

CRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Monday 17 June 2019 at 7.30pm

The Old School, Church Street, Crick, Northamptonshire, NN6 7ST

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Present:

Chairman: Cllr. Jamieson

Councillors: Cllr Jones, Cllr Harding, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Tolfts, Cllr Udale, Cllr Goodger, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Parsons

Clerk: Josie Flavell

Public: 7 Members of Public

MINUTES	Action
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19/281	APOLOGIES
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Cllr Lowe (prior engagement)	Accepted
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The Chairman closed this session of the meeting to allow the public to speak.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (OPEN MEETING)

19/282	<p>a) None of the PCSO's was able to attend the meeting. The monthly report can be accessed via the Parish Council website using the following link https://www.crickparish.org.uk/uploads/pcso-report-crick-and-dirft--may-2019.pdf</p> <p>b) District Councillor Lomax circulated her report prior to the meeting which can be accessed via the Parish Council website using the following link https://www.crickparish.org.uk/uploads/district-councillor-report-june-2019.pdf</p> <p>Cllr Lomax also stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o The 2018 Northamptonshire Road Casualty Figures had reported that the killed and injured statistics have increased by 9 from 279 to 288 and 13 to 31 respectively. However, the overall trend is down, and the Northants Safety Road Alliance is working to reduce these figures further.o The Daventry Settlements and Countryside Part 2 Local Plan Examination had started. Full details and the Hearing Sessions, Venue and Timetable can be found at https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/part-2-local-plan/local-plan-examination/. The hearing will cover legal compliance, spatial strategy, delivering housing requirements and site visits. Attendees at the hearing will include developers. Crick Ward is not specified; only DIRFT is highlighted. <p>c) County Councillor Longley was unable to attend the meeting but circulated a report prior to the meeting which stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Northamptonshire County Council year end finances are in a good position with an underspend of £2 m, as opposed to the £900 k reported in period 11.o A428 Footbridge – He had made contact with MP Chris Heaton-Harris concerning the objections raised by the Canal and River Trust which currently threaten the project and requested that the Parish Council send a letter to the MP outlining the current issues and requesting his support. <p>Parishioner issues/views</p> <p>d) A member of public gave their thanks to Council for the work completed on the Main Road ditch and reported there had been no flooding issues with their property during the recent heavy rain. She stated that although she understood that the works were only commissioned for that area of the ditch, she wondered if council would consider continuing the works to the ditch the other side of the Monks Way junction.</p> <p>e) A member of public reported that the ditch and gully in Chapel Lane (High Street end) needs clearing out as it is currently full of silt and leaves. Council unanimously agreed this is a job for NCC Highways and requested the Clerk to report the issue.</p> <p>f) A member of public reported that the vegetation had still not been cut back from road signs along the A428 as you enter the village near to the industrial estate. The Clerk agreed to contact NCC Highways.</p>
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	g) A member of public reported that the bins at the Co-op village store have recently been over-flowing and don't seem to be emptied as regularly. The Clerk agreed to contact Daventry Norse about the issue.	
<i>The Chairman re-opened the meeting as a closed session for council participation only.</i>		
19/283	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
a) Chairman Jamieson declared an interest in agenda item 19/291 due to personally knowing the contractor David Davis. b) There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.		
19/284	MINUTES	
Cllr Goodger asked for an amendment to the minutes and requested that the word 'member' be replaced with 'representative' under minute reference 19/231, concerning the Old School Trustees representatives. Council unanimously agreed to this motion and RESOLVED to Chairman Jamieson approving and authorising the Annual Parish Council Meeting Minutes of the 20 May 2019, as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Parsons.		
ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
19/285	<u>A428 Canal Bridge (Min Ref. 19/240)</u> It was reported that the Canal and River Trust had written at the last minute to raise a number of objections concerning the pedestrian bridge project. This was unexpected and unhelpful considering they have been involved from the beginning. This development has delayed the start of the project and might even cause it to be abandoned unless the issues raised can be sorted out. Council RESOLVED that Cllr Goodger should write on behalf of Council to the Chief Executive of the Canal and River Trust whom he has met on a number of occasions asking him to intervene. Council also agreed that the Chairman should write to MP Chris Heaton-Harris seeking his support and requesting that he contacts the Canal and River Trust. Council also agreed to Cllr Hughes creating a petition for the marina residents to sign in support of the project, rebutting Canal and River Trust's statement that the proposed footbridge will be of no value to visitors who use the canal. Cllr Lomax also agreed to write in support of the project and discuss the matter with Cllr Longley.	JG/BH
19/286	<u>Somme Memorial (Min Ref. 19/241)</u> It was reported that Crick Woodland Committee will clear the Somme site with their equipment for a small donation of £50.00. Council RESOLVED to approve this payment. Donald Harding is currently looking at designs for the metal fence and will report back to Cllr Tolfts in time for the July meeting.	JF
19/287	<u>Good Neighbour Scheme (Min Ref. 19/242)</u> It was reported that DDC have paid the second £500 instalment of the grant toward the Group's set-up fees. The Group are aiming to commence the coffee and games mornings in conjunction with Mums and Bumps at the URC in September, and once it is up and running, they will review the attendance numbers before proceeding with Mums and Bumps as a sole event. A request for any unwanted board games to donate to the cause was made.	-
19/288	<u>Crick News Update (Min Ref 19/243)</u> It was reported that a new Editor has been found and a meeting will be held with him on 18 June.	-
19/289	<u>Playing Field Car Park (Min Ref. 19/244)</u> Due to errors in the measurements on the architects original plan, the Planning Authority gave an extra 14 days consultation period. The corrected drawings have been submitted to the Planning Officer, who is very much in support of the project. The application should be approved very soon, see Item 19/302 below.	-
19/290	<u>Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Scheme (Min Ref. 19/245)</u> It was reported that a request for residents to take on the Co-ordinator's role had not met with a positive response. Council doubted the value of NHW, particularly as social media provides similar information about crime and related matters and a lot of work is required for little return. Therefore, Council RESOLVED to withdraw Crick from the scheme. The Clerk is to notify Mr Garvin and ask him to remove all NHW signs from the village.	JF
19/291	<u>Review of Current Grass Cutting Contract (Min Ref. 19/251)</u> a) A meeting had been held with the contractor. He had stated that when he had submitted his quote, he had not been fully aware of the extent of the work and the standards required. He did not have enough resources to cut the whole of the village in one day and was struggling to complete the work to a satisfactory standard over two days. It was agreed that two options to improve the situation would be considered. The first was for Council to find another contractor to do the work in the churchyard and burial ground. The second was for the contractor to see whether he could employ additional staff to enable him to complete all the work required to the necessary standard for an additional fee.	

	<p>b) Chairman Jamieson and Cllr Hughes met a local grass cutting contractor David Davis to gain a quote for the churchyard and burial ground, which came to £500 per month, for fortnightly cuts. Norse had quoted £275 +VAT per cut of the same area, for fortnightly cuts. Council RESOLVED to approve the quote for David Davis, subject to his final quote coming in under £600 per cut. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Hughes.</p> <p>c) Council unanimously agreed that the grass cutting tender document and specification needs to be complete and up to date prior to tender time and that the Clerk is to inform the main grass cutting contractor of David Davis' start date.</p> <p>d) A council member mentioned that The Marsh is looking untidy and that the vegetation is overgrown and in need of maintenance. Council RESOLVED to a maintenance plan being created for all shrubs on council owned POS. The Clerk is to create this with the help of the contracted Tree Surgeon when he returns from his holiday and bring it back to Council for review.</p>	JF JF
19/292	<p><u>Main Road Planter Maintenance</u> It was reported that Rex Tew is happy to continue maintaining the planter at the Washbrook End of Main Road. Council RESOLVED pay £50 to Rex Tew as his budgeted maintenance allowance. Proposed by Cllr Goodger and seconded by Cllr Jones.</p>	JF
19/293	<p><u>Council Members Areas of Responsibility</u> Council RESOLVED to Cllr Parsons becoming the second PC representative for The Old School Trustees and also a planning representative.</p>	JF
19/294	<p><u>Appointment to Working Groups and Village Organisations (Min Refs. 19/23 & 19/232)</u> a) Council RESOLVED to Cllr Jones remaining the PC representative to the Playing Field Association. b) Council RESOLVED to Cllr Parsons ceasing his responsibilities as PC representative for Highways and to being, the lead Councillor on the Traffic Working Group. c) As reported under Minute Reference 19/293. Proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Goodger.</p>	JF
GENERAL MATTERS		
19/295	<p><u>Co-option of a New Councillor</u> a) Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mark Miller to the vacant position of Councillor. b) Mr Miller duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and Code of Conduct form. Proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Hughes.</p>	JF
19/296	<p><u>Adoption of Barratts Street Lights</u> Council RESOLVED to adopt 24 street lights on the St Margaret's View estate in accordance with the Section 38 Agreement. Streetlights in the private cul-de-sac areas will not be adopted as they run off a different circuit which is paid for by the residents.</p>	CC
19/297	<p><u>Main Road Ditch</u> a) A report from the contractor had been circulated to council prior to the meeting for the works completed to the Main Road ditch. The Clerk also reported that she had reviewed The Marsh and Main Road on a number of occasions throughout the torrential rain and there was no flooding to report. Therefore, she concluded that the works completed have been very effective. b) Council RESOLVED to approve the quote from S J Darker Contracting to have the ditch on the bypass side of Monks Way and the ditch on the boundary of Blue Cedars cleared at a cost of £1040 +VAT, using the remainder of the NCC Pathfinder Grant. Proposed by Cllr Tolfts and seconded by Cllr Parsons.</p>	JF
19/298	<p><u>Village Welcome Sign</u> Due to the absence of Cllr Lowe, this item was deferred to the July meeting.</p>	JF
19/299	<p><u>Playing Field Update</u> a) A report was circulated prior to the meeting which can be accessed via the Parish Council website using the following link https://www.crickparish.org.uk/uploads/crick-playing-field-association-report.pdf b) Currently, committee members are emptying the playing field bins themselves and are sorting through the recycling and using their personal bins to remove the waste. This is an unsatisfactory arrangement. Daventry Norse will charge to collect the waste from all bins at £17.26 per week (£916 per annum), to collect the waste from all bins. Council unanimously agreed that it cannot contribute financially towards this initiative due to their own rising costs, and that the Playing Field Association should consider using the future funds they will receive from Travis Perkins, and</p>	JJo

	other potential grant funding to pay for this and the purchase new play equipment. Cllr Jones agreed to look into grant funding and will also be attending the Grant Funding Fair at Towcester.		
19/300	<u>Boat Horse Lane Traffic Issues and Damaged Wall</u> Cllr Jones circulated a report prior to the meeting, which can be accessed via the Parish Council website using the following link https://www.crickparish.org.uk/uploads/cllr-jones-report---boat-horse-lane-issues.pdf	JF	
19/301	<u>The Washbrook Tree Surgery</u> The Clerk reported that as a number of trees on the Washbrook in addition to those in the previously approved quote required immediate tree surgery, she had used her emergency powers to instruct the contractor to undertake all works required thus saving money and time. The Clerk reported that the contractor has done a brilliant job which Mr Tew has also complimented, and that the area now looks fantastic. Council RESOLVED to approve the extra costs.	JF	
PLANNING			
19/302	<u>DA/2019/0223 (Amended) – Planning Application for Crick Sports Ground, Main Road, Crick</u> Change of use of land to car park for use in connection with nearby offices and existing recreational ground and formation of new car park and lighting and fencing. Council RESOLVED to support this application.	JF	
19/303	<u>DA/2019/0329 Planning Application for Land Adj. Biomethane Refuelling Station, Saxon Drive, Kilsby</u> Construction of heavy goods vehicle service and MOT centre, including associated vehicle parking, facilities and landscaping with alteration to existing internal access road. Council RESOLVED to a no comment response.	JF	
19/304	<u>DA/2019/0305 (Amended) Planning Application- Elms Farm, 6 Church Street, Crick</u> Construction of 4 dwellings and the conversion and extension of an existing barn to a single dwelling, all to include access arrangements. A meeting had been held with the Planning Consultant and Developers. The house is to remain as 1 unit and the Archaeological Report will be available by the end of June. The Ecological team will be conducting works for the next 45 days on site, constructing the newt habitat. They anticipate the full development will take 15 months in total. The fence will remain in place to keep the site secure and they will add additional security to the farmhouse. The developers have also expressed willingness to work with residents and had changed Planning Consultant to better engage with the community. They suggested that if planning is not approved this time round, they will not develop the site and will likely sell it to another developer. Council needed to seriously consider the impact of this, as potentially the POS and future CIL funds could be lost. Council RESOLVED to no further comments to the planning application – all in favour.	JF	
19/305	ACCOUNTS		
Accounts for Payment – Current Account			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council considered and RESOLVED to all payments being made, as set out in the below table, with Cllr Cooper and Cllr Hughes approving all cheques. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Goodger. 			
Ref.	Payee	Description	Amount
ONLINE PAYMENTS VIA BACS TRANSFER & CHEQUE			
BACS	Josie Flavell	Clerk's June Salary	£1063.39
501283	HM Customs and Revenue	Quarter 1 Tax/NI employer's contribution	£469.03
BACS	Treeworx	Tree surgery service to The Washbrook Inv. 596	£900.00
BACS	Complete Weed Control	Weed killing services to footpath off Yelvertoft Rd. Inv. SM-2222	£288.00
BACS	Daventry Norse Ltd	Waste collection for Old School (May) Inv. 1003432	£24.41
BACS	Autela Payroll Services	Payroll and pension scheme services for Qtr.1 Inv.2111	£52.69
BACS	Matthew's Gardening	Maintenance fees for burial ground Inv. 20	£44.00
501284	Westcotec Ltd	Supply of two new mobile SID batteries – Inv. 10053	£201.00
201258	SJ Darker Contracting Ltd	Clearing of ditch and rodding of drains – Main Road Inv. 118	£2,244.00
BACS	Green Glades Landscaping Ltd	Grass cutting services for March and April (amended invoice). Inv. 592/18	£1800.00
Direct Debit Payments			

D/D	NEST Pension Scheme	Clerk's Pension – employee & employer contribution	£84.09																												
Debit Card Payments																															
D/C	ICO Org.	Renewal of annual data protection fee	£40.00																												
CANCELLED CHEQUES																															
501277	HM Land Registry	Registration for the Village Hall – CHEQUE WAS ONLY NEEDED FOR £30 DUE TO CHARITY STATUS	£50.00																												
19/306	<p>Balance of Accounts Council noted all balances.</p> <p>a). DirectPlus Account £134,017.09</p> <p>b). Community Fund Account £5,178.68</p> <p>c). Fixed Rate Deposit Account £32,872.47</p> <p>TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE £172,068.24</p>																														
19/307	<p>Income Council Council noted all income.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Account</th> <th>Income Received</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>28/05/2019</td> <td>DirectPlus (Current) A/C</td> <td>Somme Memorial Donation</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Account</th> <th>Income Received</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>23/04/2019</td> <td>Community Fund Account</td> <td>Butcher Petcare 2019 Funding</td> <td>£3500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/05/2019</td> <td>Community Fund Account</td> <td>Towpath Treaders Donation</td> <td>£2,603.24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Account</th> <th>Income Received</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>05/04/2019</td> <td>Deposit Account</td> <td>Bank Interest</td> <td>£58.02</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Date	Account	Income Received	Amount	28/05/2019	DirectPlus (Current) A/C	Somme Memorial Donation	£100.00	Date	Account	Income Received	Amount	23/04/2019	Community Fund Account	Butcher Petcare 2019 Funding	£3500.00	14/05/2019	Community Fund Account	Towpath Treaders Donation	£2,603.24	Date	Account	Income Received	Amount	05/04/2019	Deposit Account	Bank Interest	£58.02
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19/308	<p>Accounts Ratification</p> <p>It was reported that only one payment was made outside of a meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Debit Card payment for £70 .00 for 100 x 1st class stamps from Crick Post Office. 																														
COUNCILLOR UPDATES ON AREAS OF INTEREST																															
19/309	<p><u>Barratt Homes – St Margaret's View</u></p> <p>Cllr Cooper reported that there was continuing correspondence with Barratts but there remained serious concerns that the resident's management company would be unable to raise the monies from the residents for the necessary maintenance of the POS under the S.106 Agreement, due to defects in the transfers to residents. It was agreed with Council, that Cllr Cooper notify these concerns to the Chief Planning Officer as DDC were obliged to be satisfied that the residents management company was suitable to carry out the POS obligations and its potential inability to raise finance appeared to make it unsuitable. Cllr Cooper hoped to bring the matter back to Council at its next meeting following further correspondence with Barratts.</p>		-																												
19/310	<p><u>David Wilson Homes</u></p> <p>DWH have agreed to deal with and replace the dead trees and clear the blocked gully.</p>		-																												
19/311	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>Council RESOLVED to Cllr Mark Miller taking on responsibility for Highways and the Traffic Working Group from Cllr Parsons.</p>		JF																												
19/312	<p><u>Policing</u></p> <p>A report was circulated prior to the meeting which can be accessed via the Parish Council website using the following link https://www.crickparish.org.uk/uploads/cllr-hughes-report---june-2019.pdf</p>		-																												
19/313	<p><u>Traffic Working Group</u></p> <p>Deferred to the July meeting.</p>		-																												
19/314	<p><u>Rights of Way</u></p> <p>Cllr Goodger had contacted Nick Wedgbrow of ROW for an update report but has yet to receive a reply.</p>		-																												
19/315	CIRCULATIONS TO NOTE																														
<p>The below circulation was noted by Council.</p> <p>Letter: Daventry Norse Ltd – regarding the new accounts system and payment of invoices.</p>																															

19/316	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Front Garden Competition (DT) ▪ Crick News Update (JG) ▪ Barratts POS Adoption (CC) ▪ Litter and HGV Parking (BH) ▪ J18 Forum (JG) ▪ Scarecrow Festival Feedback (MH/RL)

In the absence of further business, the meeting as closed at 21:30pm

Signed:

Jill Jamieson, Chairman to Crick Parish Council

Date: 15 July 2019