

These are the unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 2 October 2007 please refer to the Minutes of the November meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Chris Hall
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Robert Ney
Cllr. Indra Sinka
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)

In attendance: Mrs. Julia Ambler, Ward Cllrs Jenny Radley & Richard Appleton.

141/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Joan Brooks and Peter Crawley and Ward Cllr Tim Davis.

142/07 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – PARISH REVIEW

The Chairman advised that he had an urgent item to table which had only arisen that afternoon. The Chairman of the Hart Democratic Structure Working Party (Cllr. Tim Davis) was dealing with the Sense of Place Survey tomorrow evening and he had invited a representative from the Parish Council to attend. Unfortunately Members had other engagements. The Chairman advised that he would be attending in his capacity as a Hart District Councillor and invited Members to put representations to him before tomorrow evening. Some debate took place about the knock on effect of moving wards from one parish to create a parish council elsewhere in that it might lead to the need to amalgamate smaller parishes. In this particular instance Members strongly advised that a cohesive plan needed to be put in place for the whole of the district rather than dealing with things piecemeal as appeared to be the case.

143/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 SEPTEMBER 2007

Page 5 (Min. 135 (ii) after "matter" add "roundabout". Item (iv) Amend "BWW" to "BWB", the Minutes were then agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

144/07 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 being a Member of HDC which is the other party to negotiations regarding Velmead Community Centre. Cllr. Hall declared an interest in that the boundary fencing for the centre abuts his grazing fields.

145/07 CONSIDER CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

146/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (time limit of 3 minutes per person)

There were no public present.

147/07 FINANCE

(i) General

The Clerk confirmed that she had queried the legality of CVPC using Direct Debits with HAPTC and was told that legislation has not caught up with technology. However, the Direct Debit payment to BT was legal as the Parish Council had Resolved that such payment could be made at the previous meeting. Members then reviewed progress against budgetary projections of spending for the rest of the financial year.

Action: Clerk to chase up HDC for an invoice for the dog bins.

(ii) RFO's Report

1. Interest received from the Bank of Ireland for the month of August was £426.87
2. The following transactions (all cleared) were made between the last meeting and today:
Nat West Current Account

Cheque no / Direct Debit/ BACS	Payee	Item	Gross Amount (£)
Payments			
DD	Virgin Media	Clerk's Internet Account (September)	14.99
000168	Dataflame Ltd	Hosting fee	35.11
		Total	£50.10

3. The following cheques/ lodgements (uncleared) were presented for payment/receipt.

Cheque no/ DD/BAC	Payee	Item	Gross Amount (£)
Cheques - NW			
000169	Angela Sayers	Salary	615.22
000170	Carol Leversha	Salary	1,225.43
000171	Inland Revenue	Tax	232.93
000172	HAPTC	Chairing a challenging meeting	40.00
000173	HAPTC	Green Spaces workshop	40.00
000174	HAPTC	Preparing portfolio seminars	30.00
000175	HCC	Contribution towards swingbridge restoration	2,000.00
000176	CVPC	Transfer to CVPC Bank of Ireland	10,500.00
		Total	£14,683.58
Lodgements - NW			
None outstanding			0

4. Bank balances

Bank of Ireland as at 28th September 2007 – per statement	£99,353.58
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Nat West Bank as at 28th September 2007 – per statement	£15,124.43
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Note

Nat West Bank

Eight cheques totalling £14,683.58 (as above) remain uncleared for September 2007. There were no outstanding lodgements for NatWest this month. This means there is £440.85 available.

Bank of Ireland

There were no outstanding cheques. One lodgement remains uncleared for £10,500 (transfer from CVPC NatWest). This means there is £109,853.58 available.

5. Other

Nothing to Report

E&OE.

RESOLVED Members accepted the report of the Financial Officer.

148/07 PARISH NEWSLETTER (2 Editions)

The Clerik had contacted the Elections Officer for Hart Council who had confirmed the dates when the election process commences and advised on when expenditure is considered incurred for candidates. Thus there is to be no material which could be construed as "election" material from the Parish Council after the 31 March 2008. Members discussed the content of a news letter and the request from the Housing Officer to put an advertisement in newsletters about lettings – it was agreed that this be permitted. Members and the Clerk and RFO all agreed to produce an article for the newsletter and this will be done for the second week of November. Further newsletter to go out in 2008 **before 31 March**.

RESOLVED: Parish Newsletter to be produced for delivery in December.

RESOLVED: Advertisement from Housing Officer to be accepted for newsletter.

ACTION: Cllrs & Officers to produce articles by mid November.

ACTION: Clerk to advise Housing Officer advert accepted and also request that the web link be given for CVPC web site and Zebon Copse Residents Association newsletter.

149/07 PLANNING

(i) General

Nothing to report.

(ii) TREES

Nothing to report.

(iii) REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report. He then responded to questions. There is a meeting in Public of the Planning Committee this week.

ACTION: 5 copies to post on noticeboards.

RESOLVED: The recommendations of the Planning Committee were accepted by Members.

150/07 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Lea Green

All okay with weekly checks.

(ii) Community Transport

Nothing further to report at this time.

(iii) Youth Facilities

Cllrs. Hall & Jackson reported that an email had been received from Mark Blackwell (HCC Youth Officer) trying to set up a meeting for this Thursday. This is a preliminary meeting to establish how best to engage with young people from the Parish now that they are of an age which meets the target age for youth work. Members will report back.

ACTION: Cllrs. Hall & Jackson

(iv) Parish Plan

Cllr. Sinka advised she had offered provisional dates for a meeting and had acceptance from Richard Hellier (Hon. Env. Con) and was awaiting a reply from Tony Clarke (CVA rep). The meeting will be to update all involved to this point in time and then for her to hand it over to them to continue with the work.

ACTION: Cllr. Sinka

ACTION: RFO to support this project.

(v) Zephon Common & Crow Act

Cllr. Jackson advised Members that there will be no action forthcoming from the Countryside Access Forum to challenge the fencing. There had been numerous emails between him, HCC and the Countryside Access Forum on this subject. The HCC Officer has advised the potential for legal action to be taken against the fencing

is inhibiting his ability to negotiate. This was debated at great length and Members felt that it was not possible for this assurance to be given as it could/should not bind future Councils to such a course of action. Cllr. Jackson recommended a form of words which were accepted by Members.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise HCC that "Members await the outcome of formal negotiations regarding access before the Parish Council comes to a conclusion."

ACTION: Clerk to email HCC

(vi) Noticeboards

The Chairman had been unable to contact the craftsman who will do this work. Members discuss the quality of wood and it was agreed that it be constructed in red oak with the roof being of a weatherproof material. With regard to the surface it was agreed that if the material already offered (by Cllr. Brooks) was insufficient that the craftsman be instructed to purchase more and include it in the price.

RESOLVED: Members gave authority to the Chairman to accept a price for the construction of the board at a cost of no more than the budget.

ACTION: Chairman.

(vii) Allotments

A paper is to go to HDC in November but it seems that there is nothing more that this Council can do at the present time.

Remove from Agenda.

(vii) Accredited Community Safety Officers

Cllr. Ney will report back after his discussions with neighbouring parishes.

ACTION: Cllr. Ney

151/07 LIGHTING

(i) General

Cllr. Jackson said there is still an ongoing issue with lights 25 and 26 on Danvers Drive, on the highway which has not been adopted by HCC. Light 25 is again not working and had again been reported to HDC some time ago without a timely response.

The Clerk queried the action from the previous meeting i.e. to get a quote from Southern Electric and David Webster for maintenance costs and compare these against the PFI", she was unsure who David Webster was? Members could not recall mentioning this name and the action was amended.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Southern Electric for a quote for maintenance costs.

152/07 HIGHWAYS

(i) General

HDC had supplied the SID CD-ROM and this had been given to Cllr. Jackson who will disseminate the information to other Members.

ACTION: Cllr. Jackson

The Chairman advised that a letter has been received from HCC advising that Malthouse Bridge will be closed for 6 weeks whilst the remedial works are carried out to the bank.

Ward Cllr. Appleton advised that there is a suggestion that Hitches Lane has the 40mph extended along the current de-restricted section and there is talk of the police using speed cameras along there.

(ii) A287

All Members had received copies of Cllr. Ney's & HCC's correspondence on this subject. Cllr. Ney said there were 4 issues here: HCC inference that if they keep Redfields Lane junction dangerous less people will use it; the environmental issues seemd more important than saving lives; an inference that QEB traffic can be

directed away from the junction by use of Sandy Lane and up Beacon Hill to access the A287 – if people are going to use the M3 they will use Redfields Lane not the alternative route; he had invited the officer to make a site visit but he had no hopes of a response. Cllr. Ney said he would now like to get involved with the QEB Inquiry.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Ney (as Lead Member for A287) be authorised to act for the Parish on this issue with regard to the QEB Inquiry.

(iii) Pilcot Road Footway

A negative response had been received from HCC. Very lengthy debate took place as to the best way forward now. Members were somewhat surprised that more “signage clutter” was suggested as an alternative to a footway. It was proposed that we should engage with Dogmersfield Parish Council and School and perhaps have a public meeting of both parishes. If at that meeting there is insufficient public support then we have no mandate to pursue the matter. Cllr. Sinka said what did not appear in the HCC letter was any mention of the road rage incidents outside the school.

ACTION: Cllr. Ashton will make contact with the Headmistress

ACTION: Cllrs. Ney and Jackson will have informal talks with the Chairman of Dogmersfield Parish Council at the HDAPC meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to request a detailed breakdown of the costs of the path and ask exactly what type of footway they were proposing (rural/urban).

(iv) Footpaths general

Members queried what was happening with f/ps 2 and 4 and the suggestion that the copse of trees on Hillyburrow be fenced to protect them from the horses. The Clerk said that this had been put on hold due to a new tenant taking over Albany Farm. Cllr. Hall said he would speak to the tenant and find out if he is prepared to fence the copse, the Council could pay for the materials as per the budget figure.

ACTION: Cllr. Hall

It was confirmed that a BWB lock has now been fitted to the Swingbridge and that the new surface has been laid although there was some concern about its long term life.

153/07 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS

Zurich Insurance have confirmed that Members have always been covered under the Officials Indemnity Cover and will actually specify this on the next policy.

HCC have advised that the bottle banks were moved on Netherhouse Moor because of complaints from residents. They asked Members for suggestions for another site if they wanted them moved again. The Chairman asked Members to propose other sites.

ACTION: Members

An invitation from HVA to a Seminar on Meeting the Emotional Needs of Children.

Cllr. Jackson said that HVA Courses were very good so it is worth going to any if the subject is of interest to Members.

Cllrs. Ney & Jackson are attending the HDAPC Meeting next week.

Ward Cllr. Radley said a letter has been sent out by the DCLG that a decision will be made by Hazel Blears on the TAG weekend flights but this will NOT be at the end of October as originally offered. TAG is publishing its Master Plan next Spring.

Cllr. Jackson said a resident in Du Maurier is complaining about noise from aircraft and he will raise it again in his next ZCRA newsletter. Ward Cllr. Appleton said TAG had had a huge increase in flights this year and he thinks they will exceed the limit next year and will probably be asking for another increase in numbers. He also said that there is a report on Fleet & Church Crookham Special Expenses on 1 November – and Cllr. Jackson said that the use of Special Expenses to support the Canal needs to be evidenced. The Parish Council need to advise Stuart Bailey of the expenditure of this Parish with regard to the Canal.

ACTION: Clerk inform HDC of the financial support given to the Canal Authority by CVPC

154/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, 5 November 2007 in the WI Hall.

Meetings for the remainder of 2007 are as follows:

WI HALL
MONDAY

VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY
4 December

Members also provisionally agreed dates for 2008 but these depend on whether the Community Centre can be booked for Mondays or whether we have to continue with Tuesdays.

ACTION: Clerk

The Chairman advised that he would be moving exclusion of the Press and Public under Schedule 12A Section 1001 of LGA 1972 as there was contractual or financial information which might be disclosed during debate on this item.

155/07 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The first set of plans have been produced by the Architect. Cllr. Jackson said not to set too much store by these as they will be altered. What is needed next is some user consultation apart from the football club and play group. The Chairman expressed his concern that there was a lot to be done before works can go ahead by next summer. Members agreed it was critical to get a watertight agreement signed, before the elections next May, which commits all parties to a course of action. This Council is on the point of engaging a solicitor after making enquires of several companies.

RESOLVED subject to a satisfactory meeting permission was given to appoint the solicitor named and to secure the best terms e.g hourly rate or a fixed rate for the whole contract. Cllr. Jackson said the decision as to whether to pay hourly or a fixed rate contract would need to come back to a full Council meeting for debate. It was confirmed that this would be the case.

ACTION: Solicitor and VCC Members make initial contact

Quotations had been received for the grounds maintenance and it would be necessary to get together with the football club to sort out the requirements for the pitch. Cllr. Ney said he had make contact with another local contractor. Members agreed that the maintenance contract needed to be sorted within the next two/three weeks.

ACTION; VCC Members

Mrs. Ambler had met with HDC Officer and has been asked to negotiate prices for the next year. She believed we should have a community rate for local users which would probably be two thirds of the commercial rate. There were 3 categories:

Private Hirings – clubs, individuals (parties, talks)

Commercial Hirings – profit making organisations (playgroup, bridge club)

Community Hirings - a non profit event for the community (fetes)

RESOLVED to accept a community rate for local users.

ACTION: Mrs. Ambler

The meeting closed at 10.55 pm.