has not made contact regarding the transfer of the land. It was agreed to write yet again. The matter should have been finalised in 2004.

Chapel Lane – installation of wooden posts to protect the verge (minute 98 & 145) – the contractor was in the process of installing the posts. It was agreed to remove the item from the agenda.

Main Road – repair to a finger post (minute 90) – MGWSP has received the post and it will be installed at the end of November.

S106 Agreement – Gallagher Homes (minute 116) – this item is on-going.

Adoption of DWH estate (minute 116) – this item is also on-going.

Designation of the Yelvertoft Road footpath (minute 127) – NCC Rights of Way is dealing with this item.

Defective footpath – Yelvertoft Road (minutes 127) – J. Goodger reported that the footpath had been repaired. The Clerk had received a letter from Ian Boyes (NCC) requesting a contribution of £1,000 from the Parish Council towards the cost of upgrading the footway. The engineer was to email the Clerk when the repair was completed and payment was authorised on receipt of this information.

Broken drain cover at Marsh Close (minute 127) – J. Richards reported that Severn Trent Water declined to accept responsibility to replace the cover. Their engineer reported that the drain was a storm drain and the responsibility of the County Council. A report was made to Street Doctor and a Highway Engineer is due to visit the site within 5 working days (16/11/11)

Update on Papillion Fields (minute 119) – Bruce Allen – DDC Enforcement Officer – has written to the owner of the property requesting a site visit to carry out a fresh inspection to consider the current state of play and consider an appropriate consequent course of action.

POS update – Bury Dyke and Coleman Close (minute 140) – R. Lowe informed the meeting that negotiations are on-going between DDC Solicitors and DWH.

Meeting with Chris Heaton-Harris MP – (minute 139) – concerning parking at the Coop Store and the need for a footbridge over the canal – the MP had written to Dr. Paul Blantern, the Chief Executive of Northampton County Council, with a request to investigate the two outstanding matters. R. Lowe proposed to deal with the two items separately on the next agenda. The proposal was agreed. J. Richards reported that Steve Ellis (DDC) has his contract renewed to 2013. He was involved with the discussions to improve the parking facilities at the Coop Store and he is willing to help to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

182. **Circulations.**

The following documents were circulated via the IT Centre;

CPRE Outlook newsletter/Countryside Voice magazine.

Northampton Borough Council – publication of the schedule of focused changes to the Pre-submission draft Northampton Central Area –

www.northampton.gov.uk/consultation

LGBC – electoral review of NCC.

Crime Report for Crick beat for the period 13/9/11 to 2/11/11 – PCSO Lorraine Humfress.

DDC – Cracks Hill – the future management is under discussion with the relevant Officers.

DDC – Daventry 2040 Master Plan – www.daventrydc.gov.uk/consultation

Resident from Chapel Lane – support for the wooden posts on the Green.

Came & Co – newsletter + change of address to – 1st.Floor Offices, 2 Meridian Office Park, Osborn Way, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9HY.

H.M. Government – Neighbourhood Planning Regulations - 2012.

183. Correspondence.

NCC has confirmed that the grass mowing grant for 2012 will be unchanged to that of 2011, the sum of £1,140.15.

Bill Newton-Dunn MEP has asked if the Parish Council wishes to receive email reports on European Parliament matters. Members agreed to accept his reports.

DDC is to host a presentation on the Daventry 2040 Masterplan at the Council Chamber at 6.15pm on Thursday 1/12/11.

Villages Together Group are holding a meeting at Long Buckby Community Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30/11/11 – topics will include the Localism Bill, the forum for DDC's Town and Parish Councils meeting and shared experiences of large planning applications.

184. Planning.

Mr. & Mrs McGee have lodged an appeal on the refusal of DDC to the application for Listed Building Consent and the application for the conversion of a barn and outbuilding to a dwelling including the construction of a linking extension at 24 Yelvertoft Road, Crick. Any additional comments should arrive at the Planning Inspectorate, Bristol, no later than 13/12/11. Members did not comment on the original application.

DA/2010/0400 – Winwick Wind Farm – the applicant E.on, via their agent Amec, has supplied the supplementary environmental information. The document contains several montages with the proposed wind turbines super-imposed. The document will be available at the IT Centre.

185. Highway matters.

J. Richards reported that the concrete bollard outside Chappell Far, High Street, Crick had been damaged by a passing vehicle. The damage has been reported to Streetdoctor.

186. CSFA/Parish Council – 25 year lease for the Yelvertoft Road fields.

The CSFA has been sent the draft lease document as prepared by Mr Cooper of Brethertons Solicitors. The Association has published their accounts for the year ended 31st.October 2011 and copies were circulated to the members. The Chairman had attended the last CSFA meeting and he was impressed by the Chairman and Committee, who are doing a good job on behalf of the village.

187. 2012/13 Budget discussions.

J. Goodger reported that he was preparing the 2012/13 budget document and a private meeting will be held on Monday 28th.November 2011 at 7.00pm in the Old School. The document will be circulated prior to the meeting.

188. Crick Feast 2011 – review of the event.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council and residents thanked J. Goodger for organising and running the Crick Feast Event which had proved a very successful weekend. J. Goodger tabled the Feast accounts 2011. These showed that £1684 had been raised and donations made to FOSM, CSFA, the Village Hall and the United Reformed Church. He reported that the event had gone well and it has been decided that it should become a part of the village calendar for the future, taking place every other year rather than annually. There was a carry forward figure for the future event of £590. A list of comments from the participants was circulated to the members.

189. Crick Parish IT Plan.

J. Goodger informed the meeting that following discussions at the meeting in October he had prepared a Crick Parish Council IT Plan. A copy of the plan had been circulated. The plan showed 13 items for action by various Councillors and the IT consultant, James Best. Each action had a designated completion date. R. Lowe proposed to adopt the plan and for J. Goodger to drive the plan forward. The proposal was seconded by J. Richards and agreed unanimously. J. Goodger agreed to 'champion' the plan.

190. Response from Ben Bailey Homes to the Parish Council's comments on the potential development on land off Yelvertoft Road.

Ben Bailey Homes has proposed to demolish Manor Farm House in Yelvertoft Road and to build 20-22 units with a surface water outfall onto the playing field land. At the meeting in October members were opposed to the proposals. The company has responded to the opposition. To seek the support of the Parish Council the company has offered a contribution towards the improvement of village services, subject to attaining a satisfactory planning approval. After a brief discussion the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should maintain their objections to the proposal and the land behind Manor Farm House remains a green space. The proposal was seconded by Mrs G. Nisbet and agreed by those present.

191. Parish Council/St. Margaret's Church website.

The Clerk had written to the PCC, via Reverend David Lake, requesting a decision on the future of the Church website. The Parish Council has been funding their own web domain and the domain of the Church domain – www.crick.org.uk the cost to the Council is £58.71 + VAT every three months. The Chairman expressed his disappointment that the PCC had not responded. The future of the domains is one of the actions contained in the IT Plan.

192. DDC Environmental Protection – complaint with Crick Bonfire event.

The Parish Council and Crick Playing Field Association had organised a bonfire and firework event on 5/11/11. Following the event a complaint had been made to the DDC Environmental Protection. The complaint was over the strong smells, noxious fumes and the deposition of debris on vehicles in the vicinity of the bonfire. DDC has written a strong letter stating that it is an offence to cause the emission of smoke so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. The Chairman commented that it was difficult to police the contents of the bonfire and it was irresponsible for members of the public to place objects on the bonfire that cause toxic fumes when set on fire. The organisers will have to consider the future of such events. He proposed to set up a sub-committee to seek a solution, perhaps a firework only event. The proposal was seconded by R. Atterbury and agreed. A response will be made to DDC Environmental Health.

193. Accounts for payment and account balances.

The following invoices had been received for payment. W. Simms proposed that payment be authorised; the proposal was seconded by R. Lowe and agreed by those present.

Cheque No. 670 – Earth Anchors Ltd – supply dog waste bin (Watford Road) - £272.34.

No. 671 – R. Candelent – salary for September/October/November - £1356.81 + expenses 9/9/11 to 14/11/11 - £269.08. The expenses includes payment for the Crick Feast plaque, keys to the new door at the IT Centre (£99) and refreshments for the Payback team (£56.23) These are listed under administration and village maintenance on the accounts.

No. 672 – BT Payment Services Ltd – IT Centre telephone account - £56.24.

No. 673 – Marmax Products Ltd – purchase of 2 picnic benches on behalf of Crick Millennium Woods - £1,753.20.

No. 674 – Breathe Internet Ltd – subscription for the IT Centre website - £70.45.

No. 675 – Safety Solutions Ltd – purchase of two double plastic litter bins - £921.60.

Community Fund account – cheque no. 012 – Full Circle Leisure Ltd – supply and install skate park equipment - £6,500.00. R. Lowe proposed that the VAT of £1,083.33 be paid into the Community Fund. The Clerk will ask HMR&C for a separate refund.

Income - £824 has been received on the sales of the walks and heritage books. The third book is being printed and J. Goodger requested that the sum of £875 be authorised for payment of the printing. R. Lowe proposed payment be made at the December meeting. The proposal was seconded and agreed.

The balance on the current account, as at 27.10.11, is £37,200 and £41,403 in the Investment account.

194. **Agenda items for the meeting on 19/12/11.**

Miss A. Ward reported that the Elm tree by St. Margaret's Church Tower needs attention.

The Chairman requested that the outstanding items – agenda item 5 be retained.

R. Atterbury requested that the Bury Dyke pond be included, although currently dry, the depth gives cause for concern. The closure of footpath EM12 – Kilsby bridleway.

W. Fursman requested that the A428 weighbridge lay-by be included, there is a problem for Environmental Health.

R. Lowe requested that footpath EM3 be included; there are problems with the condition of the gate and stile.

195. **Open meeting.**

Pay back team – Mrs M. Gibbins has made a request for work for the team. Members reported that the verge by the Washbrook to Kilsby bridleway needs cutting back. The Yelvertoft Road footpath – the hedges need cutting back and the old farm gates removed.

The hedges surrounding the Eldon Way industrial estate are overgrowing the A428, opposite the weighbridge lay-by. A report will be made to Streetdoctor.

The Chairman informed the meeting of a postal scam; Parcel Delivery Service (PDS) A card is sent through your door, asking to contact a telephone number regarding a parcel. The call will cost you £315. Contact Royal Mail Fraud – 020 7239 6655.

One resident requested further screening to the Red Sky warehouse in Eldon Way, the screening is needed on the verge of A428.

The fingerpost at Lauds Road/High Street has not been replaced. Scaffold at the Old Forge, Main Street is causing pedestrians to walk in the road. Crick Ex-Servicemen's Club has an advertisement for Sky T.V. on their railings. The Chairman agreed to resolve the last two issues.

No other matters were raised; the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed.

Chairman. 19.12.11.

