

These are the Crookham Village Parish Council unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 1 December 2008. Please refer to the Minutes of the January 2009 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
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)

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

218/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Sinka, who was detained in Milton Keynes.

219/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman advised that he would be bringing forward items on the Agenda in order to accommodate Cllr. Johnny Fielding to speak on item 11 and to accommodate Members of the public with an interest in item 14. For ease of reference these items will be Minuted in Agenda order.

220/08 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 NOVEMBER 2008

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

221/08 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. Cllrs. Simon Ambler and David Jackson also declared an interest in item 7 (iii) as both are Members of the Basingstoke Canal Association. All interests were non-prejudicial.

222/08 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.

223/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation and this was so Resolved. Jane Walden asked Members to reverse the decision to let the red telephone box go. She had not been aware that it was under threat, wishes to retain it because it is a landmark in the village. Paul West said there had been no consultation with the village before the decision was made, he wishes to keep it and queried the cost of maintenance. He suggested that villagers take it in turn to maintain it or it could be sealed. John Bragg queried whether sealing was a good idea. Christine Jordon suggested the box could be used for local information. The Chairman reminded Members and the public that the closing date for responses had passed and whatever decision might be arrived at it could well be too late and BT may still remove the box. The meeting was then re-convened.

224/08 FINANCE

(i) RFO's Report

The RFO presented her report and responded to questions raised by Members.

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

ACTION: Signed copy to be filed with Minutes.

(ii) Terms of Reference for Finance Cttee

Draft terms of reference produced by the RFO and Cllr. Julia Ambler were handed out and Members were asked to consider these for the January meeting. Some amendments were suggested and these were noted by the RFO.

ACTION: RFO to amend and circulate to Members before January meeting so that they can be adopted at that meeting.

(iii) Basingstoke Canal Funding

Cllr. Ney advised Members that Odiham and Greywell Parish Councils did not wish to contribute to the Canal funding. The Chairman advised that Odiham had since reversed that decision and are now prepared to fund the Canal. Members debated the document setting out the proposals:

Q.1 - Do the Parishes wish to help fund the Basingstoke Canal?

A.1 - No change in this Council's position.

Q.2 - Do the Parishes wish to consider widening the scheme to include other district wide assets?

A. 2 - No this Council does not.

Q.3 - What level of annual per dwelling contribution would be acceptable?

A.3 - Not applicable

Q.4 - For how many years should this agreement remain in force?

A.4 - Two years

Q.5 – Should any contributions be index linked or should the Parishes agree an enhanced figure each year taking into account new projects or increases caused by inflation.

A.5 – To be determined annually through a budget meeting with the Canal Authority.

(iv) Leaf Blowing

An estimate was received from Andy Fisk for leaf blowing on Parish footpaths. Cllr. Jackson produced a map showing the routes to be covered and Members were happy with this.

RESOLVED: to accept the quotation for leaf blowing – work to be undertaken anytime from 8 December onwards.

ACTION: RFO provide map to A. Fisk

(v) Barclays Bank

The RFO asked Members to sign a new mandate as the first one appeared to have been lost by Barclays. When all had signed she advised Members that she would be sending this copy by Special Delivery.

ACTION: RFO

225/08 RESCISION OF RESOLUTION UNDER MIN 157/08 – BT CONSULTATION ON REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE BOX

The Chairman confirmed that three Members of the Council had served the required notice under Standing Orders and if Members vote in favour of this resolution it then permits debate on the Consultation again.

RESOLVED to rescind Resolution under Min 157/08.

Members then debated the merits of either adopting or fostering the red telephone box.

Cllr. Crawley said he would like the Council to keep the box, especially in view of the strength of feeling from the public. Cllr. Ashton did not believe it would be viable as a working box. Cllr. Jackson said the box was a burden with little advantages due to the maintenance required. However, if villagers maintain it then maybe something could be worked out. He suggested that perhaps the CVA might take on the village side of it and this found favour with Members. Cllr. Ney said people would not be happy if they went to use the phone and found the box was empty.

RESOLVED: to ask BT to permit the Council to adopt the box by paying £1 for it.

ACTION: Clerk – urgently contact BT.

226/08 PUBLICATION SCHEME REVIEW

Members had all received copies of the existing Publication Scheme and the Clerk advised that she had downloaded the FOI scheme which Members needed to adopt before the 1st January 2009. She explained that the new scheme commits the Council to proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including

environmental information, which is held by the Council and which falls within the following classes:

Who we are and what we do.

What we spend and how we spend it.

What our priorities are and how we are doing.

How we make decisions.

Our Policies and Procedures.

Lists and Registers

The Services we offer.

RESOLVED to adopt the Model Publication Scheme as set out by the ICO.

ACTION: Clerk to publicise on noticeboards and also to be put on the Website.

227/08 TAXI SHARE SCHEME

Members all had sight of the email from Kevin Ings with regard to the possibility of introducing a taxi share scheme within the parish. Cllr. Johnny Fielding addressed Members and spoke about how Community Transport might address the needs of CVPC residents. He handed out the Community Transport Briefing Document and the Community Transport Review Plan – Key milestones. An outline review had been called by the HDAPC IN 2002 and this had been done in most parishes via questionnaires. There had been some Community Transport “Call and Go” which is currently subsidised by HCC, HDC and the unparished (as yet) areas of Fleet and Church Crookham. However, it is unlikely to continue to be subsidised to the same amount in the coming financial year and £50k needs to be raised. CVPC view is to see if more people can use the service; aim to make information available. He would like the Council to advise if any changes from the initial questionnaires in 2002. There are other resources – there might be spare capacity in Hart Voluntary Care Groups. Cllr. Fielding asked the following questions: ask HCC for full data of Call and Go Service; Crondall Taxi Share Scheme – request information on how it is being used; ask Cllrs. Davies and Appleton for information on unparished areas; contact Hampshire Mini buses – 11 organisations in Hart; need to know what is needed and what is currently available and then try matching what is there to what is needed. Need info from CVPC by end of December/first week of January 2009.

Do we have feedback re call and go: why don't people use it. Is taxi share scheme available? Are any formal/informal neighbour groups operating already? Scout Group transport.

Cllr. Jackson said none of this was feasible before December. It should be possible to put a telephone number in the Newsletter for the Call and Go so that people can register and it can be put on the Website. Cllr. Ambler asked about budget implications. Cllr. Fielding said that was something for the 2011/2012 budget. Members felt that with regard to the next financial year our work will not influence it. The question was raised as to how charges would be allocated amongst the parishes – perhaps by usage.

ACTION: Clerk

228/08 FLEET CROOKHAM & CRONDALL WELFARE TRUST

The Clerk advised that our nominee had declined to undertake the position. Members were given a short briefing on what was expected of a Trustee. It was decided to invite Mrs. Ann Kay to our January meeting to give Members an idea of exactly what is involved.

ACTION: Clerk.

229/08 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Nothing to report.

(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.

230/08 STREET LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

231/08 HIGHWAYS

(i) Redfields Lane/287 Junction

Cllr. Ney advised that it was all finished. Members expressed concerns that the junction now appears to be busier than ever and it was agreed that Cllr. Ney would ask HCC for a traffic count off the two signs.

ACTION: Cllr. Ney.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

The Chairman had met with HCC Officers at Hook. They were still adamant that they could not provide a footway. They did not believe that they had also proposed to put a white line down Pilcot Road which would act as a pedestrian refuge and said that this would not be possible due to the road width. They said what they had proposed was to put white edge lining along the length of the road and to reduce the 40 mph down to 30mph so that both villages are 30mph. They also propose to put priority markings on the bridge by the Queens Head. This is scheduled to be done early in the New Year.

(iii) Crondall Road – Traffic Speed

SIDs – manufacturer advises that no training is required for erection of the SIDs and permission is only required from HDC or HCC if their street furniture is involved.

Cllr. Jackson asked for further information about a scheme he had learned of where groups of residents worked with the police and speed cameras - he would like to know how it worked.

ACTION: Clerk

231/08 FOOTPATHS

(i) Footpaths 2/14 Footbridge

Members Resolved to accept the quotation for an additional rail on the boardwalk. Ask the contract to put in the extra missing bit so that both sides match. Ask the proprietor of Albany stables to re-erect the gate and fencing to prevent the free passage of horses to both ends of the boardwalk as they are causing a huge amount of poaching which is very very muddy and it was understood that when the boardwalk was to be erected that this would be done.

ACTION: Cllr. Ney

232/08 LEA GREEN

(i) Play Area Inspections

No problems.

233/08 YOUTH PROVISION

Cllr. Jackson said it was very disappointing that the Youth Service cannot connect with our young people. We know they are around and we suggest that the Youth workers come back just after school closes. There have been several major law and order incidents over the past twelve months.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Charlotte

With regard to the VCC adventure play area the Clerk advised that this has been held up and Strategic Leisure hope to get it moving again soon. Cllr Jackson advised that he believed the hold up came from problems with the spend at Yateley – where residents are objecting very strongly. He was very unhappy that we had not been kept in the picture.

ACTION: Clerk to write and complain and cc Carl Westby.

234/08 PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Crawley had sent out some drafts to the Planning Cttee for comment and he hopes to follow it up, after talking to Tony Clarke, with a meeting on 6 January 2009.

ACTION: Cllr. Crawley

235/08 WEBSITE

Work continues and further input to come from Tony Clark on canal defences and a request to CVA for some village-type information to put on it.

236/08 STANDING ORDERS

All Members had received a copy and the Chairman asked them to give this consideration and advise of any amendments and it would be brought back to the January meeting for approval.

ACTION: Members

237/08 PARISH NEWSLETTER

More editorial requested from members. A287 needs some more lines plus a photo of Robert Ney. Boardwalk needs picture. Crondall Road Traffic calming it was agreed to produce the scheme in A3 format (using two sides of newsletter). Community Transport and photo of Pauline. Noticeboard. Cllr. Crawley had done a bit about Iris Knight, a bit about Clerk and 25 years and lack of consultation on footpath at Lea Green. VCC to update Noel Dent – David will produce.

End of this week. Members Resolved to hold a Public Meeting mid January under the heading Traffic in the Parish and date to be included in the newsletter – Monday 19 January WI Hall 8pm.

ACTION: MEMBERS

238/08 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

HLC

Wildlife & Heritage Trails Open Meeting –
Agenda Item – formatting of Minutes.

Clerk to advise HDC litter bin top missing.

Quite a few problems with children on the copse, involving the police and warning letters.

Winter entertainment – 28 February fish & chip supper – Crookham Players.

The Chairman asked for further names for the airport trip on the 16 December as there were still some spaces on the group.

A request was made to ask if HCC if they would put up a mirror to assist with sight lines. The Chairman and Cllr. Radley agreed to have a site visit with Alex Petrockski.

ACTION: Cllrs. Ambler and Radley.

239/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

2 February 2009
6 April 2009) **(Annual Parish Meeting)**

5 January 2009
2 March 2009

225/08 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – (Exclusion of Public & Press)

The Chairman did not move exclusion of press and public due to the non-confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

226/08 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

As far as the Chairman is aware tenders went out on 17 November and an email was sent from Carl Westby asking if the final agreement from CVPC solicitor. Cllr. Ney said as far as he was aware HDC are taking over the land from Martin Grant. Tenders are due to be opened by 16 December and assessed by Macallan Penfold and Carl Westby should have the information by 22 December and do we wish to meet? Members agreed to have a meeting on Monday 22 December.

The meeting closed at 11.10 pm.