

These are the unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 5 February, please refer to the Minutes of the March 2007 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllrs. Jenny Radley and Tim Davies.

024/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Paul Dickinson sent his apologies and hopes to join us for his final meeting in March as he is moving out of the Parish.

025/07 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised Members that as a result of our sponsorship of Hampshire Young Musicians he had received an invitation to one of its concerts. It had been a most enjoyable evening, there were a very large number of young people involved and they had given concerts all over Hampshire.

026/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 JANUARY 2007 TO APPROVE

The following amendments were made:

Min. 001/07 delete "and hopes to join us later" as Cllr. Jenny Radley had not been able to join us. Min. 07/07 enclose in brackets "(Unfortunately a loss of power occurred at this point.)" and insert "b)" before "talk". Min. 010/07 (xii) delete the words "are being" and insert the words "can be". The Minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

027/07 MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF 8 JANUARY 2007 TO APPROVE

Members queried the highlighted figures and felt that for clarity the Minutes should be re-issued with the highlighted figures in the correct columns. They were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

ACTION: RFO

Cllr. Jackson queried whether it was necessary for us to issue Minutes of a Confidential meeting as the meeting had been to agree the proposals for a budget when then had to be ratified at a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk advised that she was being extra cautious and would make enquiries as to whether we did need to convene a meeting when the budget was being discussed prior to its formal acceptance at a later public meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

028/07 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 and declaration from Cllr. Hall with regard to the boundary fencing adjacent to the Centre.

029/07 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 evening.

030/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (time limit of 3 minutes per person)

There were no public present.

031/07 PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Chairman advised he had received some details from Members and the Clerk and photographs would be taken during the break.

ACTION: RFO & Members send short description of self/service/position and which Ward the Member represents.

ACTION: Chairman and Cllr. Dr. Sinka to finish text for Newsletter.

032/07 FARNBOROUGH AERODROME

Cllr. Jackson advised that prior to the last meeting he had received a complaint about aeroplane noise frightening some children. He had looked up the Farnborough Consultative Committee to register this complaint only to find it was woefully out of date. He had checked the website again tonight, prior to this meeting, and it had finally been updated. If Members wish to look at the reports of that committee they can

access them via the website. The most frequent complaints he receives are deviations from the flight path and it is important that complaints are made immediately to the telephone number issued for this purpose. He believed we should put something to this effect in the newsletter. He wondered what the purpose of the committee was as the reports did not seem to reflect the views of the public. It was agreed that we invite Cllr. Bennison to the Parish Meeting (he is a Ward Councillor for Crookham Village). The Chairman said he knew of a gentleman called Geoff Marks who was very authoritative on these issues.

ACTION: Clerk – Cllr. Bennison

ACTION: Chairman – Geoff Marks

033/07 WASTE CHARGING

Cllr. Hall said he was very concerned about the proposals to charge the public by the volume of waste produced. This would impact on large families, who might well already be struggling financially. It would probably lead to an increase in fly tipping and was yet another stealth tax – what were we paying our rates for now. There was further debate on the issue and Members supported Cllr. Hall’s concerns and he was requested to write and state those concerns to the appropriate government office.

ACTION: Cllr. Hall write to DCLG which replaces ODP.

034/06 FINANCE

(i) General

The Chairman advised that the RFO’s printer had ceased to function and enquiries had elicited that it was cheaper to replace it than attempt to repair it. Members authorised the RFO to purchase a new printer at an approximate cost of £180.

(ii) RFO’s Report

1. Interest received from the Bank of Ireland was £359.62 in respect of December 2006
2. The following transactions (all cleared) was made between last month’s meeting and today:

Nat West current account

| Cheque no/ direct debit / BAC | Payee | Item | Gross amount (£) |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| PAYMENTS | | | |
| DD | Virgin Net | Clerk’s internet account (Jan) | 14.99 |
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| BAC | HM C & E | Vat refund re Oct – Dec 2006 Qtr | 128.31 |

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

| Cheque no/ DD /BAC | Payee | Item | Gross amount (£) |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------|
| CHEQUES | | | |
| 000126 | Angela Sayers | Toner for Carol’s colour printer | 115.73 |
| 000127 | Audit Commission | Annual Audit Fee 2006 | 293.75 |
| 000128 | Crookham Village Association | Contribution towards David Reader’s Leaving Gift – Bench / plaque | 147.52 |
| 000129 | Angela Sayers | Clerks Conference - March 2007 | 80.00 |
| 000130 | Community Action Hampshire | Finance Forum – November 2006 | 7.50 |
| | | Total | 644.50 |

LODGEMENTS

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| 000018 | CVPC | Transfer from Bank of Ireland to cover costs | 500.00 |
| | | Total | 500.00 |

4. Bank balances
 - Bank of Ireland as at 31st January 2007 – per statement £91,383.41
 - Nat West Bank as at 31st January 2007 – per statement £575.01

Note

Nat West Bank

Five cheques totalling £644.50(as above) and chq number 000125 from last month for £35.80 remain un-cleared. In addition one lodgement of £500.00 (transfer from BOI) has not yet cleared in the Nat West Account. This means there is £394.71 available.

Bank of Ireland

One cheque for £500.00(transfer to Nat West Account) remains uncleared so available funds are £90,883.41

5. Other

Nothing to report

E&OE

The report of the RFO was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

035/07 PLANNING

(i) General

A meeting has been requested to discuss the enforcement cases raised at the last meeting. The meeting is to clarify certain issues on how the enforcement dealt with these cases.

ACTION: Chairman and Cllr. Jackson await date from HDC

Cllr. Jackson asked for formal ratification of the acceptance of Mrs. Tina Collins, as the CVA representative on the Planning Committee (a non voting position) and this was agreed by all present.

(ii) Permitted Development S106s

This is a standing item so that Members can input to the Hitches Lane application when it becomes live. However the Chairman and Cllr. Jackson both advised that there were changes afoot to the way planning gain was to work as it is a proposal that it will now be a tax on development which could be spent in other ways than as a result of the impact of a development.

(iii) Trees

Hillyburrow trees.

The Clerk advised that she had received a quotation for this work but having checked it was disappointed to see that there were not “strainer” posts mentioned. She was also concerned as to whether the area she had identified covered both the tree copses mentioned by Cllr. Brooks. Cllr. Hall offered to measure the area around both copses and this was accepted with sincere thanks from the Clerk.

ACTION: Cllr. Hall

ACTION: Clerk to seek quotations and Grant funding when area size is known.

Landmark Trees Survey

ACTION: Members

(iv) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report. The report of the Planning Committee was accepted by Members.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to post on 5 noticeboards.

036/07 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Lea Green

The Clerk advised that there was an issue with the inspection regime at the play area and she would report back to a further meeting.

A request had been received from PC Louis Gidley for permission to do a clean up of the play area during “Graffiti Week” which is due to happen in the near future. This was accepted by Members and a bid for two areas on Zebon Copse was made – the electricity sub-station at the end of Silvester Way and another one behind Blue Pryor Court. Cllr. Jackson said he was happy to be the point of contact for PC Gidley.

ACTION; clerk

(ii) Community Transport

Cllr. Jackson advised that the rules for free bus passes for next year had just been published and we should factor this into how we deliver Community Transport.

ACTION: Cllr Jackson to download rules for debate

(iii) Youth Facilities

The Chairman advised he had not been able to speak to Mark Blackwell (Youth Officer) for some time and was unclear what had happened with the two buses which were supposed to offer services to young people in Hart. Cllr. Jackson said there had been a number of incidents of petty vandalism on Zebon Copse recently. The Clerk asked about erecting a Youth Shelter – it was known that such a facility had proved a great success in other areas (according to the Police). However Members were aware that there would probably be a great deal of resistance from residents and thought it that one should be erected on the QEB site along with the housing. That way it would be possible to demonstrate the success of the shelter and promote such shelters in other areas. Cllr. Davies asked about putting one on Lea Green but it was felt that that area would be too isolated to monitor. Members agreed we needed to get Mark Blackwell along to our APM – this Council had put money into its budget (for 3 years) to support a youth project but absolutely nothing had been forthcoming from the Youth Service. Cllr. Ney said he had read of a Community Safety Officer being supported by a Parish Council and wondered whether this was something this Council might want to consider.

It was agreed to invite PC Caroline Webster to the APM.

ACTION: Clerk invite Mark Blackwell & PC Webster to APM.

(iv) Parish Plan

Cllr. Brooks said that she had received several offers of help from CVA members (the AGM is in March) but they wanted to look at the data to see what help is needed and how to deliver that help. Cllr. Crawley said we need to agree a framework with the help of the CVA. Cllr. Dr. Sinka said she and the Chairman are looking at other parish plans

and perhaps it would be a good idea if they attend the CVA AGM. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr. Dr. Sin-ka would meet to firm up on the Parish Plan **before the next meeting of this Council.**

ACTION: Chairman & Cllr. Dr. Sin-ka to firm up on Parish Plan.

(v) Tall Pines

Nothing to report.

(vi) Zephon Common and Crow Act

Nothing Further to report.

(vii) Noticeboards

The Chairman will contact firm with regard to the increased size of the board and the materials specified at the last meeting.

ACTION: Chairman

(viii) Allotments

Nothing further heard from HDC with regard to suggested site. The Chairman said that use of S106 money would be permissible to cover the start up costs of providing an allotment site.

(x) Swingbridge Painting

The new Director of the Canal Authority has advised he is seeking quotes for the work and anticipates a start date sometime in the Spring. He very much welcomed the offer of financial support from this Council.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up after April 2007

(xi) Headland Retention

No response yet from Mr. Hirst.

(xii) Litter Picking

There had been no further response from HDC to the suggestion that they provide litter bins by the noticeboards in order to cut down on litter pick work parties. Members agreed that we would order two waste bins for the noticeboards on Brandon Road which do not have a bin. Order these for the new financial year – costs for emptying will be paid by this Council.

ACTION: Clerk

(xiii) Parish Newsletter

Dealt with as a separate Agenda item.

037/07 LIGHTING

(i) General

The two lights at the Community Centre end of Danvers Drive are still not repaired.

ACTION: Clerk

038/07 HIGHWAYS ETC.

(i) General

The Clerk has not yet actioned the complaint with regard to siting of the SID in Veronica Drive. Members were not aware whether there had been a SID sited in Crondall Road yet. Cllr. Jackson asked that we request the SID again on The Street but facing traffic going towards Malthouse Bridge. Members also wished to have sight of the information which the machine had collected.

ACTION: Clerk

(ii) A287 Redfields Lane Junction

The Chairman advised that a meeting had finally been kept. Matt Chamberlin and Peter Critchely (HCC Officers) had outlined what was proposed. Apparently some time ago it had been decided that major work would not be done at the junction. The plan now is to put a VSO going both ways but one of which will check traffic coming out of Redfields Lane. It will only activate when vehicles are present. This will be only the second scheme in the country and it is hoped it will be in place within the next couple of months. This is an interim measure. The S106 money which might possibly come forward from QEB (£3m) had been raised but neither of the Officers was aware of this. They had confirmed that they had been 7 serious injury accidents at this junction in the past 3 years.

(iii) Pilcot Road Footway

ACTION: Clerk to advise HCC of contribution offered by CVPC towards this project.

(iv) Footpaths general

Copies of correspondence regarding f/p 2 and 14 are circulating. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks advised she had had a meeting with Patrick Grace and Mr. Plumbe. She then gave a précis of the emails sent to her and Cllr. Jackson and said Mr. Plumbe had produced a list of the things he says need to be done and he seems to have the expertise. He wants the backing of the Council for him to act on our behalf. Members did not agree to this. Cllr. Jackson said as a result of his meeting with Phil Allen (HCC Officer) it had been agreed that the kissing gate would be relocated and Phil would endeavour to sort the surface of the path out in the drier weather. There are two fundamentals – water needs to go

beneath the path and a really good hard surface is needed with something at each end which does not turn into a quagmire.

ACTION: Clerk to email Phil Allen the suggestions made by Mr. Plumbe (when cleared by Cllr. Mrs. Brooks) asking if they were feasible and also requesting a date when the work are likely to be carried out.

Mr. Collins had installed the dog waste bag dispenser on its post. Members asked that a thank you letter be sent to him for this action and for his offer to keep the dispenser topped up with the bags.

ACTION: Clerk

039/07 RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

Circ: 30.1.07

Copy ltrs/Briefing Note Env. Agency/Cabinet Agenda 1.2.07/Briefing Note HDC Draft Leisure Strategy and HDAPC background notes to this document/HSP Quality of Life report/

Circ: 5.2.07

Community Action News 81/EIP Timetable/The Playing Field/Bus & Train Travel guide/HCC Improving Accessibility Conference/Special Edition Hampshire Now/HDAPC – Odiham PC memo/Clerks & Councils Direct/HDAPC Mail 01-07

02-07/ 03-07

040/07 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr. Ashton produced a copy of the Fleet Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter and agreed to send out an electronic copy for circulation.

Cllrs. Ashton & Jackson would like to attend the training session on Planning which is scheduled for 30 May. Clerk to advise Katie Mills.

Cllr. Jackson requested that Infrastructure Maintenance be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr. Crawley apologised for having missed the outline budget meeting at Hart and asked if there was an update from that meeting. Cllr. Radley said that the Scrutiny Agenda had a draft budget and she would get a copy to Cllr. Crawley.

Cllr. Hall passed out copies of his draft response to the Local Government White Paper and asked Members to let him have any amendments asap.

041/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday 6 March 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**

**VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY**

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| 2 April (Annual Parish Meeting) | 15 May (Annual General Meeting) |
| 4 June | 3 July |
| 3 September | 2 October |
| 5 November | 4 December |

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

042/07 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 7 February with HDC Members and Officers.

The meeting closed at 10.45 pm.