

CRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup>.October 2011 at 7.30pm at the Old School, Church Street, Crick.

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

11 members of the public were present.

**148. Apologies.**

Mrs G. Nisbet (illness)

**149. Declaration of Interests.**

R. Atterbury declared an interest in agenda item No. 8 – Planning – DA/2011/0767 an application for change of use of land to leisure and recreation purposes for 45 days per year on land adjacent to Crick Marina and Nursery. He is the owner of the land subject of the application.

W. Fursman declared an interest in agenda item 15 – work to village trees – one tree is at the allotment entrance. He is the Secretary of Crick Allotment Association.

**150. Open meeting.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He was pleased to see such a good response from members of the public. Some members of the public were interested in a planning item – Ben Bailey Homes. A representative from the company had written to the Parish Council concerning a potential development of land off Yelvertoft Road, Crick. The proposal was to demolish Manor Farm House and to build 20-22 units. There was also a request if surface water outfall could be sought through Parish Council land to the rear of the development (playing field land)

The Chairman requested members to change the running order of the agenda and include the proposal by Ben Bailey Homes at this stage of the meeting. The request was agreed. A neighbour to Manor Farm House has written to the Parish Council raising his objections to the proposals. A copy of the letter had been circulated to all Councillors, prior to the meeting. The neighbour briefly outlined his objections and photographs of the current congestion found in Yelvertoft Road, due mainly to resident's cars being parked on the road.

After discussion, P. Dunkley proposed that the Council should reply to Ben Bailey Homes stating that members were totally opposed to a surface water outfall into Crick Playing Field, at the rear of the proposed site. The members were totally opposed to any development of the site because of the historic features around Manor Farm House.

Yelvertoft Road is already a busy thoroughfare, most of which is single lane traffic, due to resident's cars being parked on the road. If the development would go ahead this would increase the traffic problem. The Parish Council would not support any road access onto Yelvertoft Road. The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and agreed unanimously.

Dr. Colin Mynott, the author of the Crick Village Design Statement, supported the views of the Parish Council and proposed that a small committee be set up to obtain Grade 2 Listing status for Manor Farm House and the associated buildings on the site. The proposal was seconded and agreed. The committee was agreed to be Dr. Mynott, J. Goodger and W. Fursman.

Other concerns raised by members of the public were the application for 2 wind turbines on land by DIRFT. Work to improve the pond at Bury Dyke (Brian Laney – Greater Crested Newt Society – had received permission from the Council to improve the pond) the poor state of the grass/trees on the roundabout beneath M1, Junction 18. (Pmn – Highways Agency to be informed) The missing directional signs - Main Road/High Street and High Street/Watford Road. The temporary manhole cover in Marsh Close and the work by Heartwood Tree Services to trees in the Marsh.

**151. Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 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 J. Richards and agreed by those present.

**152. Outstanding items for 2011.**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were aware that a number of agenda items were outstanding from 2011 and even as early as 2004. To raise the awareness of these items it was agreed to list the items on future agendas until such time that the issues had been dealt with.

Yelvertoft Road fields – transfer of a small triangular piece of land by NCC (minute 71) R. Lowe suggested that the small piece of land be purchased, either from NCC, or the Bevan Estate. This land could form part of the land set aside for allotments.

Chapel Lane – installation of wooden posts to protect the grass area (minute 98 & 145) – NCC Officers met with J. Richards, Miss A. Ward and the contractor. The line of the posts has been agreed and the posts are acceptable to use. The quotation of the contractor will be higher as the posts will be taller than the estimate to ensure visibility by motorists. (Pmn – the contractor will commence work shortly. Miss A. Ward has notified residents in the lane and the residents affected in the Marsh) P. Dunkley proposed that chains be purchased to go between the posts, the proposal was seconded and agreed. NCC has approved the wooden posts installed in King Style Close. It was agreed to contact DDH to enquire if parking bays could be installed for the residents in King Style Close, numbers 5 to 9.

Main Road – repair to finger post – the update page on the Street Doctor website, unique reference 481435, states that the item was referred to MGWSP in June 2011. NCC Highway Inspector was also due to provide a site visit. The Clerk will try to obtain an update. There should not be a financial loss as the responsibility for the damage was admitted by Stagecoach and this has been referred to their insurer.

Site visit to BPC Ltd – P. Dunkley reported that he had recently seen Angela Murphy, the site manager, and the new premises are not quite ready, some work is still being undertaken at the old site.

S106 Agreement – Gallagher Homes development - P. Dunkley reported that a meeting had taken place with Gallagher Homes and Barton Willmore representatives regarding the Section 106 agreements. Discussions also took place on the footpath through Barley Croft, being a route to the school. Their diagram did show two footpaths from their development into the playing field and they agreed that one was sufficient, running by the existing pavilion, the footpath to have a hard surface with street lighting. The discussion included traffic calming measures that will be needed on Main Road at the site entrance.

The S106 Agreement could include traffic management at High Street/ Main Road and assistance towards a new surgery. The Doctors are in consultation with the PCT. The company is looking to submit a planning application in early 2012. If successful with the application, work could begin in 2013. R. Lowe suggested that if Yelvertoft Road is a route to the village school, then a pedestrian crossing will be needed. The representatives will be notified of this. The company is considering the introduction of acoustic barriers, a wooded area and a balancing pond to negate noise from the motorway.

Adoption of the DWH Estate – it was agreed that the adoption of the estate by NCC was a long way off.

The designation of the Yelvertoft Road footpath - J. Goodger reported that the NCC definitive map team are dealing with the designation. Members agreed that the Parish Council has been receiving a totally negative response from the County Council on a number of these issues and an invitation to a meeting will be extended to Councillor Mrs Boardman in early 2012.

Yelvertoft Road footpath – the footpath was repaired a few months ago and it now has weeds growing through the tarmac. Highway representatives have visited the site but they cannot give a timescale when repairs will be undertaken. Members agreed not to part fund this work until the footpath surface was satisfactory.

Broken drain cover at Marsh Close – J. Richards reported that the drain cover is still a temporary one. Ownership between Severn Trent and Anglian Water has not been agreed but recently residents received a letter stating Anglian Water is now responsible for surface water. Members agreed to write to the company in an effort to obtain a new cover.

Provision of new litter bins at Marge's seat and outside the Coop Store – minute 122 – at a previous meeting it was agreed to purchase another large litter bin to replace the small bin by Marge's seat and a similar second bin for the Coop Store. The Clerk is looking for a supplier of a 'double' bin.

Update on Papillion Fields and Springwater Farm – minute 119 - D. Smith – DDC Enforcement has confirmed that the owner is still obliged to meet the requirement to remove the barn and restore the land at the farm, even though he has served a period of imprisonment for failing to do so. The County and District Councils are waiting for further advice. B. Allen (DDC) has yet to update the Parish Council on the situation at Papillion Fields, Yelvertoft Road, Crick. R. Atterbury agreed to chase this up.

POS land at Bury Dyke and Coleman Close – minute 140 – R. Lowe informed the meeting that all the land from phases 2, 3 and 4, from the Thomas Family, has been transferred to Parish Council ownership and registered with Land Registry. The Parish Council has received the contribution for the play equipment, £5,000 and the commuted sum, £3025. R. Lowe has been in contact with DWH about the land on the estate that the company is to transfer and he has been contacted by DWH Agent, Walker Planning & Construction. This is the land subject of S106 Agreements. He is in consultation with DDC Planning and their solicitor. Some of the land subject of the Agreement is missing from their submitted plan.

Meeting with Chris Heaton-Harris MP – minute 139 – the Chairman reported that he had received a response from the MP's Parliamentary Office. The MP had sent out all the letters that he had promised, except one. He has yet to receive a response. The MP is waiting on Prologis and DHL regarding the crossing over the canal on Main Road.

Members agreed to retain all these items on future agendas until the items had been dealt with.

### 153. **Circulations.**

The following documents were circulated via the IT Centre; - Yelvertoft PC – minutes of the meetings held on 12/9/11 & 10/10/11.

NCALC – Update newsletter.

WCC – Waste Core Strategy – preferred options and policies consultation.

FOSM – thank you letter – for the donation from the Butchers-Gazeley Ltd funding.

Local Government Boundary Commission – final recommendations for the District of Daventry.

Your Energy – the Community Benefit Fund associated with the Yelvertoft Wind Farm – details of the fund will be available shortly.

154. **Correspondence for response.**

Transfer of Cracks Hill management to the Parish Council – it was agreed at an earlier meeting to transfer the management of the land to the Parish Council, if DDC agreed. This has not been moved on because of a mix up between Keith Liggins and the Clerk. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact Ian Vincent (DDC)

NCC and the Environment Agency are to hold a Flood Fair on Thursday 3/11/11 – 1100-1900 at Towcester District Council Offices.

Beacons throughout the UK will be lit on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>. June 2012 between 10pm and 10.30pm to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should be involved and the beacon on Cracks Hill should be lit up. The literature will be given to the Friends of Cracks Hill, who need to register their involvement by 30/4/12. It was agreed that if the group were unable to light the beacon then the literature be returned to enable the Council to register.

R. Atterbury proposed that the Parish Council should provide a commemorative gift to all children in the village. The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and agreed unanimously. (Pmn – 2002/03 - £1005 spent on china mugs for all children under 16 years of age – via Norfolk China)

DDC – dog waste bin for Watford Road – Lisa Hudson- Fryer DDC Dog Warden has agreed that a bin can be sited in Watford Road but the bin has to have an earth anchor device and DDC will fit it free of charge. Enterprise, the company responsible for emptying the bins, has yet to respond to a request to include another dog waste bin on their rota for Crick.

Northamptonshire Police has announced that communities across the County will have access to 101, the national **non-emergency** telephone number. Calls to 101 will cost 15p per call. In an emergency the public should continue to call 999.

DDC is to hold a Parish and Town Councils' meeting on Tuesday 13/12/11 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber. J. Richards agreed to attend.

155. **Planning.**

DA/2011/0742 – an application for two wind turbines on land between Watling Street and the M1 Motorway. Applicant is Airvolution Energy Ltd. The plans were inspected by the members and it was agreed to oppose the application. The wind turbines will impact on the open countryside and on the old Watling Street. Also the turbines will be very adjacent to the slip road to junction 18, northbound carriageway of the M1 Motorway. It was further agreed that the application should go before the Planning Committee.

R. Atterbury left the meeting at this point. DA/2011/0767 – an application for change of use to leisure and recreation use up to 45 days a year on land adjacent to Crick Marina and Nursery.

This is the site of the Crick Boat Show and car boot sales on Sunday mornings. The plans and photographs were inspected and no objections were raised to the application. R. Atterbury returned to the meeting.

**156. Highway matters.**

J. Richards reported that NCC Highways have updated their asset register and all grit bins have an asset register number on them. The 'Give Way' sign at High Street/Main Road was recently damaged and installed back into the tarmac, still in a bent condition.

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

Mr C. Cooper, a resident of Crick and a solicitor at Brethertons Solicitors, has agreed to undertake the work on a 25 year lease between the two parties. A draft copy of a lease agreement had been circulated to members. J. Goodger proposed that at item 3.14 on the draft lease – Liability Insurance – the tenant/CSFA should keep in force a policy of insurance and the tenant must make available to the Landlord or his agent, on reasonable demand, a copy of the policy. The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and agreed by those present. R. Atterbury agreed to study the draft lease. (Pmn – draft lease – item 1.3 should include burst pipes. Item 1.7 – suggested name is Cedar Farm Playing Field)

**158. Use of Parish Office and provision of equipment.**

P. Dunkley informed the meeting that the Old School is to have a new front door and all Councillors will have a key and a key to the IT Centre. Because of security issues the re-vamped small room will not be let out for hire. The IT Centre will be used to view papers, such as planning applications and correspondence that are needed to be studied prior to a Parish Council meeting. He proposed the purchase of a new computer and printer scanner. R. Lowe seconded the proposal and suggested that the sum of £750 be set aside for the purchase. The proposal was agreed.

**159. Parish Plan 2011 – ratification.**

P. Dunkley had circulated the Parish Plan – 'identified needs' document, showing the subject, the priority, the champion, timescale and action to be undertaken. Mrs M. Gibbins had requested to be included on the team for the new sports field. Members agreed that the Plan be ratified.

**160. Crick Darby & Joan Club.**

Mrs G. Nisbet, on behalf of the Club, had requested extra funding to the £300 that was given in July 2011. The Club has commitments with entertainment and speakers. The current funding only covers seven trips to Daventry. Mrs M. Gibbins proposed to grant a further £500. The proposal was seconded by R. Lowe and agreed by all.

**161. Parish Council website – amending or adding information.**

J. Goodger had circulated a document outlining the process for amending or adding information to the Council website – [www.crickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.crickparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Amendments or additions should be sent to the Clerk, using WORD format, Calibri font at character size 11. To add a new page – approval of the Parish Council should be sought. Consultation with the webmaster will take place regarding costs. Email the information to the Clerk who will check for duplication of existing information and he will email the information to the webmaster.

The Chairman of Yelvertoft Parish Council was present and he informed the meeting that they were looking at options for a web provider. J. Goodger will keep in contact with him. The Parish Council is paying for two domain sites, one of which is for the church. Enquiries are being made to see if the church wishes to continue and if so is a refund to be forthcoming? The issue will be on the November agenda.

**162. Willow trees on the Washbrook.**

W. Fursman, the tree warden, reported that the willow trees were in need of cutting back. He further reported that an Ash tree at the entrance to the allotments was in a dangerous condition. The trunk of the tree was split over half of the trunk.

W. Fursman left the meeting, whilst a quotation for the work to the Ash tree was discussed. Heartwood Tree Services had quoted £695.00 plus VAT to fell the tree. P. Dunkley proposed that the work should be undertaken, in view of the danger to passersby and Heartwood Tree Services should be engaged. The proposal was seconded by R. Lowe and agreed by those present. W. Fursman returned to the meeting.

**163. Demolition of the Half Way House P.H.**

P. Dunkley reported that Prologis had purchased the old public house and the land will be a part of phase 3 of DIRFT II. The premises are derelict and Prologis wish to demolish the building. He proposed that the Parish Council should support the demolition and inform DDC Planning of this support. The proposal was seconded by W. Simms and agreed by all.

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

The following invoices had been received for payment. J. Richards proposed that payment be authorised. The proposal was seconded by J. Goodger and agreed by all:  
Cheque No. 661 – E. on Energy – streetlight maintenance to 30/9/11 - £596.84 – (S98 LGA)

No. 662 – Stephen Hartwell – scheduled grass cutting x 2 September + supply and plant a May tree in Bury Dyke - £2,287.68 – (S98 LGA)

No. 663 – James Yates Youth Service – administration - £40.00 – 3 x youth club - £120.00 – total £160.00 (S133LGA)

No. 664 – mh-p – accounts on the website - £18.00 (S142LGA)

No. 665 – Crick Darby & Joan Club – grant towards travel - £500 (ss26-29 LG & Rating Act 1997)

No.666 – Royal British Legion – Hillmorton Branch – Remembrance Day wreath - £25.00 (**s137 LGA**)

No. 667 – Old School Trustees – share of gazebo hire - £45.00 (S133 LGA)

No. 668 – Heartwood Tree Services Ltd – part of work to village trees - £196.80 (S96 Highways Act 1980)

Income – interest on current account - £1.58.

DDC – 2<sup>ND</sup> half precept - £28,875.00.

Hire of gazebo (J. Winn) - £30.00

Interest on investment account - £310.73.

Refund on VAT – HMR&C - £3080.55.

Sharpe Pritchard Solicitors –commuted sum Bury Dyke/Coleman Close POS - £8205.00.

Account balances – current a/c - £30,778.66 (30/9/11)

Investment a/c £41,402.86.

**165. Agenda items for the meeting 21/11/11.**

Apologies – P. Dunkley.

J. Goodger – Crick Feast – review. The Chairman thanked J. Goodger, on behalf of the Parish Council and the residents, for his splendid work in organising and running the event. The event proved to be a great success.

**166. Open meeting.**

One resident stated that Crick News was 3 weeks late. The IT Centre was still advertised as open on some weekdays. P. Dunkley explained that the Crick News was late because the Editor was ill and the advertisement will be rectified.

R. Lowe reported that an experienced skate boarder had an accident on the new equipment in the playing field. The new equipment is temporarily closed for a safety inspection. A notice will be displayed that it is the responsibility of the users of playing field equipment. A notice will also be displayed showing the times that the playing field and skate board park are open for use.

No further issues were raised; the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Signed.

Chairman.

21.11.11.

