

These are the unadopted minutes of the meeting of 4 May 2004, please refer to the unadopted minutes of the 7 June 2004 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. S. Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. P. Crawley
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. N. Dent
Cllr. D. Jackson
Cllr. S. Payne
Mrs. C.A. Leversha (Clerk)

242/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. Brooks.

243/04 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5 APRIL 2004 TO APPROVE

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

244/04 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO APPROVE

Two amendments were made Canal "Society" changed to Canal "Authority" the Minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

245/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

Standing declaration until the Village Hall item is determined. Cllr. Peter Crawley and Cllr. Paul Collins have both advised that they were members of the Crookham Street Social Club and both advised that they did not regard it as a prejudicial interest and would continue to participate in the village hall negotiations.

246/04 CONSIDER CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Chairman reminded Members of their duty to consider the crime and disorder implications of any decisions they might make this evening.

247/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (max. 3 minutes per speaker on any matter)

The Chairman asked for permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation and this was agreed.

Mr. Knight spoke about the Post Office closure which had now been ongoing for the past 3 weeks. The owners are losing money hand over fist and he wanted to know if the Council could do anything to help get it opened again as soon as possible. Debate took place on the matter. Members said the best we could do would be to write to the Post Office expressing concern about the loss of services to the community. Clerk to ask the Post Mistress for a contact name as a matter of urgency – copy to the MP and Ward Members.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

248/04 HAPTC 57TH AGM – 16 OCTOBER 2004

The Chairman asked Members to consider whether there were any issues which they would wish to have as a resolution. Cllr. Jackson said one issue was the muzzling of local councillors if they dared to express an opinion on any topic whereas MPs are not constrained in the same way. He wondered whether Members would support this. The Chairman said we could approach this in two ways – either by Resolution of HAPTC or by interpretation of the law from the HAPTC lawyer. The Chairman agreed to raise this with the HDAPC. Mr. Knight said there was an executive meeting next month and it could be raised

there by the Chairman of HDAPC (Mr. Clarke). The Chairman told Mr. Knight he would be grateful if he would raise this at the executive meeting.

249/04 PLANNING

(i) General

Goods Vehicle License – Clerk has still to action – the Chairman said he suspected that this would disappear in the restructuring.

Zephon House - Clerk has chased up HDC.

Chesnuts – the Clerk had responded to Atlas Homes and had asked our Planning Consultant for advice.

(ii) Trees

The Canal Authority advised that the gingko had been subject to vandalism and with other young trees had been ripped up by vandals last summer. They were not happy to replant a gingko on the original site as it was too close to the canal – they also prefer to sow native species. Cllr. Crawley said it hadn't been planted close to the canal. Forest Lodge can supply gingkos for £50 at 2.5 metres - £30 at 1.5metres and these should be planted in the autumn. It was suggested that a larger tree be planted but it was pointed out that this was extremely costly and was less likely to survive. Members agreed to replace the gingko at The Crescent this autumn and it was also agreed that it should be protected with a surround. It was agreed that a financial figure be agreed at the June meeting.

Action: Clerk to get quote for planting from Fisk and ask HDC what the cost of a surround will be – report back to June meeting.

(iii) Report of the Planning Cttee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report.

The report of the Planning Cttee was accepted.

Copies to all noticeboards and Minutes.

(iv) Velmead Community Centre

All Members had received a copy of the financial costs associated with running the Centre. Debate took place on the bookings and local knowledge that some regular bookings were not shown on the papers before Members. The sports pitches do not show usage and have a loss of £9k. The Chairman reminded Members that the agreement had been that Hart would prepare a draft business plan to show whoever took it over how it would be run. That was the deal – there is not enough information in the paper for Members to prepare a business plan. Cllr. Collins said he had done his own business plan and if the centre were run properly it could make £20k per annum but we needed to know the sports pitch usage and how could Hart arrive at an asset value of £40k against the sports pitches. As it looks at the moment it runs at a loss of £15k per year. Although there is income shown against the pitches there is no breakdown of the figures. The Chairman reminded Members that we had agreed to look at the issue once they had provided us with full details and they hadn't done that yet. The agreement had been made with Cllrs. Wheale, Wallis and L. Fullbrook. Cllr. Jackson proposed that we advise Hart that we have not received enough information in order to make a decision on the matter. We do not have a proposal on the table – what they were going to

transfer – we haven't received from Sarah Wallis that which she promised.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllrs. Wallis and Wheale cfi Ward Members Lambert and Leversha.

250/04 SECTION 106 MONEYS – ZEBON COPSE ESTATE

Play Area L1

Cllr. Fullbrook resigned from Hart Council on Friday the 30 April and the Clerk has been unable to contact Cllr. Poulton either by his home email or the Hart Council email address.

Action: Clerk to write to Deputy Leader of Council regarding lack of response from Cllr. Poulton.

251/04 VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk advised she had left a message on the ansaphone of Mrs. Griffiths of the WI asking her to either attend tonight`s meeting or to leave her address so that the Clerk could write to her in more detail.

Action: Clerk

252/04 MATTERS ARISING

(i) **Lea Green**

No problems identified in weekly check.

(ii) **Community Transport**

Deferred in the absence of Cllr. Brooks.

(iii) **Parish Review**

Still nothing from Hart. Cllr. Jackson asked for a strongly worded letter to be sent to the Chief Executive and Deputy Leader complaining about the failure to action this in time for the elections after it having been agreed some considerable time ago.

Action: Clerk

(iv) **Youth Facilities**

Nothing further to report.

(v) **Risk Assessment Policy**

Draft produced at the last meeting and it needs to be more detailed.

Action: Clerk

(vi) **Parish Plan**

The Chairman and Cllr. Collins are the steering group. The Chairman advised that Viv Evans (HDC) had said that if it is to have any impact then the Parish Plan needs to be with Hart within 18 months in order to be incorporated into the Local Development Framework. Cllr. Collins said we need to get a questionnaire together and based on the responses you then move forward with your parish plan. This can then be looked at in 6 monthly intervals.

Action: Cllr. Collins & Chairman to compile a questionnaire and circulate to Members with a 7 day response time.

(vii) **ZC Entrance Gateway**

Cllr. Jackson is going to make a strongly worded complaint to Martin Grant Homes for their failure to respond on this issue.

Action: Cllr. Jackson

(viii) **TAG Update**

Cllr. Jackson said he had looked at the Jefferson charts and that includes the advice he complained was not in the other documents so he believed we should now let this drop.

Action: Remove from Agenda

(ix) **Assistant Clerk**

The Chairman had worked backwards from the job description and would send out a copy of the document. Members agreed that the advert be placed with the publications previously mentioned. **Action: Clerk**

253/04 FINANCE

(i) **General**

Nothing to report.

(ii) **Treasurer`s report**

“1. Since the meeting on 5 April we have received interest on our Bank of Ireland Account of £147.98 in respect of March, a VAT refund of £237.67 and the first instalment of our precept of £10,500.

2. Our bank balances (before the below listed transactions) are:

Bank of Ireland	£45,247.98
Barclays Bank	£10,780.23

3. Cheques for signature:

Barclays Bank Account

100436 Hampshire County Council

Lighting Mtnce to 31.3.04 £88.66

100437 CVPC

Deposit Bank of Ireland £10,602.02

Two additional cheques were agreed and drawn at the meeting.

100438 British Telecom £78.43

Qtr ended

100439 HAPTC

LCR subscription £12.50

4. Your Annual Return for the Year ended 31 March 2004 is presented herewith for consideration and acceptance; in particular Section 2 – Statement of Assurance. E&OE.”

(Post meeting action: Chq. 100437 – CVPC £10,602.02 – cancelled.

Chq. 100441 – CVPC £10,379.60 – drawn.

Chq. 100440 HDC – dog waste bin – Lea Green - £175.00)

Members accepted the Treasurer`s report.

(iii) **Annual Return**

The Chairman read out to Members all of the responses which had been inserted into the Annual Return. Some questions were asked to which the Honorary Treasurer gave answers which satisfied Members.

Members agreed that the Annual Return be signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman read to Members the Statement of Assurance with which Members were in agreement and this was signed by the Chairman.

254/04 LIGHTING

(i) **General**

The light outside “Pilcot” has its head missing.

Action: Clerk to advise HCC and request it be replaced asap and if necessary pay for it and claim (if appropriate) from our insurance.

HCC have advised that due to an admin error the street lights in Knight Close had not yet been adopted by the Parish Council. They advise that this needs to be done so that the lights can be added to our inventory and put on the maintenance list.

Action: Clerk to reply that whoever has responsibility for them at the moment should have them checked out and if they are up to standard then the present owners should invite this Council to adopt them.

(ii) **Vandalised footway lights**

Cllr. Jackson said this is a serious problem – there had been a site meeting and the guy at Holopane is Jeff Jasper and there is clearly going to be some financial implications because the lights are not in a good condition and one is lying on the ground. Cllr. Payne said they are looking so poor now they are inviting further vandalism. The Chairman asked whether we were now at the point of litigation. Cllr. Jackson said that they had been properly installed and the problem appeared to be the units themselves. He gave a detailed description of how the problems had arisen and read out his letter to the company. Cllr. Jackson asked that the Council write to Jonathan West and complain that no action has been taken with regard to rectifying the present damage – he considered that one of the lamps was dangerous.

Action: Clerk to go over Higgins and West at the County Council and give the history of the issue to Alison Quant.

Also find out whether we are covered for Legal Expenses under our insurance policy and also HAPTC for legal advice.

Action: Clerk to advise Jonathan Weston that he must make safe the damaged columns immediately.

255/04 HIGHWAYS - ROADS, PAVEMENTS & FOOTPATHS

(i) General

Draft Regional Transport Consultation –No comments from Members.

HDC have replaced the waste bin at the Post Office.

No response yet to our request for a further dog waste bin on Zebon Copse.

Action: Clerk

(ii) A287 Junction Improvements

Clerk has still to write to Crondall Parish Council on this subject.

Action: Clerk

(iii) TIA for QEB Impact on Crookham Village

Clerk emailed HDC today.

Action: Clerk

(iv) Pilcot Road Footway

Nothing further to report.

Action: Clerk to chase Phil Samms

(v) Traffic Calming

All trials removed. The Clerk advised that HCC will come back to the Parish in approximately 8 weeks time when they have again checked out speeds with the traffic calming removed.

Action: Clerk to chase up in 8 weeks.

(vi) Malthouse Bridge footway

Rail installed on bridge.

Action: Clerk to ask for an update on design etc.

(vii) Footpaths General

Clerk to chase up Lynn Byfield with regard to footpaths 1 & 5.

Replacement stile requested for footpath 10 and HCC have been requested to have the Watery Lane link reinstated properly.

Action: Clerk to contact John Hirst for a date and get this agreed with Mr. Fisk for dog waste removal at the same time.

(viii) Misuse of bridleway & towpath by vehicles

Nothing further to report.

256/04 RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

Circ File: 18.4.04

Hampshire Now Magazine/HAPTC 57TH AGM Notice/Mail 028-04/030-04/f031-04/
Zurich LCAS Seminar 1/6/04 at Farnborough/Hampshire Showcase/HDC Minutes &
Agenda Planning Cttee 14.4.04/SGP Cttee 15.04.04/Cabinet 8.4.04/Policy Panel
7.04.04/Council 22.4.04/Planning Major Sites Sub-Cttee 22.4.04/copy ltrs
Circ File: 24.4.04

Haptc Mail 032-04/034-04/033-04/036-04/Spise Spring 2004/Hart 365 literature/
Zurich H&S Seminar/HDC Scrutiny Agenda & Mins 28.4.04/CPRE Annual Report
2004/The Playing Field Newsletter/Various brochures

257/04 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS

Viv Evans of HDC is going to be one of the Corporate Directors.

Discussion took place with regard to the coming election and Cllr. Crawley
advised that he would stand for Netherhouse Moor.

The Chairman extended an invitation to Members to join him on a visit to the
Four Seasons at Dogmersfield and he would advise of a date in due course.

258/04 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 7 June 2004 at 7.45pm in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham
Village.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

