

These are the unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 1 September 2008. Please refer to the Minutes of the October meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. Pauline Greenwood
Cllr. Robert Ney
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Indra Sinka
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)

In attendance: District Cllrs. Radley, Davies and Appleton.

135/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

136/08 CHAIRMAN`S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman said in view of the late start and the length of the Agenda he would consider having a resumed meeting pending how items proceed.

137/08 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 JULY 2008

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

138/08 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 4 AUGUST 2008

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

139/08 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. Jackson declared that he was a Member of the Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society and is a crew member for both the John Pinkerton and the Accessible Boating Association Cllr. S. Ambler declared he is a member of the Basingstoke Canal JMC. All the declarations of interest were of a personal nature and were non-prejudicial interests.

140/08 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.

141/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. He informed the public that they had 3 minutes each. A gentleman wished to speak about the work of SPLAT. He had brought notes so that people were aware of the fact that the development will bring significant traffic to the area. Using information from other Depots of this type the traffic is likely to be treble the amount stated by the developer and with 3 shift work patterns there is considerable non-hgv traffic. Redfields Lane is also a local Lorry Route.

Cllr. Greenwood asked whether the application was still live and was advised that the application goes to an Inspector for final decision. Cllr. Jackson asked what the funding was actually for and was advised that SPLAT do not believe that HDC have a strong case with regard to traffic. The funding is required to fund a barrister and technical specialists to oppose the development. Currently they have £15,000 in funds but do need to secure £18,000 at least. Some Council`s have given £500, others £100 but it rests with individual parishes as to how much they give.

Cllr Appleton said the Inquiry begins in November and is likely to last 16 days.

142/08 FINANCE

(i) **SPLAT Request for funding for Pyestock Fighting Fund**

Cllr. Jackson said that as a Parish Council we had responded on the traffic issues in much the same vein as SPLAT. Cllr. Greenwood asked how we decide if we are to give some money and the Chairman said if Members wished to support this then they needed to consider how much is in the budget. Cllr. Jackson said we have a serious issue already in the village and he thought that it was possible that this would impact very much on the village and the only way to get the traffic issue aired before the Inspector was via SPLAT. Cllr. Ashton supported this point of view. Cllr. Crawley said that supporting local groups has been helpful in appeals which have happened in the past. Cllr. Crawley proposed a donation of £250 – Cllr. Sinka proposed it should be £500 – Cllr. Crawley supported the amendment. When the vote was taken 3 voted in favour 5 voted against. The original proposal of £250 donation was then put forward and 6 voted in favour and 2 voted against. RESOLVED: A grant of £250 be made to SPLAT.

(ii) **Basingstoke Canal – HDC request for funding**

All Members had had sight of the briefing paper. The Chairman said the paper is asking for support in principle. This morning a meeting had been held with the leader of HDC and Ian Brown (Canal Officer). The preferred option that other parishes are going along with is funding by population. On that basis we would contribute £3,100. Cllr. Jackson said over the years we had supported works on the canal within the parish area. The new method of funding would not address the needs of the parish but would contribute only to a general fund. Cllr. Ney said that the HDAPC meeting had accepted the numbers of households – but they too were concerned about the loss of identity. After debate Members expressed concern about local issues not being prioritised for the parish. Cllr. Davies said if Ash Lock was breached then there would be no canal – hence the need for the funding to be free of constraint. Cllr. Jackson said HDC had promised to the JMC that it would meet its obligation but then immediately sought to get the funding from its parishes. The Chairman explained the rationale behind the request. Cllr. Julia Ambler reminded Members that the responses to the questionnaire which had been sent round all the parish had listed the Canal as its highest priority. Cllr. Ney proposed that we support the request based on the number of population and that contributors had a say in what works would be done. Cllr. Crawley proposed that there be a Parish representative on the JMC and this amendment was accepted. Cllr. Jackson said there should be a Service Level Agreement rather than just contributing funds.

RESOLVED: Hart Council be advised that “in principle” the Council supported the request but would want a Parish representative on the JMC.

(iii) **Safer Hart Graffiti Busting Week request for funding**

The RFO advised that we had a small sum of money in the budget which could be drawn from to support this initiative. Cllr. Jackson proposed we contribute £50 and this was supported by all. Cllr. Jackson said he would advise of graffiti on the Copse and Cllr. Greenwood would look at Netherhouse Moor and Cllr. Crawley would advise on the village.

RESOLVED: A Grant of £50 be made to the Safer Hart Community partnership.

(iv) **RFO`s Report**

1. Interest received from the Bank of Ireland for the months of June and July was £453.07 and £401.88 respectively.
2. The following transactions (all cleared) were made since the last meeting

Nat West Current Account

Cheque no / Direct Debit/ BACS	Payee	Item	Gross Amount (£)
Payments			
000242	Continental Landscapes	April – June 2008	159.86
000243	Andy Fisk	Take away old notice board	16.00
000244	Open Spaces	Annual subscription	30.00
000245	HDC	Services provided re Big Lottery play funding	352.50
000246	Lotus Landscapes	July Fees	969.38
000247	Living Spaces	Marking of football pitches at Velmead	300.00
DD	BT	Clerk's line Apr, May & June 2008	56.07
DD	Virgin Media	Clerk's Internet Account (August)	11.75
DD	Virgin Media	Clerk's Internet Account (July)	13.29
		Total	£1908.85
Lodgements			
000032	HM Revenue and Customs	Incentive for filing P35's online	100.00
		Total	£100.00

Please note that 000030 (£1,000) and 000031 (£3,500) were also transfers from the bank of Ireland and cleared in the previous month.

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

Cheque DD/BAC no/	Payee	Item	Gross Amount (£)
Cheques – NW			
000248	B J Leversha	Gift for Alan and Jean Symes	50.00
000249	Angela Sayers	Dataflame domain renewal – 2 years	9.39
000250	Lotus Landscapes	August Fees	969.38
000251	Heathland Management	Wire Fencing at Hillborough	810.75
		Total	£1839.52
Lodgements – NW			
000033	CVPC	Transfer from BOI	1200.00
		Total	£1200.00

4. Bank balances

Bank of Ireland as at 29 th August 2008 – per statement	£111,306.11
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Nat West Bank as at 29 th August 2008 – per statement	£1,197.52
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Note

Nat West Bank

Four cheques totalling £1,839.52 (as above) remain uncleared for August 2008. There was one outstanding lodgement (000091) of £1,200.00 (t/f from CVPC BOI). This means there is £558.00 available.

Bank of Ireland

There was one outstanding cheque for £1,200.00. This means there is £110,106.11 available.

5. Other

The RFO advised she had started a purchase order system. She suggested that two Councillors could sign purchase orders. For the few which needed doing urgently these have been actioned. Cllr. Ney said that

in future there needed to be a formal resolution in Standing Orders. There is also another matter in that with VCC funding may well need to be dealt with out of a meeting. It was agreed to defer this to another meeting.

ACTION: CLERK to produce Draft Standing Orders and we need a process to increase the delegated powers of spend for the officers.

The mandates have all gone into NatWest. The RFO advised that she had sought information from BOI with regard to protection because we are a Parish Council and not an individual nor a Company – only £32,000 is protected. On this basis she has looked at Barclays and assuming Members do want to move some funds she has requested a mandate. Funds banked with other banks would need to be for a certain amount of time in order to get extra interest. She will provide further information to a future meeting.
E&OE.

RESOLVED: The report of the RFO was accepted by Members.

143/08 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT

Fiona Hood presented her report. She said there had been a 22% response from the Survey. The parish needs 20 more affordable homes and these could be on two sites. If the Council agrees with the findings then she could move on to identifying some sites possibly with the help of some Parish Councillors. The Chairman proposed that we went with the recommendations - exploring potential locations and working with HDC and Hyde Housing. Cllr. Jackson said we should look at joining with adjacent parishes and perhaps finding a site which suited both parishes.

RESOLVED: To work with the proposals from the rural housing enabler.

144/08 STANDING ORDERS

Deferred to next full meeting.

145/08 CONTRACTS & SIGNATURES

This item will be subsumed within the revised Standing Orders.

146/08 HALC RESOLUTIONS

The AGM is on Saturday, 27 September at 10am in Winchester. Cllr. Jackson will attend and Cllr. Sinka will provided she is free. The Chairman asked for Members views on the Resolutions and he read them out:

Resolution 1 – supported. Resolution 2 – supported. Resolution 3 – supported.

147/08 DRESS CODE (resumed meeting)

Deferred to resumed meeting.

148/08 QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN OF HART COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Hart Council Chairman Denis Gotel.

Cllr. Gotel said he was keen to see how the Parish Council operated and to engage with Members. He then explained how he had arrived at his list of queries and Members explained in detail to Cllr. Gotel the difficulties they had experienced over a number of years in relation to the VCC acquisition.

149/08 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Crawley advised that the owner of the big Willow tree at the Crossways had applied to cut it down and had been refused. Cllr. Jackson asked what was the position with regard to the tree cutting on the Basingstoke Canal he believed we should be keeping any eye on any proposals for cutting down trees on the canal within the parish.

ACTION: Cllr. Crawley.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries raised by Members.

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Cttee was accepted.

ACTION: RFO 5 copies on noticeboards.

150/08 STREET LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

151/08 HIGHWAYS

(i) Redfields Lane/287 Junction

Sign is now up but cable was too short to reach the power supply.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

Despite having been given all the utilities information HCC have reiterated that the

proposed course of action is to put white lining along Pilcot Road so that an area is highlighted for pedestrian use. Cllr. Ney said that Brian Millen had said there was not enough foot fall down there to warrant a rural footway. Cllr. Ney believed we need to have a rethink. Cllr. Jackson said we believed we were looking at an inflated estimate and that is why we provided them with the utilities information in order to have an accurate estimate. We have money in the budget and there is also the £100k from Watery Lane which should rightly be spent within the parish.

Cllr. Ney said with regard to S106 money it has all gone into a big pot and whilst it might have come from the parish it has gone to other priorities.

ACTION: Request another meeting with Highway Officers before we write to the Executive Member and Director of Environment.

(iii) **Crondall Road – Traffic Speed**

Deferred to resumed meeting.

152/08 FOOTPATHS

(i) **Footpaths 2/14 Footbridge**

Contractors are looking to start on 8 September.

153/08 LEA GREEN

(i) **Play Area Inspections**

No problems.

(ii) **Footway**

Deferred to resumed meeting.

154/08 YOUTH PROVISION

Members agreed that the Clerk could approach Roger Taylor at Hedleys to give his opinion on the legal document with regard to the Big Lottery Grant.

RESOLVED to seek legal opinion from Hedleys.

155/08 PARISH PLAN

Deferred to Oct meeting.

ACTION: Chairman to send material to Members prior to the meeting.

156/08 WEBSITE

Work in progress.

157/08 BT CONSULTATION ON REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE BOX

Members were advised that it was possible to either adopt or sponsor the red telephone box. The Clerk explained how both options worked and the cost implications. After very lengthy debate Members decided that they were not prepared to support either option.

RESOLVED not to adopt or to sponsor the telephone box.

158/08 HART & RUSHMOOR TRANSPORT FORUM

Members were asked if there were any issues which they wished our representative to take to the next meeting. Cllr. Jackson said the biggest issue was connectivity between services and duration of the service during the day. The Parish Transport Annual meeting takes place on 15 November in Winchester. Members had no other issues which they wished raised.

159/08 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Fleet Town Access plan had been incorrectly sent to the Clerk under another “hat” and as a consequence the timescale for responding required it be sent out to individuals and the Clerk will collate all responses and get them to HCC before the deadline.

The Clerk explained that she sometimes received very big attachments (1mb or more) and wondered how best to inform Members without taking up valuable time on their downloading of such information. Cllr. Jackson said to forward all large downloads to him and he will put them on the website.

The Clerk advised that Pat Vaughan (Clerk to HW Parish Council) had died and gave details of his funeral.

Cllr. Appleton said there were new S106 criteria which the Parish might wish to investigate.

Cllr. Jackson reminded Members that it would be helpful if they were able to produce a detailed proposals for items for the next budget meeting in December.

160/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The resumed meeting will take place at the WI Hall on 15 September at 7.45pm

Meetings will commence at 7.45 pm on Mondays at:

WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

6 October

3 November

1 December

161/08 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – (Exclusion of Public & Press)

Deferred to resumed meeting.

162/08 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Deferred to resumed meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.02pm.

Minutes of the Resumed meeting held at the WI Hall, The Street, on Monday,
15 September at 7.45 pm.

Present: Cllr. Indra Sinka (Chairman)
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Pauline Greenwood
Cllr. Robert Ney
Cllr. David Jackson
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance a large number of residents of the village.

163/08 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Julia and Simon Ambler, Cllr. Peter Crawley and Ward Councillor Jenny Radley.

164/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman proposed to alter the order of the remaining Agenda items. She then asked Members to give consideration for items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter and requested that these be raised at the October meeting.

165/08 DRESS CODE

Cllr. Ashton advised he had seen an article in Clerks & Councils direct with regard to dress code and wished to clarify the position with regard to this Council. It was agreed that there was no current requirement for an item on dress code in standing orders.

166/08 HIGHWAYS

(i) Redfields Lane/A287 Junction

Cllr. Ney advised that the connection has still not been made and the contractor is now demanding a further payment because of the extra work involved. The new date for connection is now 23 September.

(ii) Crondall Road – Speed of traffic

Cllr. Ney produced a large map which showed in detail all the proposals which were suggested by Highways to address the issue of vehicle speeds. He explained in depth how each of the measures would work and why it was possible to do some initiatives and why it was not possible to do others. He looked forward to the views of residents present tonight. He had also produced copies for Members to take away and give more thought to what was being proposed and debate this at our October meeting.

169/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation. Mr. Doug McCullum introduced himself and passed to the Clerk a letter which he then read out to the meeting

(attached as an Appendix to these Minutes). Mr. Richard Gwynne then spoke. He welcomed the change of speed extension but was concerned that Zephon Common Lane would still remain a 60mph limit and would like this addressed. With regard to the 44 measures on the plan, he had been duped when he first saw this but had then realised that many measures were already in situ. He supported Cllr. Ney`s suggestion that we have pinch points. He advised that there had been two accidents since the last meeting with the police in attendance and he cited other roads in the parish which have physical measures. He would like to see a give way priority over the two bridges in Crondall Road.

Mr. Brian Whyatt asked for some measures by the car sales site at Crossways – “could the verge be built out so that cars did not enter the turn at such high speeds?” Cllr. Ashton asked what had happened to the suggestion of white rocks on the verge and was advised that the highway authority would not permit them on highway land. Cllr. Ney said that the white lining on the edge of the road was noisy to the vehicle driver but not heard by residents. Cllr. Jackson asked whether rumble strips were a possibility further out of the village away from dwellings and reminded Members of the rejection of the traffic calming measures trialled some years ago. Those measures had resulted in a number of accidents. Cllr. Jackson said whilst we were not taking a decision tonight his inclination was that we should go with the scheme but he also supported investigation of Mr. Gwynne`s request for a “give way” (such as in Crondall) which would seriously slow traffic coming into the village. Cllr. Ney confirmed that the plan tabled tonight was a first draft and Hart were asking for views from the parish and this was not the plan which would be put forward for approval.

ACTION: Cllrs study proposals map for October meeting.

170/08 FOOTPATHS

(i) Footpaths 2/14 footbridge

Cllr. Ney advised work had not commenced on 8 September but was scheduled to begin tomorrow.

171/08 LEA GREEN

(ii) Footway

The Chairman advised that as a result of the site meeting the way forward suggested was to get a flyer to send out with the Parish Newsletter. Cllr. Jackson advised Members that the Fleet Town Access Plan had a proposal in it for a path and if we were to go ahead with Cllr. Appleton`s suggestion for another scheme that would mean two large paths across the green. He would like both schemes exposed in the flyer because he believed two paths would have an unacceptable impact on the playing area of green. He asked the Clerk to get a detailed map of the route proposed in the FTAP.

ACTION: Clerk

172/08 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Police Beat Survey – Zebon Copse on 24 September between 7 and 9 pm.

Get With Playscheme review – RAF Odiham 16 October 2 till 5 pm (pls car share).

173/08 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – (Exclusion of Press & Public)

The Chairman advised that the business to be discussed was not of a confidential nature and did not require the exclusion of public and press.

174/08 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Cllr. Ney advised that the Grounds Maintenance contractor had used a flail mower on a tractor to do the pruning. He had spoken to the Managing Director who had promised to visit the site. We need to send a letter of complaint. The work had left open spaces to the horse field; inappropriate damage to the surface of the ground; damage to fixtures and fittings; inappropriate effects of flailing back of vegetation – leaving it a trail of destruction; flailed off chunks of bushes and stumps left within the field area – decapitated trees.

ACTION: Clerk – response requested by end of month.

Quotations had been sought to cut back shrubbery around the older children`s play area and for planting to fill the holes/gaps in fence between the field and the sports ground and removal of all arisings from site. The quotations were tabled and after debate Members resolved to accept both quotations.

ACTION: Cllr. Ney to advise RFO

Crisis Management – it was proposed that Standing Orders be amended to permit any two councillors to authorise purchase orders up to a maximum total of £1000 in any given month.

RESOLVED that SO be amended as above.

Cllr. Jackson advised that the tenders for VCC had all come in well over budget as a consequence of which the refurbishment had to be scaled down to permit it to happen within budget. The final revised costings are still awaited and therefore the final form of the refurbishment is still not known. Cllr. Ney tabled the latest version of the Agreement received late this evening from our solicitor. He then explained the rationale behind item 4.5.4 but Cllr. Jackson said he remained violently opposed to it. There are checks and balances elsewhere and this is not necessary; as indicated by the heading, this paragraph should refer only to income, not to all contracts. After further debate it was:

RESOLVED: CVPC authorises the Proper Officer to sign the Agreement for Sale and Management of VCC on behalf of CVPC subject to prior approval by the Velmead Negotiating Team of the revised contents of Clause 4.5.4 and of the contract between Hart and the refurbishment contractor (which will form an annexe to the agreement).

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.