

These are the unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 4 December 2007 please refer to the Minutes of the January meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllrs Jenny Radley & Richard Appleton,
and Tim Davies

172/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Robert Ney and Indra Sinka.

173/07 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman pointed out to Members that they all had Agendas with suggested times against each item and he hoped we might finish well before the projected finish time.

174/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 NOVEMBER 2007

Amendments were made as follows: add Cllr. Crawley to the list of attendees; Cllr. Axam was misspelt Axel; page 7 line 15 delete "with"; line 16 insert "be" before "amenable". Min. 168/07 – line 9 add "two" and "s" to "month". Page 8 delete "newspaper" insert "officers report". With these amendments the Minutes were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

175/07 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 wished it to be noted that he had a standing declaration in that he is a tenant of adjacent land and there may be boundary issues.

176/07 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 at this meeting.

177/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (time limit of 3 minutes per person)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation. Cllrs. Radley and Appleton advised Members that QEB and Waterfront planning applications were due to be debated soon by Hart Planning Committee. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

178/07 BOTTLEBANKS SITING

Members were requested to come to a view on whether or not to have the Netherhouse Moor bottlebanks re-sited or removed. Hart Officers advised that they had been moved due to complaints from residents that they were being pushed over. Cllr. Davies advised that the whole issue of

bottlebanks is being debated next year – Cllr. Appleton said he was concerned that the new site could be used by a developer as having breached the canal conversation area.

RESOLVED: Members wish to have the bottle banks returned to the original site and request that suitable screening be erected to address residents concerns.

Action: Clerk

179/07 FINANCE

(i) General

The RFO advised that she had paid the deposit on the noticeboard and had agreed with Cllr. Brooks that it could be delivered to her home. She is also endeavouring to get our Rebate from the Tax Office since she had sent our return electronically. The RFO asked if the new date for the budget debate was firm and Cllrs. Brooks and the Clerk advised that they were unable to attend. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks advised that she did not believe that our contribution to the Call & Go service would be expected this year and that it was not expected that we would be requested to fund the service for next year.

ACTION: Clerk to clarify whether or not HCC were expecting us to pay our agreed contribution this year.

The RFO advised that the original request for a standard BT DDR had been changed and the new arrangement is for quarterly bills to be paid by DDR. A date for a budget meeting with HDC was being requested so that Parish Councils could have input to HDC budget process. Members said they would prefer to meet in January and requested that when a date is set we would endeavour to send someone along.

Members agreed to pay the £70 for the Cilca Course which the Clerk is taking and which she needs to pass before the Council can apply for Quality Parish Status.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to pay the course fee.

Two quotations were received from our Contractor for the leaf mould work and the erection of the noticeboard.

RESOLVED: Members accepted both quotations and the Clerk was authorised to advise the Contractor to undertake the leaf work before Christmas.

ACTION: Clerk

(ii) RFO`s Report

1. Interest received from the Bank of Ireland for the month of October was £475.12
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 (November)	14.99
000178	Hart District council	Meeting Room Hire	57.16
000179	Hartley Joinery	Deposit on Notice board	264.38
			£336.53

		Total	
Lodgements			
		Total	£

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

Cheque no/ DD/BAC	Payee	Item	Gross Amount (£)
Cheques – NW			
000180	Hart District Council	Meeting Room Hire – Parish Plan	24.50
000181	Hart District Council	Meeting Room Hire – 2 nd October 2007	48.65
000182	Hart District Council	2 Litter Bins	352.50
		Total	£425.65
Lodgements – NW			
	None outstanding		0

4. Bank balances

Bank of Ireland as at 30th November 2007 – per statement	£110,457.41
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Nat West Bank as at 30 th November 2007 – per statement	£286.31
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Note

Nat West Bank

Three cheques totalling £425.65 (as above) remained uncleared for November 2007. There was one outstanding lodgement for £400 (t/f from Bank of Ireland). This means there is £260.66 available.

Bank of Ireland

There was one outstanding cheque for £400 (t/f to NatWest). This means there is £110,057.41 available.

5. Other

Nothing to report.

E&OE.

Members accepted the Report of the RFO.

180/07 PLANNING

(i) General

Cllr. Radley had made a submission to the QEB Inspector, on behalf of Cllr. Jackson, with regard to the flooding issues in the Parish which it was believed would be exacerbated by the QEB development. She pointed out that drainage improvements were being made to two areas. Cllr. Jackson asked about the Ewshot Marsh drainage and what the liabilities were on the landowner with regard to continuing flooding of the Parish. No clear answer was forthcoming.

(ii) TREES

Oaks and Horse chestnuts are suffering from disease and residents need to know that “sudden” death of a tree should be reported to the Tree Wardens.

(iii) REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and drew attention to the withdrawal of one application. An enforcement action is still ongoing against that particular site. Cllr. Radley advised that the QEB inquiry is still ongoing. Thursday should see the closing statements of the main parties. Cllr. Jackson queried whether two applications had been dealt with in his absence – he had seen nothing from CVPC. Cllr. Hall could not recall seeing either of these. It was confirmed that these had been circulated.

The Hitches Lane application, reserved matters, had been received today and he believed that we should hold a meeting in public.

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

ACTION: RFO 5 copies to post on noticeboards.

Cllr. Jackson raised the SANGs issue and asked for Members views on this. He wanted to know how Members felt with particular regard to the SANG within the parish and SANGS across the District. He was advised that he had been assured that the agreement for the parish SANG would be in perpetuity and only mitigation for the Waterside application.

Members were opposed to the idea of lots of SANGs spread around the district.

RESOLVED: Members supported the SANG in the Parish but believed it would not mitigate the Bourley Road car park issue and authorised Cllr. Jackson to speak at the Planning Committee meeting and request that it be covered by a Legal Agreement and not a planning condition.

181/07 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Lea Green

All okay with weekly checks.

(ii) Community Transport

Cllr. Mrs. Brooks advised that HCC Officer Barbara Ridley had done a presentation at the Hart & Rushmoor Transport Forum and had advised that parishes were not expected to contribute to the Call & Go because of the very low take up of usage by parishes. She also advised of the Pilcot home to school transport pilots.

(iii) Youth Provision

Cllr. Jackson advised he had heard nothing further. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to contact the Youth Service and get something from them for insertion in the newsletter. Must be received within the Week.

(iv) Parish Plan

The Chairman advised that a meeting had been held and a 16 page document would be produced with topic headings and the more detailed information would be put on the web site. There was also agreement that information could be put on a CD for those without access to the web site. The next meeting is set for the 17 January which clashes with another date. RFO to seek an alternative date.

(v) Zephon Common & Crow Act

The Clerk has made contact with Hedleys and needs to send some hard copies of documents.

(vi) Accredited Community Safety Officers

The Clerk has passed information sent by the ACSOs to Cllr. Ney and it is expected that he will update Members when he has read the contents.

(vii) Parish Newsletter (2 editions)

The Chairman thanked Members for their input to the newsletter. He believed he could get it finished this weekend and it would then be ready just before Christmas. He thought it would be better if we actually were able to distribute it in January and then we could advertise the Public meeting for the Community Centre.

ACTION: Chairman

(viii) Parish Website

Cllr. Jackson said he would start work on revamping the Website in the New Year.

182/07 LIGHTING

(i) General

Clerk still endeavouring to get an estimate from SEC for energy for our street lamps.

183/07 HIGHWAYS

(i) General

Cllr. Crawley said the SID date for the village was somewhat bitty.

Cllr. Jackson said that nevertheless it gave a good indication of speeds through the village.

(ii) A287

Cllr. Jackson asked if the Westbound speed sensitive sign had been erected yet. It had not and the current situation was unknown. The Chairman expressed Members thanks to Cllr. Jenny Radley for the speedy meeting she had arranged with regard to the A287 and for the excellent notes of that meeting which she had circulated. Cllr. Ney had spoken at the QEB Inquiry.

(iii) Pilcot Road Footway

Cllr. Jackson said we were still awaiting a breakdown of the costs of the footway and if we did not get them with a week we should complain to a senior officer. The question was asked as to whether the footway featured in the Parish Plan. If it did it could qualify for Fleet Access funding if it was perceived as a route for residents accessing Fleet and Church Crookham.

ACTION: Clerk

(iv) Footpaths general

Cllr. Mrs. Brooks advised she was the Member who covered the footpaths issues. One particular path was mentioned and it was pointed out that this should be monitored if any measures were made to divert it.

Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said that f/p 14 and 2 were an ongoing issue and

Cllr. Jackson said that this was a route to the SANG. Cllr. Davies spoke about Goose Lane which runs along the edge of Lea Green and said the shrubbery is gradually encroaching and needs cutting back. There is a similar problem with the path at the end of Crondall Road and walkers have deviated the path into the field. Cllr. Jackson said it was down to the landowner to keep the path open. Cllr. Radley advised that HDC officer Matthew Lank had left Hart. Adam Green is the officer to contact now.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr. Hall had not managed to make progress with regard to the fencing of Hillyburrow and negotiation with the new tenant of Albany Farm.

The Chairman said he had received a complaint about horse riders on the grassed open space between Brandon Road and Jessett Drive. Cllr. Hall said photographs would be useful or a description of the horses – there were

riders coming into the estate who were not based at Albany Stables.

184/07 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS

Email received from PC Nicholas Sexton asking for priorities of offences. Cllr. Jackson said a police presence would deter young people from anti-social behaviour and there are not enough highway police with regard to car road tax evasion and faulty lights. Cllr. Jackson said PC Sexton`s email updates were very good at keeping us informed and giving feedback to the community.

An email had been received with regard to the Blue Plaque scheme and Members were invited to put forward suggestions.

The Clerk advised that she could no longer use "general" under headings – it was a requirement that items be specifically identified e.g. f/p 14.

Cllr. Hall updated Members on several sites within the parish which were identified for mineral safeguarding and landfill.

AGENDA ITEM – MINERALS SAFEGUARDING AREAS

Cllr. Ashton – NHW leaflets only go to subscribing houses but he had some spare copies and one should go in the Circ File.

AGENDA ITEM – AIRCRAFT NOISE no longer required.

Cllr. Radley said by the spring it was expected a decision on the extra flights would be known and that TAG would come to a meeting if the Council so wished.

Cllr. Jackson said after the burglaries on Zebon Copse the police had been very supportive and had met with affected residents but he believed it was a shame that it had not been more widely publicised to the wider audience.

SWINGBRIDGE PAINTING – AGENDA ITEM

Cllr. Davies advised that a ballot will be held of the unparished area and results will be debated by Democratic Services in February and then it will go to Cabinet.

AGENDA ITEM – PARISH REVIEW

185/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, 7 January 2008, at 7.45 in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village.

Meetings for 2008, all commencing at 7.45 pm, are as follows:

**WI HALL
MONDAY**

**VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY**

3 March 2008

12 May **(Annual General Meeting)**

7 July 2008

6 October 2008

1 December 2008

5 February 2008

8 April **(Annual Parish Meeting)**

3 June 2008

2 September 2008

4 November 2008

186/07 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

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.

187/07 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The Chairman advised that he had agreed with the Leader of HDC that any legal agreement on Hart`s part would be dealt with by both Leisure and the Leader as he (the Parish Council Chairman) is also the Portfolio holder for Legal and he did not wish to participate. At our next meeting we need a recommendation for the ground maintenance contract.

ACTION: Clerk to email R. Ney and ask him to get the companies to send us their quotations with specifications of the work covered. ASAP

There is an issue with costs for the work to VCC with regard to our plans for the building. We will get the costs confirmed (or otherwise) by a QS independent of the Architect`s broad brush quote. At some point there will be a joint management committee and for the immediate future a joint mgmt sub-cttee will be set up between CVPC and HDC. There must be a formal, signed agreement in place between HDC and CVPC by 31 March 2008 when this Council`s part funding is due to commence. The plan is for the building works to be done during next summer holidays.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm