

These are the unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 6 March 2007, please refer to the Minutes of the April 2007 meeting for any amendments.

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

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

043/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Crawley, Brooks and Dr. Sinka.

044/07 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Paul Hayes (HCC Community Safety Manager) who looks after Accredited Community Support Officers and thanked him for altering his schedule and coming along at such short notice in response to the Parish Council's query on this service. Paul gave Members background information on the setting up of the HCC ACSOs. Parish Councils and District Councils are currently co-funding 6 ACSOs. He then gave Members a PowerPoint presentation and explained the differences between the Police, PCSOs and ACSOs. Information packs were given to each Member. A question and answer session then took place. Hythe & Dibden Parish Council were quoted as paying £59k a year for two dedicated officers for a 3 year contract. One officer would cost around £32k a year at today's prices but there was scope to bid for short operations by existing officers at nil cost for specific operations. The Chairman expressed the thanks of Members for an excellent presentation and said there was a great deal of food for thought for Members.

045/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 FEBRUARY 2007 TO APPROVE

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman also sought permission to sign the Amended sheet for the Budget Meeting Minutes and this was agreed.

046/07 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.

047/07 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. The Chairman said that following on from the excellent presentation he would take a view after the break in 30 minutes.

048/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (time limit of 3 minutes per person)

There were no public present. Ward Cllr. Appleton asked for any details of issues with regard to the Farnborough Aerodrome and Cllr. Jackson advised him of the perception of residents of aircraft deviating over the area. Cllr. Radley said it was important that residents rang 526001 - complaints need to be logged with TAG on this number, unless these calls are made and registered TAG say there is no problem.

049/06 FINANCE

(i) General

Nothing to report.

(ii) RFO's Report

The year end is 31 March and the RFO advised she will be doing all the cheques etc to meet the year end deadline – therefore she is seeking permission of Members to do this outside of the meeting. This was agreed by all Members.

1. Interest received from the Bank of Ireland was £364.79 in respect of January 2007
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 Ne	Clerk's internet account (Feb)	14.99
000131	BT	Clerk's phone bill	57.24
000132	Simon Ambler	Flask for monthly meetings	47.33
000133	Information Commissioners	Annual data protection subscription	35.00
Total			£154.56

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

Cheque no/ DD /BAC	Payee	Item	Gross amount (£)
CHEQUES			
000134	CPRE	Annual subscription	27.00
000135	HCC	Street Lighting	988.54
000136	HAPTC	Relates to next financial year	0.00
000137	Angela Sayers	Laser printer for Angela Sayers	217.99
Total			£1233.53
LODGEMENTS			
000020	CVPC	Transfer from Bank of Ireland to cover costs	1700.00
Total			£1700.00

4. Bank balances

Bank of Ireland as at 28th February 2007 – per statement	£91,048.20
Nat West Bank as at 28th February 2007 – per statement	£440.15

Note

Nat West Bank

Three cheques totalling £1,233.53(as above) remain uncleared. Cheque number 000136 relates to the next financial year and will not be sent to HAPTC till after the year end (i.e. in April 2007). It is therefore not an outstanding cheque for this financial year but merely a cheque written in advance. In addition one lodgement of £1700.00 (transfer from BOI) has not yet cleared in the Nat West Account. This means there is £906.62 available.

Bank of Ireland

One cheque totalling £200.00 (lodgement number 000019) cleared in the month and one cheque for £1700.00(transfer to Nat West Account) remains uncleared so available funds are £89,348.20.

5. Other

Notice of the conclusion of the 2006 Audit and the right to inspect the Annual Return was displayed on the notice boards on the 17th February 2007 and removed on the 3rd March 2007. This complies with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No 533). No one asked to inspect the documents.

E&OE

The Report of the RFO was accepted by Members and signed by the Chairman.

050/07 INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

Cllr Jackson said around the parish a number of items have been deteriorating and HDC are doing nothing about them. Reassurance had been given that the 2 street lights were to be repaired. However he believes that that HDC are not doing what they should be doing with regard to maintaining its assets.

ACTION: Clerk write to HDC about the lack of maintaining its assets within the parish.

Cllr. Radley raised concerns about lack of lighting at Frenchmans Creek and was advised that the area she is speaking of is in private ownership.

051/07 CONSULTATION ON “REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LA MEMBERS”

This Consultation had arrived extremely late and the Chairman asked if Members were happy to respond individually. Cllr. HALL said he had read the document and he believed that it had been tidied up and little anomalies had been corrected. However, he was concerned that there was no definition of Bullying and he believed that this was necessary. Cllr. Jackson said the declaration of interests still seemed pretty woolly and still requires clarification. Members remain to be convinced. The question was asked “Why are you so prescriptive to Local government when Members of Parliament are outside of this ruling?”

ACTION: Members to respond individually if they so choose and Clerk to respond on behalf of Members.

052/07 CONSULTATION ON “THE COMMONS ACT 2006 PROTECTION OF COMMON LAND IN ENGLAND”

The Consultation Date is 9 April so this will be deferred to the next meeting.

053/07 CONSULTATION ON “REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY”

This will be dealt with at the next meeting.

054/07 PLANNING

(i) General

The Chairman advised that he had been expecting Paul Dickinson to be present tonight to receive a small gift and Members thanks for all the invaluable help he has given the Parish over countless years. If he fails to come tonight Members agreed that a letter of thanks be sent and the gift be delivered to him asap.

ACTION: Clerk

The Minerals & Waste consultation had been passed to Cllr. Hall as the delegated Member and he would report on this at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Hall

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. In response to the request for a meeting the officer had sent an email on the subject. Cllr. Jackson said this information had been given to us earlier and it is not what we are seeking – what we want to know is how to stop such breaches occurring again. Members still require a meeting. Cllr. Appleton said that this was an issue with other areas of Hart.

ACTION: Clerk

(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 to mitigate the direct impact of a development.

(iii) Trees

Hillyburrow trees.

Cllr. Hall said there is a change of management and he would like to speak to the new management and let them know what is being proposed before we move any further forward on this matter.

ACTION: Cllr. Hall. Clerk to await his findings.

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.

055/07 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Lea Green

Weekly checks received and no issues raised. The Clerk advised that whilst the play area is receiving weekly checks there appears to be some confusion with regard to the invoice statements. However, the fees charged are as normal and the checks are being carried out weekly.

(ii) Community Transport

HCC have written updating Members of changes to Call & Go and requesting commitment from the Parish for the coming year. Members, in the absence of Cllr. Brooks, said that it had been agreed that whilst the service is still running the Council wish to support it. Respond that the Council are prepared to support the service for its current life and should it change we would expect to pay pro-rata.

ACTION: Clerk to respond

(iii) Youth Facilities

Mark Blackwell will be attending the APM.

(iv) Parish Plan

Awaiting feedback from CVA AGM.

(v) Tall Pines

Nothing to report.

(vi) Zephon Common and Crow Act

Nothing to report.

(vii) Noticeboards

The Chairman will contact the firm with regard to the increased size of the board and the materials specified at the last meeting. He has also looked at catalogues and will be contacting other manufacturers.

ACTION: Chairman

(viii) Allotments

Nothing to report.

(x) Swingbridge Painting

Clerk has written again.

(xi) Headland Retention

No response yet from Mr. Hirst. Invite Richard Hellier to the APM and ask if he has anything to update us with regard to new initiatives.

ACTION: Cllr. Brooks

(xii) Litter Picking

Clerk to order the two bins and advise HDC that they need to be added to the inventory for emptying.

ACTION: Clerk

(xiii) Parish Newsletter

The Chairman said it was hoped that a draft would be ready for circulation this week.

Comments were invited from Members.

Cllr. Appleton requested a copy when it is ready.

Debate then took place as to whether to print this in house or go out to a Printer. A quotation was received for £349.79 which Members accepted for 1700 A3 copies. A rough guide of £140 was tabled for delivery of the newsletter and this was agreed.

ACTION: Chairman to deal with the Printer

ACTION: Cllr. Dr. Sinka to organise the delivery

056/07 LIGHTING

(i) General

HDC have placed an order for the repair of the two lights near the community centre – officers have been requested to chase this up and a promise was made it would be done by the end of the week.

057/07 HIGHWAYS ETC.

(i) General

Clerk has actioned SID issue.

(ii) A287 Redfields Lane Junction

The Chairman updated Members and said the signs have been made and an electrical connection is required. Cllr. Ney said HCC were going to co-ordinate the sign installation with the electrical connection.

(iii) Pilcot Road Footway

The Chairman read to Members the reply from HCC to our offer of funding. It would seem that we have a further 6 month wait before any confirmation of works is likely.

(iv) Footpaths general

Phil Allen (HCC) says that access to Zephon Common is available via the footbridge – he said he would get round to speaking to the landowner in due course. His most pressing issue is f/p2 and f/p 14. Issues of mud on the towpath were raised and suggestions were offered as to ways to deal with the issue.

ACTION: Chairman will bring up at the next JMC meeting.

058/07 RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

Circ: 28.2.07

Copy ltrs/Hart Call & go 07/08 Funding/Big Lottery Funding (Play)/Enjoy England Celebrate St. George's Day/Sheltered Housing Review Update/Fleet Newsletter from PC Gidley/HDC Agenda Standards Cttee 20.2.07 & Council 22.2.07/OSS Spring 2007/Cttee for Rural Hampshire Annual Review/HCC Planning Hampshire's Future February edition/Friday Update 07/HAPTC Mail 012-07/010-07

Separate Circ Envelopes
Consultation on Regional Housing Strategy
Code of Conduct
Common Land

Circ: 5.3.07

Clerks & Councils Direct/Hantsweb Awards/The Clerk/Community Transport News/ Countryside Voice/Community Empowerment Awards/LCR/Committee for Rural Hampshire Review/Basingstoke Canal News/Community Action News/Change Up/ UK Villages/HAPTC Mail 018-07/019-07/022-07/Partial Review of South East Plan

059/07 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairman raised a news release which if members wish to discuss is "Can rural cllrs make a difference." There was no interest.

Cllr. Ashton tabled the latest Fleet Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for circulation. He requested that Members ensure he is at home before they leave any documents.

Cllr. Ney requested an Agenda Item of ACSOs for next meeting.

Cllrs. Davies and Appleton advised that Crime Reduction Week is scheduled for the Lea area in the next couple of weeks.

060/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 2 April 2007 at 7.45 pm in the **WI HALL, The Street, Crookham Village.** Members felt the need for a further Parish Council Meeting after the APM - Members agreed to Thursday 5 April – venue to be advised – the Chairman said we would only deal with those items actually requiring attention at that meeting.

(NB Post Meeting Note: WI Hall booked for Thursday 5 April 2007 at 7.45pm).

Meetings for the remainder of 2007 are as follows:

**WI HALL
MONDAY**

4 June
3 September
5 November

**VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY**

15 May (Annual General Meeting)
3 July
2 October
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.

061/07 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The Chairman advised that a further meeting had been held with officers and Members from HDC and a joint press release will be issued within the next couple of weeks.

The Clerk asked about the employment of a legal adviser. Members felt that until we had reached a point of putting flesh on the bones for a handover there would be nothing for legal opinion at this stage.

The Clerk raised the issue of the Cabinet decision to fund a "Sense of Place" survey of the unparished area and the parished areas of Netherhouse Moor, Zebon Copse and Ancells Farm. This will be done by professional consultants to a limited number of affected residents. Further debate took place and concerns were raised about the timing of this exercise. Cllr. Radley said she agreed with the debate which had occurred that the Parish need to make it explicitly clear the differences between having a Parish Council or coming under the umbrella of the District.

The meeting closed at 10.45 pm.