

These are the unadopted Minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2005, please refer to the unadopted Minutes of the January 2006 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. S. Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. P. Ashton
Cllr. Mrs. J. Brooks
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. P. Crawley
Cllr. C. Hall
Cllr. D. Jackson
Cllr. Dr. I. Sinka
Mrs. C.A. Leversha (Clerk)
Mrs. A. Murray (Assistant Clerk)

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Mrs. J. Radley.

231/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Mr. Dickinson and Mrs. Ambler.

232/05 CHAIRMAN`S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

233/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 2005 TO APPROVE

Page 4 – Min.224/05 (v) delete “Canal Authority” insert “HCC”. Page 8 – Min. 229/05 delete “Hellyer” insert “Hellier”. With these amendments the Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

234/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

Standing declaration from Cllr. Jackson with regard to being Chairman of the Zebon Copse Residents Association and its connection with the Velmead Community Centre. Standing declaration from Cllr. Ambler with regard to the Velmead Community Centre as being a Member of HDC which is party to the negotiations.

235/05 CONSIDER CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Chairman reminded Members of their duty to consider the crime and disorder implications that may arise from any decision they may make tonight.

236/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members agreed to adjournment of the meeting for public participation. Mr. Hellier was present for item 9 and with the permission of Members this was brought forward but will be Minuted in Agenda order for ease of reference. The meeting was then reconvened.

237/05 MINERALS & WASTE FRAMEWORK - STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

The document is still circulating. The Clerk will respond as necessary if the document is returned to her before the closing date.

ACTION: Clerk

238/05 HART CONSULTATION ON STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (LDF)

This document is circulating and Cllr. Jackson expressed his concern that some consultees would be getting more than one opportunity to respond as they were members of different groups.

239/05 HON. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

Cllr. Mrs. Brooks introduced Mr. Hellier. He handed out copies of his CV and spoke about his involvement with environmental issues, in particular flood risk management work. He was keen to assist the Parish Council, as he had done in the past with work on the Hitches Lane Local Gap. He is currently mapping Crookham Village environmental assets and the village now falls within the Loddon & Eversley Heritage Area which is a very

important designation. Members then asked questions in relation to conflict of interest; time constraints, and access to the internet. Mr. Hellier answered all questions and said he would check out the conflict of interest question with his employer. Mrs. Brooks proposed that Mr. Hellier be appointed Honorary Environmental Consultant to CVPC and this was seconded by the Chairman and all voted in favour of the appointment.

ACTION: Clerk

240/05 SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES (ODIHAM)

Cllr. Jackson asked that enquiries be made of what activities are proposed for the summer and what are the budgetary implications if this Council wishes to make provision for the youth of the parish.

ACTION: Clerk contact Mark Blackwell

241/05 DOGMERSFIELD SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

Cllr. Dr. Sinka produced a timeframe of the actions required in order to comply with the criteria for Safer Routes to School funding. Members asked a number of questions and were reassured that the Plan had the backing of parents and those residents along Pilcot Hill who would be affected by the proposed footway. The Chairman felt that it would be useful if he were to talk to Alison Quant sometime in January. Cllr. Collins advised that at a recent Hart Road Safety Meeting, which he attends, it was brought to attention of members that the largest number of child injuries were as a result of children not being restrained in vehicles. It was agreed that this information should be put on the Website.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk website information

ACTION: Chairman talk to Alison Quant in January

242/05 HDAPC MEETING - 10 JANUARY 2006

Cllr. Jackson said it might be useful to ask the parishes to co-ordinate their input to the Parish Forum for Planning which is scheduled to meet on 2 March and 12 October 2006. The Chairman and Cllr. Collins will be attending.

ACTION: Chairman

243/05 PLANNING

(i) General

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the proposed telephone mast on Gally Hill Road and was advised that this is not within the parish.

(ii) Trees

Cllr. Crawley has planted the Gingko on Daphne Drive but has been unsuccessful in finding a supplier of tree surrounds. It was suggested that one be made - Clerk will get Andy Fisk to contact Cllr. Crawley. There is funding already set aside for this.

ACTION: Clerk

Phil Allen (BCA) will replace the dead yew with a Gingko tree.

(iii) REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report which he commented was remarkably light this month. The Report of the Planning Committee was accepted.

Copies to all Noticeboards.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

244/05 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Lea Green

Weekly playground check sheets available for inspection.

(ii) Community Transport

Awaiting information on passengers usage by residents of the parish. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks had attended a recent Transport Forum meeting and had been told that HCC are looking at a 5 year plan which has to go to Government. It looks at Call & Go, car sharing etc. Cllr. Jackson said there seems to be a need to co-ordinate all the different forms of transport in the district. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said the voluntary sector are involved in the meetings and had some interesting issues with regard to blind people not knowing when a bus is coming in order to hail it and not being able to read the electronic arrival timetables. One of the issues with Call & Go is whether it will still be in its current form in 6 months time. It is still unclear whether Special Expenses will help fund the Call & Go and the attendance from Parish Councils at the forum is lamentable. The Chairman agreed to raise this at the HADPC meeting.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

(iii) Youth Facilities

Nothing to report.

(iv) Parish Plan

The Assistant Clerk updated Members on the current situation. Members a cut off date of 31 December 2005 for responses. It was agreed that the sub-cttee would present the findings to the residents at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 3 April 2006. Further debate took place on the actual presentation. Cllr. Crawley wished the figures to be published and then conclusions drawn on the basis of those figures. The sub-cttee will present the skeleton findings at a future parish council meeting. The Chairman thanked the sub-cttee for all its hard work.

ACTION: SUB-CCTTEE

(v) Tall Pines

HCC advised that this is in hand with the Canal Authority. Cllr. Jackson felt we needed to chase them up. He had a contact name which he will forward to the Clerk. He also said the area was in the Conservation Area and the Chairman asked for a photo and he would follow this up as the Ward Councillor with HDC.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN & CLLR. JACKSON

(vi) Zephon Common & Crow Act

Nothing further to report.

ACTION: CLERK CONTACT PHIL ALLEN

(viii) RoSPA Report

Debate took place on the possible acquisition of the play areas on Zebon Copse and the need for them to be weekly and annually inspected. This figure will need to be known for the budget meeting in January.

ACTION: CLERK

(ix) Dog Bins

This subject awaits the results of the Parish Plan.

(ix) Licensing

Remove from Agenda.

245/05 FINANCE

(i) General

The Clerk sought permission to purchase the usual gratuities and was instructed to add our Highways Engineer to the list in recognition of his prompt action with regard to any issues raised with him.

(ii) Treasurer`s Report

“1. Interest received from the Bank of Ireland was £267.37 in respect of November.

2. The following transactions were made between last month`s meeting and today:

NatWest current account

Cheque no Payee Item

Amount (gross)		
000054	Audit Commission	Audit fee (£120.00 net) £141.00

Bank of Ireland account

Cheque no	Payee	Item	Amount
000062	CVPC	Top up for current account	£200.00

3. The following cheques are presented herewith for signature:

Natwest current account

Cheque no	Payee	Item	Amount
000055	Hart Young Musician of the Year	Grant from youth budget	£150.00
000056	National Transport Tokens Ltd	Transport tokens	£503.00
000057	Continental Landscapes Ltd	Play ground inspections + paling repair	£200.98
Total			£853.98

Bank of Ireland account

Cheque no	Payee	Item	Amount
000063	CVPC	To pay the above and top up the current account to £200	£1,025.00

4. Our bank balances (at to-day's date, after the above transactions) are:

Bank of Ireland	£75,478.38
NatWest Bank	£200.03

Anne Murray, Treasurer
4 December 2005

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Members accepted the Report of the Treasurer and it was duly signed by the Chairman.

(iii) Budget Meeting

It was confirmed that the budget meeting will be held on 25 January 2006 at 8pm.

246/05 LIGHTING

(i) General

It was noted that the two street lights at the entrance to the Community Centre were now working.

It was also noted that there appear to be a large number of lights around the estate which are not working. Cllr. Hall asked did we need to do a survey.

ACTION: CLERK

247/05 HIGHWAYS

(i) General

Members expressed their concerns at the number of accidents which had occurred over the past few months at the A287/Redfields junction. It was believed that one of them had been a fatality.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr. Jackson advised that the flooding on Redfields Lane, by Blue Pryor, is again causing problems.

ACTION: CLERK

The Chairman advised Members that the revised Speed Limits come into effect on 30 December for Hitches Lane and Crondall Road.

Malthouse Bridge - Water leak being investigated – it will probably be repaired whilst the road is closed for re-surfacing on the 14 and 15 December.

Brook Hill Footway – HCC have met with the residents and a safety survey is now awaited. It was understood that the residents had expressed a wish for fencing but HCC were unable to accede to this request. It will rest with the Parish Council to support or oppose the footway once the results of the safety survey are known.

Speed Monitoring Signs – the Clerk put in a request for the use of these but no response was received. The Chairman said she should send her request to John Foggo at HDC.

ACTION: CLERK

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

This is dependent on the outcome of the Dogmersfield School Travel Plan.

(iii) Footpaths General

The Clerk has emailed John Hirst asking if he had objections to funding being sought to make footpath 5 less boggy and also asking if he had any idea of the possible cost of such works. Reply awaited.

Cllr. Mrs. Brooks wished it known that she had received exemplary service from both HDC and HCC in response to her contacting them with regard to a very dangerous tree on footpath 2. The tree had come down before they were able to work on it but their response time was excellent.

248/05 RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

Circ: 18.11.05

Copy ltrs/Basingstoke Canal News/CPRE Newsletter/Hampshire Now & Special edition/Fleet Town Centre Group Invite/HDC Mins & Agendas Council 24.11.05/Licensing Hearing 28.11.05/Scrutiny 22.11.05

Separate Circ File:

HDC Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement – agenda item for December

Circ: 3.12.05

HDC Mins & Agendas Cabinet 1.12.05/Planning 7.12.05/Licensing 13.12.05/ HAPTC December bulletin (1 copy per member)/ HAPTC Mail 069-05/07/05/072-05/073/05074-05/076-05/Standards Board letter/Copy ltrs

249/05 INFORMATION SHARING & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Ltr from HCC regarding Council Tax issue.

HDC ltr regarding electoral changes from 2007 (January Agenda)

Cllr. Collins asked for two items for the January agenda:

(i) Renewable energy

(ii) Hitches Lane cyclepath

250/05 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 9 January 2006, at 7.45 pm in the WI HALL, THE STREET, CROOKHAM VILLAGE

The Chairman then moved exclusion of Press & Public under Schedule 12a Section 1001 of LGA 1972.

251/05 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The Chairman gave an update of what had taken place at the second meeting with HDC Members and Officers. A very lengthy debate took place on the issues raised. The next meeting of both parties will take place on 19 December at 6pm and it is hoped it will take place at the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 11pm.

