

CRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th.September 2011 at 7.30pm at the Old School, Church Street, Crick.

Present - P. Dunkley (Chairman in the absence of D. Tolfts) R. Atterbury, J. Goodger, W. Simms, Miss A. Ward, W. Fursman, Mrs M. Gibbins and J. Richards.

4 members of the public were present.

128. **Apologies.**

D. Tolfts and R. Lowe (holidays) Mrs G. Nisbet (illness)

129 **Declaration of Interests.**

J. Richards, Mrs M. Gibbins and W. Simms declared an interest in agenda item 3 – CSFA – a request for funding from the Parish Council. All are on the Committee of the CSFA.

130. **Open meeting.**

A regular attendee at Parish Council meetings was unable to attend and she had sent in a short report concerning three items on the agenda. Gallagher's proposals for 135 homes on land off Main Road – she was opposed to the proposals and believed that a survey of all residents should be undertaken.

Airvolution's proposals for 2 wind turbines on land by DIRFT – she was opposed to the wind turbines being built on a 'green field site' and being too close to a bye way.

She was also opposed to agenda item 14 – Geoff and Diannah Charitable Trust – an application for community funds – she disagreed with giving Community Funds to charities outside of the Parish or Community.

Ian Gidley and Paul Lane, members of Crick Sports Field Association, (CSFA) had attended the meeting. A copy of their letter on headed notepaper of Crick AFC, asking for consideration of pledge funding for the Sports Field project for £20,000 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Major funding has been sought from funding agencies, notably with the Northants FA/Football Foundation who have pledged 50% of phase 1, in the region of £100,000. CSFA need to realise the match funding for phase1 and require support from the Parish Council for £20,000.

After a brief discussion, the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council pledge the sum of £20,000 to CSFA. The proposal was seconded by J. Goodger and agreed unanimously. J. Goodger proposed that the sum of £10,000 could be from the 2011/12 Capital Reserve allocation and £10,000 from the Capital Reserve allocation for 2012/13. This amount will be discussed in the 2012/13 budget meeting in November 2011. The representatives of the CSFA thanked the Parish Council for their generosity and confirmed that the sum will not be required before April/May 2012.

One member of the public, who resided at Barley Croft, Crick and who will be affected by the proposal by Gallagher Homes for 135 houses on land off Main Road, requested that the agenda item be raised during the open meeting. The Chairman asked the members if they agreed to the request and this was allowed. (DA/2011/0664 – an outline application (means of vehicular access into the site to be considered) for the development of up to 135 dwellings on land off Main Road, Crick)

The Chairman stated that the Council has always objected to green field development as a matter of principle. However, they must recognise that the building of Crick bypass has created a new village boundary. There had been an exhibition of the proposals earlier in the year when many residents took the opportunity to attend. It was, therefore particularly significant that no village residents were in attendance to register objections to the development proposal. He therefore proposed that the Council make no objection. This was unanimously agreed.

J. Richards proposed that as there was no objection to the Gallagher Homes development then the Parish Council should list the items that they would wish to see included within the Section 106 agreement. The Chairman seconded the proposal and this was agreed by those present.

The Chairman proposed that that the first item should be a contribution towards the costs of the new sports field. The second requirement is for a traffic management system in the village, , especially around the Coop Store/Main Road/High Street area. The additional 135 new dwellings proposed will add significantly to the chaos that already exists and improvements are urgently needed. The third requirement for the village is a larger surgery. It was agreed that there are other infrastructure improvements that could be the subject of a Section 106 agreement. The outline application is for the development as a whole. Details of roads, other infrastructure and numbers and type of buildings will be the subject of further planning applications. It was agreed that the development should only be of two storey dwellings.

The detailed application to be considered was for the road access to the site from the Main Road. Members were not in agreement with the access being a 'T' junction. Traffic surveys carried out by the police revealed that the average speed of vehicles on Main Road was 45mph and a recent visit by the safety camera team had resulted in a large numbers of fixed penalty notices being issued. It was proposed that the Council object to the layout shown in the application and request that a mini roundabout or other traffic calming measures be provided. This was agreed unanimously.

The plan of the proposal shows a pedestrian access via Barley Croft. The Chairman proposed that the only recognised footpath from the proposed estate through into the playing field, should be adjacent to the pavilion and across to King Style Close. The proposal was seconded and agreed. The member of the public from Barley Croft gave his opinion on the proposals. J. Goodger suggested that the development would give an opportunity to divert the footpath EM2. The footpath crosses the by-pass and this could be diverted along the edge of the by-pass to cross the by-pass via the Yelvertoft Road Bridge. It was agreed to suggest the diversion, if and when the detailed planning application is submitted. R. Atterbury was not involved in the discussion on the Gallagher Homes proposals.

131. **Minutes of the meetings held on 18th.July and the extra ordinary meetings held on 8th. and 30th.August 2011.**

Prior to this meeting, J. Goodger had proposed a change of the minutes of 30th.August – item 114 – Tree planting – to read – ‘J. Goodger informed the meeting that Crick Feast is going ahead on 1st. and 2nd.October 2011. The event is being organised by a group comprising of Parish Councillors and members of Crick History Society. The week-end starts with a tree planting on Bury Dyke. The planting will be carried out by the May Queen and the Chairman is invited to declare the event open. Members re-iterated their support for the event. R. Atterbury suggested that a Red May tree should be planted (Pmn – the grass contractor has agreed to purchase a tree from Bernards Nursery’ J. Richards proposed that the minutes be changed. The proposal was seconded by Miss A. Ward and agreed unanimously. J. Goodger proposed that the minutes were now a true and correct record of the three meetings. The proposal was seconded by W. Simms and agreed by those present. The three sets of minutes were signed by the Chairman.

132. **Circulations.**

The following documents were circulated to members via the IT Centre;

NCALC – Update newsletter.

Yelvertoft PC – minutes of the meeting held on 11th.July 2011.

Rural Services Network newsletters.

CPRE – Outlook newsletter and Countryside Voice.

Council’s Direct magazine.

NCALC – Autumn/Winter 2011 - Training Opportunities.

RBC – draft Housing Needs Supplementary Planning Documents.

NCC – Library Service Review – draft 1.

133. **Correspondence for information.**

Aone+ Highways Service is to carry out planned maintenance work at M1, J18, Crick Interchange North Bridge and involves concrete repairs to the bridge deck.

MH-P – Crick’s website provider will include the following information on the website, fulfilling obligations under the Freedom of Information Act;

12 sets of minutes and agendas + 2 Annual meetings.

Dates of Council meetings -2011/12.

Precept, Balance Sheet and Annual Return.

Clerk and Councillor contact details.

Clerk’s email account and auto-responders.

Freedom of Information Act – inventory and all information to be published by the FOIA.

NCC – revision of the proposed no waiting restrictions – High Street/Main Road

DDC is to hold a renewable Energy Event at Brixworth Village Hall on22/9/11 from 5-9pm.

134. **Correspondence for response.**

Northants Police are seeking feedback on issues that the police should focus on – the Chairman reported that feedback had been given to the Community/Safety Team.

DDC has requested that a review be carried out of Polling Places in villages. Members agreed that the Old School has been used for many years and is suitable for such use. The premises are central, has disabled access and facilities, toilet facilities are suitable and facilities are agreeable to those supervising the polling.

East Midlands Councils is introducing an offer for Associate Membership to the Group of Parish and Town Councils for a discounted fee of £150 + VAT. Members declined the invitation, being members of NCALC and CPRE.

A lady who carried out litter collections has requested a dog waste bin for the top lay-by in Watford Road after she recovered a number of plastic bags from the hedgerow in that location. It was agreed that if the collection service team are in agreement then a bin should be purchased and installed.

Chris Lawson and Jason Eaton were two youngsters, from the village who died in separate car accidents and they are buried in the burial ground. The parents of both have requested to purchase a memorial bench with a brass plaque in their memory, a seat where the families and their close friends can sit in peace and reflect. They have asked if the bench can be sited by the Elm Farm fence that defines the burial ground extension. The request of the families was agreed. It was suggested that the bench be similar to one already in existence by the burial ground boundary wall.

The Darby and Joan Club has made a request for further funding for their members at the meeting in October. It was agreed to put the item on the next agenda.

135. **Planning.**

DA/2011/0702 – an application for the installation of cladding - to the south and east elevations. Two new entrances and one roller shutter door to the east elevation. Three windows on the East elevation at Unit 1 at 1-7 Eldon Way, Crick. After examination of the plans, the members agreed to make no comment.

Airvolution – two new wind turbines on land near DIRFT – the location of the turbines has been reviewed in the light of the conclusions of the environmental assessment work, with this resulting in a relocation of both turbines further to the south. The Chairman proposed that any comments should be made when the planning application has been received. This proposal was agreed.

Volkswind – wind turbines on land adjacent to Watford Lodge Farm, Watford – has submitted a supplementary Environmental Information. The company has appealed against the decision by DDC to refuse planning permission. The company has submitted a new route for the turbine parts to reach Watford, via Junction 18, M1, A5 at Kilsby and through Watford village.

DA/2011/0583 – Listed Building Consent has been granted for alterations to a brick structure at the rear of 21 Church Street, Crick.

DA/2011/0512 – Advertisement Consent has been granted for three internally illuminated fascia signs at Unit 17 Eldon Way, Crick.

136. **Parish Plan Review.**

P. Dunkley and the Chairman had reviewed the responsibilities for Identified Needs. The priorities, timescale and Champion had been updated. A copy of the document was circulated to those present and it was agreed to raise the item for ratification at the October meeting.

137. **Crick Feast.**

J. Goodger informed the meeting that the programmes for Crick Feast had been delivered to every household in the village. D. Tolfts, the Chairman, has agreed to open the event by a tree planting on Bury Dyke. A small plaque to commemorate the event will be placed on the tree. The quiz sheets are available from the Post Office and the winner will be declared the following week-end.

138. **Footpath EM3 – new gate.**

J. Goodger reported that footpath EM3 – from the by-pass roundabout to Cracks Hill and Yelvertoft – the gate furniture had been interfered with, the weights had been removed and the gate catches altered. NCC Rights of Way had attended and the faults were rectified. R. Atterbury requested a weight mechanism for the gate on footpath EM4, the gate had been left open and animals had wandered onto the canal towpath.

139. **High Street parking problems & footpath over the Grand Union canal – meeting with Chris Heaton-Harris MP.**

P. Dunkley informed the meeting that a two hour meeting had taken place with some Councillors and Chris Heaton-Harris MP. The first topic was the provision of a footpath over the canal. The MP had no problem with a pedestrian operated traffic light scheme, which would be the cheapest option, rather than installing a separate bridge across the canal. The MP had ideas for funding the scheme and agreed to draft letters from himself and the Parish Council to the County Council, British Waterways and other interested parties.

In respect of the parking problems at the Coop Store, the MP recognised that a compromise is needed between the store owners, NCC Highways and DDC Planning Authority. He agreed that the parties need to meet to discuss the overall traffic situation in the centre of the village. The MP will take the problems on board. The Gallagher Homes proposals will increase the volume of traffic when complete. J. Goodger made mention of a 'flyer' from the Coop Store requesting customers to comment on 'How did we do today', perhaps their customers will use these forms to comment on the lack of parking at the store.

140. **Transfer of land off Bury Dyke to the Parish Council.**

The Chairman reported that Sharpe Pritchard, Solicitors, acting for DDC and the Parish Council had given an update on the transfer of land from the current owners of Elm Farm to the Parish Council. The land is off Bury Dyke and Coleman Close. The owners of the

farm will pay the sum of £8,205, due under a S106 agreement, when the transfer takes place. There is a provision for an access across the POS at Bury Dyke to the farm paddock but the access does not have to be to an adoptable standard. The Chairman read a letter from Sharpe Pritchard, relating to the transfer, that has been agreed with both solicitors acting for Mrs Beasley and Mr. Neal (who is buying Elm Farm and the land minus the POS) The solicitor, if the Council agreed to the transfer, required the transfer papers to be sealed and signed and delivered to a solicitor in Rugby on Tuesday 27th September. Members agreed to the transfer of the POS from Mrs Beasley to the Parish Council. J. Goodger queried whether the owner of Elms Farm would be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage to the footpath occurring during the construction or use of the access road.

(Pmn – the transfer papers have been sealed and signed by the Clerk and delivered to Rugby – Sharpe Pritchard confirmed that the owner of Elms farm would be responsible for any restoration work necessary)

141. Geoff and Diannah Charitable Trust – application for community funds.

Geoff Brown, on behalf of the Trust, had written complaining against the way their application for funding from the Baker-Gazeley Community Funding was handled at a meeting in August 2011. A copy of the letter of complaint was circulated, prior to the meeting.

The Chairman advised Members that the letter of complaint contained factual errors and incorrect assumptions. The Butchers-Gazeley Community Fund was a sum of £40,000, given to Crick Parish Council 'to use towards improvements to the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the Parish (minute 171 – 25/11/10). All details relating to the scheme were detailed in the various minutes which are published on the Village notice Board , the Village Web site and at Daventry Library. He therefore proposed that the complaint be rejected outright and that the Clerk be asked to advise Mr Brown accordingly. This was seconded and agreed unanimously.

The Chairman proposed that, as it is illegal for a Parish Council to use community funds for purposes that do not benefit the community, the Council should not make any donation to this Charity. The proposal was seconded by J. Goodger and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk reported that the Fund still contained the award to the 1st. Responders, £2,100 plus £250 from the Cooperative Community Fund. The balance was agreed to be awarded to FOSM (minute 101 – 18/7/11) Cheque No.0011 refers - £973.00.

142. Scarecrow week-end 2012.

Mrs M. Gibbins informed the meeting that the plan for 2012 was to have a marquee on the Marsh or Bury Dyke. A licensee has made an approach to provide a marquee and bar and will provide the licence, be responsible for risk assessment, insurance and staff. The Chairman proposed to go ahead along these lines if the Parish Council/CSFA receives a share of the profit. J. Goodger seconded the proposal and this was agreed.

143. **Payback Team – work required inside and outside.**

Mrs M. Gibbins requested work for the Team to carry out during the autumn and winter. A log of the work will be maintained. It was suggested that the Team could prune the willow tree in the churchyard, cut back the growth on the footpath on Main Road on the approach to Eldon Way and the approach to Bucknills Lane. Hedging at the allotment gates needs trimming back, if permission can be obtained from the land owner (Hako Ltd)

144. **The Cooperative Bank – investment account matures 22/9/11.**

The Investment account matures on 22.9.11. The bank gives several options one of which is that if the bank does not receive instructions, the funds will be automatically reinvested over an identical term (6 months) at the interest rate applicable on the date of maturity.

Members agreed that funds are not needed until the decision to fund CSFA arrives and it was agreed to take the option above.

145. **Highway matters.**

J. Richards had obtained details of a grit bin for the Paddock – the cheapest one was £95.00. Mrs M. Gibbins suggested grit bins for the churchyard and the Derry should be purchased. After a brief discussion, members agreed to wait on the response from the MP before deciding to purchase grit bins and salt.

NCC has been asked to provide a site line for the wooden posts to be installed in Chapel Lane, to protect the Green from parked vehicles.

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

Two cheques had been signed out of a Parish Council meeting, authorisation being obtained from 2 Councillors –No. 645 – S. Hartwell – scheduled grass cutting – July/August - £2,224.80 – (cash flow problem) No. 646 – Laurence Sharma – production of Scarecrow calendar - £211.21 – replaces cheque No. 638 which was lost in transit.

The following invoices had been received for payment. R. Atterbury proposed that payment be authorised. The proposal was seconded by Mrs A. Ward and agreed by all;
Cheque No. 647 – Janice Kent – 1st prize in the Hanging Basket competition - £30.00.
No. 648 – Mrs E.A. Bramwell – 2nd prize - £20.00.
No. 649 – Marion Cave – 3rd prize - £20.00.
No. 650 – T.H. Marks – commercial section prize (Red Lion) - £20.00 (**ALL 4 S.137 LGA**)

No. 651 – S. Hartwell – scheduled grass cutting – August x 2 - £2,224.80 (S98 Highways Act)

No. 652 – mh-p – inclusion of accounts on website - £18.88 (S142 LGA)

No. 653 – James Yates Youth Services - £30.00 (S19 LGA)

No. 654 – John Moreton – P.A. Testing @ Old School - £89.25(S19 LGA)

No. 655 – DDC uncontested election fee - £63.00(S41 LGA)

No. 656 – Crick Playing Field Association - £1,000.00 - £300 grant towards playing field grass cutting - £700 (2011 grant) (S98 Open Spaces Act)

No. 657 – R. Candellent – salary –June/July/August - £1,356.81 + expenses 9/5/11 to 5/9/11 - £307.02 – total - £1,663.83. (S5 LGA)

No. 658 – G. McCallion – concrete extensions to burial ground rows - £840.00 (ss9 Open Spaces Act)

No. 659 – Breathe Internet Ltd – broadband supply @ IT Centre (S142 LGA)

No. 660 – Crick Village Hall – Youth Club – hall hire - £64.00 (S145LGA)

Income – fee for memorial - £20.00/BPC Ltd – donation to Scarecrow event - £500/ stall hire @scarecrow event - £44.00/ hire of gazebo - £20.00/ Allotment rent2011 - £350.00.

Account balances – current account - £10,360.41 (26.8.11) Investment account - £41.092.

147. **Agenda items for the October meeting.**

W. Fursman – willow trees on the Washbrook need pruning.

J. Goodger – website at IT Centre and Crick PC website – information out of date/ accessibility.

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

Signed.

Chairman.

17.10.11.