

These are the unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 4 June 2007, please refer to the Minutes of the July meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Joan Brooks
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. Chris Hall
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Robert Ney
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)

In attendance: Ward Cllr Jenny Radley and PC Nicholas Sexton.

091/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Post Meeting Note: Apologies from Cllr. Dr. Sinka on Clerk`s ansaphone.

092/07 CHAIRMAN`S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised Members of some Parish Plan events which were taking place this month. Members were invited to partake of the training offered.

093/07 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15 MAY 2007

Minor amendments were made to the Minutes and these were then agreed and signed by the Chairman

094/07 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 Hart District Council which is the other party to negotiations regarding Velmead Community Centre.

095/07 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.

096/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (time limit of 3 minutes per person)

The Chairman sought permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. PC Nicholas Sexton addressed the meeting. He advised that he covered Crookham Village as the Police now covered district boundaries not parish boundaries. At the moment he is covering two beats. Looking at Neighbourhood Watch in the area he is meeting people and trying to encourage more participation in NW schemes. On the whole this area is quite blessed with a very low level of incidents although he believes this may change with the coming summer months. He then responded to questions from Members. He was asked to keep the Council updated on issues from neighbouring beat officers when he was able to attend Council meetings.

A gentleman wished to speak with regard to a planning application. The Chairman explained to him that there was a Planning Committee for the Parish Council and all Members were present and invited him to put his points. The Chairman of the Planning Committee gave him a briefing on procedures, in particular that the Members of the Planning Committee could not prejudice themselves by giving any views before they actually considered an application. He also advised that the recommendations of the Parish Council would go to Hart Planning Committee who would make the final decision. The Chairman also pointed out that he was a Member of the Hart Planning Committee and would listen but could not give an opinion. The gentleman then gave his views. The Chairman then resumed the meeting.

097/07 FINANCE

(i) General

Nalc Conference – a response from HAPTC is required before Members decide whether to send a delegate to the Conference and Steven Lugg (HAPTC) is on leave at present.

(ii) RFO's Report

1. Interest received from the Bank of Ireland - Interest for April has already been accounted for at last months meeting
2. The following transactions (all cleared) was made between last month's meeting and today:

Nat West Current Account

| Cheque no / Direct Debit/ BACS | Payee | Item | Gross Amount (£) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Payments | | | |
| 000152 | Zurich Insurance Company | Annual Insurance | 1761.52 |
| | | Total | £1761.52 |

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

| Cheque no/ DD/BAC | Payee | Item | Gross Amount (£) |
|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Cheques - NW | | | |
| None outstanding | | | |
| | | Total | £0 |
| Lodgements - NW | | | |
| None outstanding | | | |
| | | | 0 |

4. Bank balances

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| Bank of Ireland as at 31st May 2007 – per statement | £98,115.90 |
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| Nat West Bank as at 31st May 2007 – per statement | £2,568.83 |
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Note

Nat West Bank

There were no outstanding cheques or lodgements this month. This means there is £2,568.83 available (required for June 2007 payroll costs)

Bank of Ireland

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5. Other

Phil Du Gay is currently reviewing the year end accounts.

E&OE.

The report of the RFO was accepted by Members and they expressed their thanks.

098/07 REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

Members were handed individual packs and invited to study the proposed Revised Code of Conduct and agree which parts they wish to adopt at the July meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

099/07 PLANNING

(i) General

Cllr. Jackson said a training evening had been held last week which went through some of the changes in planning. The local plan has been extended by 3 years so that they have time to get the LDF in place, it now runs out in 2009. There is now some Court principle which it says it is the quality of an objection rather than the quantity that counts. The Chairman said that Hart had recently lost a planning appeal when it had used the grounds of “public opinion” being a “material consideration”. Cllr. Jackson said that objections can also be made to the conditions of a grant of planning application. There will be a booklet issued on the Hart Website called “do I need planning permission”. One most important issue he had noted was this Council’s ownership of the ransom strip and the need to re-validate our Standards Committee dispensation with regard to a possible planning application which would require access over our ransom strip. Applications for works on trees protected by TPO that are not determined within 56 days are deemed to be approved. The Code of Conduct para 12.2 – regarding prejudicial interests – in a planning context it is true that it is possible the only person who probably had the most knowledge of an issue was prevented from speaking. He asked Members to really give consideration to accepting 12.2 of the Revised Code of Conduct to enable Members to have the benefit of the local knowledge from a Member who had an interest.

(ii) TREES

Nothing to report.

(iii) REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report. With regard to application 0700891/ful Cllr. Jackson expressed a prejudicial interest and stated he had taken no part in the debate nor the recommendation. He then responded to questions. The report of the Planning Committee was accepted by Members.

ACTION: 5 copies to post on noticeboards.

Cllr. Jackson said he had attended the SPLAT presentation to PAG on the Pyestock application – they had done a very professional job and had a really strong case. If ever we need as a Parish Council to campaign on an issue this is the way to do it. Lorry movements are the issue for us. What hasn’t been dealt with at all is what happens in the event of roadworks. The Splat site is www.pyestock.com/object.htm. Members agreed that the Planning committee should comment on this application.

100/07 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Lea Green

The Chairman read to Members the areas highlighted in the Rospa Report. Debate took place on these. Members noted the report and said that in the event that any incidents of bullying occurring due to only one pedestrian gate they would revisit this.

(ii) Community Transport

The Chairman raised the cancellation of Service 71 which had provided a service through Zebon Copse. Members debated transport issues; problems with connection for Farnborough Technical College and 6th Form College students; the lack of promotion of transport options; train fares have gone up recently; there are no longer cheap fares before noon; there is a growing disincentive to use public transport; this affects people on the periphery – its fine if you live in the town. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks had raised two points at the Transport Forum – there is to be a new operator for the booking system and you need to book 24 hours before and the Call and Go is going to be more structured. Cllr. Jackson said as a Council we should have an opinion on this. The Chairman said poor promotion has been part of the problem. There were two issues here: we want to make strong representations about the lack of

promotion and publicity for Call & Go and the other issue is lack of knowledge of bus timetables – a once a year bus timetable booklet is inadequate.

ACTION: CLERK write to HCC Exec Member and our County Cllr ref no consultation on cessation and no attempt to publicise the bus service. Two service options were offered and the Chairman gave the details to Members. It was agreed to support option A – whilst we are not happy with this. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said she had spoken to Kevin Ings and he had promised to send details to the Clerk. Members felt that they really needed to consider whether they continued to support their contribution to Community Transport.

(iii) Youth Facilities

The Chairman read out the email from Carl Westby with regard to the £200k Grant from the Big Lottery. Members suggested there was a need for 2 youth shelters – a line marking machine for the sports field – goal posts – etc. Our response is yes we have an interest and would like to engage in dialogue.

(Post Meeting Note: Clerk had met with Rachael Fowler who has advised that Youth Shelters are specifically excluded from this Grant. Any bid for funding must be for Capital Funding and it must aim to provide “play” facilities for the 12 to 15 year age group. Rachael awaits Members decision from this meeting.)

(iv) Parish Plan

The Chairman said he and Cllr. Dr. Sinka would get together and move this forward.

(v) Zephon Common & Crow Act

The Clerk was instructed to ask Phil Allen (HCC) on feed back from his meeting with Kate Ashbrook (Countryside Access Forum). Cllr. Jackson asked if anyone knew the purpose of the concrete base by the swingbridge on the non-towpath side. It was thought it was the base for a seat to commemorate ex Cllr. Stan Knight.

ACTION: Clerk

(vi) Noticeboards

The Chairman has obtained a quotation for a board to our specification but at £1400 this was thought too expensive. It was agreed that we would go back to the joiner at Grove Farm and seek a quotation for the design tabled tonight. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said she had access to a surfacing material which would be more user friendly for pinning notices up.

ACTION: Chairman & Cllr. Mrs. Brooks

(vii) Allotments

The Chairman offered to make enquiries as to why HDC were not considering using the redundant play area at Elizabeth Drive. Cllr. Hall said he was prepared to ask a question at Full Council.

ACTION: Chairman

(viii) Swingbridge Painting

The Clerk has asked for a specification of the work to be done before Members agree to release the Grant.

(x) Accredited Community Safety Officers

The Clerk had requested this as an Agenda item at the next HDAPC meeting and Cllr. Ney will attend speak to this item.

ACTION: Clerk advise Cllr. Ney of date, time and venue.

(xi) HAPTC & NALC Issues

Response expected when S. Lugg gets back from holiday.

101/07 LIGHTING

(i) General

A letter from HCC had been received advising of changes to the delivery of the energy contract which this Council has with it. As a result of a PFI bid for funding to replace all Street Lighting across the County over a 25 year period this Council is invited to become a participant in this initiative. All Members received a copy of the letter and will make a decision at the next meeting after consideration of the paper.

103/07 HIGHWAYS

(i) General

The Clerk has requested the SID information.

(ii) A287

Cllr. Ney advised he had spoken to Peter Critchall (HCC) and expressed his disappointment that the scheme is still not functioning. Mr. Critchall doesn't know when the post will arrive despite it being ordered 4 or 5 weeks ago - everything else is ready to be installed. Cllr. Ney will ring HCC on a weekly basis.

(iii) Pilcot Road Footway

The Clerk advised she has again asked HCC for the estimate of costings.

(iv) Footpaths general

F/p 2 and 14 – there is still an issue with regard to the gate in that area. Whilst the flooding has been solved due to the new works it is still extremely muddy because the horses keep using the area.

104/07 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS

Minerals & Waste Consultation – Cllr. Hall will speak to this at the next meeting.

Cllr. Jackson advised the Zebon Copse Fete is 1 July and help will be welcome.

Centre show is canine dog display and an amateur dog show will follow. Hart

Football team will also allow teams to play.

Cllr. Ashton wished it noted that our Chairman had attended 40 out of 43 meetings the highest attendance record of any Hart Councillor.

105/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is **Tuesday**, 3 July 2007 at 7.45 pm in the **Velmead Community Centre, Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse.**

Meetings for the remainder of 2007 are as follows:

WI HALL

MONDAY

3 September

5 November

VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

TUESDAY

2 October

4 December

The Chairman advised that he would not be moving exclusion of the Press and Public under Schedule 12A Section 1001 of LGA 1972 as there was no contractual or financial information which might be disclosed during debate on this item.

106/07 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Talks have taken place with the local football team. The Chairman gave his apologies for tomorrow's meeting with HDC. He then read to the meeting an email addressed to him with regard to the Cabinet Report and a request from Carl Westby to answer questions with regard to the takeover of the facilities. After a lengthy debate it was agreed that the Clerk write to HDC (not an individual) on CVPC Headed paper and say that in response to the email "We are agreed with the principle of the October 2006 Cabinet Paper and Crookham Village intends to continue with the negotiations in the hope that they will come to a satisfactory conclusion. A formal proposal has yet to be made by HDC and this response is a gesture of good faith."

Robert Ney will raise the condition of the pitches – he has a copy of an email to Becky Phillips making a formal complaint.

Cllr. Ney updated Members on the outcome of the meeting with Becky Phillips and 3 of the football clubs. Cllr. Jackson asked for minutes of that meeting and Cllr. Ney said he would get them from Becky.

Cllr. Jackson said we need to probe the continued loss of clients which is still ongoing.

The meeting closed at 11.05 pm

