

These are the Crookham Village Parish Council unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 3 November 2008. Please refer to the Minutes of the December 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 Cllr. Jenny Radley and Ward Cllr. Richard Appleton.

The Chairman advised Members that today was Cllr. Jackson`s birthday and he was wished a very happy birthday.

197/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Indra Sinka and District Cllrs. Bennison and Davies.

198/08 CHAIRMAN`S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Nothing to report.

199/08 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6 OCTOBER 2008

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

200/08 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.

201/08 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.

202/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present.

203/08 FINANCE

(i) RFO`s Report

The RFO presented her report and responded in detail to matters raised by Members. Members queried where the costs should be allocated for the boardwalk. This was problematic as HCC had agreed to adopt the unit provided it had been built to their specification. As this had been done to the requirement of HCC it was agreed that a formal letter be sent confirming that they now had the ownership of the boardwalk and, as agreed, they would now be responsible for its future upkeep. With regard to the Final Accounts the Audit Commission had requested a slight amendment and requested that it be countersigned by the RFO and Chairman. This was agreed and the amendment was made and duly signed. With regard to the deposit accounts – these were all in instant access accounts but the Barclays account could not be activated until all Councillors had called into Barclays personally.

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

ACTION: Clerk

The Chairman reminded Members that it had been proposed that we set up a Finance Cttee and he asked for volunteers. Cllr. Crawley said he could see no reason for such a Cttee and the Chairman and Cllr. Jackson said that with the VCC issue and the need to deal with some issues in Confidential session it would be better to have a Cttee which could deal with finances, get quotations etc., outside of the full Council meeting and report back to that Meeting.

RESOLVED: Cllrs. Julia Ambler and the RFO to meet and agree terms of reference and bring them back to the December meeting.

ACTION: RFO and Cllr. Julia Ambler

204/08 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Jackson asked that the cutting down of trees be something to be considered when we come to the Parish Plan item.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries raised by Members. The Committee had raised concerns about the increased likelihood of flooding as a result of some applications. There are still issues with the plans for applications not getting on the website in time for the Planning Cttee to look at them prior to commenting. Clearly this will be an issue when all responses have to be via electronic consultation.

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Cttee was accepted.

ACTION: RFO 5 copies on noticeboards.

Cllr. Crawley asked about the TAG meeting tomorrow evening. At this point Cllr Appleton arrived and he confirmed to Members that the invitation had extended to Parish Councillors but they did need to advise TAG for security purposes. They should respond to the email which had been sent out.

ACTION: Interested Cllrs.

Cllr. Jackson asked what the position was with regard to getting the equipment for the e-consultation equipment. The Clerk advised that she had heard nothing back from Robert Jackson. Cllr. Crawley said he had been advised that this equipment was in the Leisure Centre and that we should use that facility. This was not felt to meet local interests. The Parish Planning Forum said we had to provide a costed assessment if we wanted to put proposals for S106 moneys. Cllr. Ney said at the HDAPC meeting the Chief Executive of Hart had advised that this was a proposal at this time. The Chairman invited Cllr. Appleton to comment and he advised that there was something which said that parishes should put forward what they want done and then HDC can try to incorporate these wishes in future talks with developers.

ACTION: Members to consider projects and bring them forward to the budget meeting.

205/08 STREET LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

206/08 HIGHWAYS

(i) Redfields Lane/287 Junction

Cllr. Ney advised that the sign was installed on 9 October. There were some concerns as to whether it was actually working properly – Members felt that it was variable.

ACTION: Cllr. Ney to check out with HCC.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

Further attempts to have a meeting met with failure – the Clerk and Chairman arrived for a meeting but officers were absent. More dates have been put forward.

(iii) Crondall Road – Traffic Speed

SIDs prices were received. Crondall Road has an HDC SID erected for the next two weeks. Cllr. Jackson said we needed to make sure that it operated 24 hours a day as a previous one had not. Members agreed to consider these at the budget meeting and it will be mentioned in the Newsletter.

ACTION: Clerk

207/08 FOOTPATHS

(i) Footpaths 2/14 Footbridge

The footbridge is to have further rails and mesh floor covering added. When completed the Clerk will seek the 50% grant funding and also the offer of £1,000 from another budget which the CAF sought in the light of the increased cost of the project to meet the adoption standard of HCC. Cllr. Jackson agreed to provide a photo of completed additions for CAF.

ACTION: Clerk

208/08 LEA GREEN

(i) Play Area Inspections

No problems.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Adam Green ref grass cutting.

(ii) Footway

A footway had been installed without prior consultation with the Parish Council nor indeed with affected residents. Cllr. Appleton said he had mentioned it at meetings and he was lobbied by some residents to get on with it. Members voiced their concerns at the action of HDC and pointed out the uproar which had arisen as a result of HDC installing a path across the green between Jesset Drive and Brandon Road. T

209/08 YOUTH PROVISION

With regard to the VCC adventure play area a 3 weeks lead time is required to remove the fencing to permit access to the site for the boulder. Cllr. Jackson updated Members with the way Strategic Leisure had suddenly endeavoured to change the original site without any consultation with the Parish. The end result is to return to the original site and for that we need tracking of 105 metres. The lottery grant did not include the tracking. June Felix of HAG will be contacted with regard to the cost of the tracking in the event that we are unsuccessful with our request to the Army.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr. Jackson

210/08 PARISH PLAN

Cllr. J. Ambler said she had carried out her action but had heard nothing further from anyone. Cllr. Crawley asked where we were and was advised that we were endeavouring to contact our earlier contacts. Cllr. Crawley said it appeared that there was a lot of work which had been done and it really needed moving on now. He proposed that he become the lead on the project and this was accepted with thanks. He wanted a whole draft proposal to put before the Parish Council and he understood the time constraints which other Members had. Cllr. Jackson said he believed that we needed to ensure the whole of the parish is represented and he suggested that the drafting group contain someone from the Zebon Copse ward. The Chairman said that the original purpose was that Parish Plans were put together by residents not by the Parish Council. The original group had had 3 volunteers from the village but since we wished to get this finished Cllr. Jackson proposed that we get on and finish it even if it is not perfect. He was happy to help with the draft if no one else from the Copse came forward. Netherhouse Moor could also do with someone inputting if someone could be found. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Crawley and said he believed the original format could be followed. Clerk to advise Cllr. Crawley of name of previous resident of Netherhouse Moor who had served as a Councillor.

ACTION: Cllr. Crawley and Cllr. Jackson and Clerk.

211/08 WEBSITE

Work in progress. Cllr. Jackson asked whether he could put on the website what had been agreed with regard to the continued use of the VCC prior to re-tendering – this was agreed.

212/08 STANDING ORDERS

Work in progress by Clerk.

213/08 PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Chairman asked for views on a timescale for getting this edition out in the light of the plethora of other newsletters from the CVA and ZCRA. After discussion it was agreed that we must get it out for early December.

ACTION: All Members to send items to Cllr. Julia Ambler within the next two weeks and we must send it for printing by 1st December 2008.

214/08 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There is a requirement to update our Publication Scheme and this will be on the Agenda for December.

There is a public consultation on the Partial Review of the SE Plan with regard to Planning for gypsies travellers and travelling show people in the South East, at the Harlington Centre tomorrow from 1 till 7 pm.

Members had a copy of a letter from the Ramblers Asscn and it was agreed that we respond and ask them what they want to do. AGENDA ITEM.

Cllr. Ashton said he had attended the Planning Training session at Hart which had been in two parts and he gave Members an update on what had been covered.

The Clerk had been requested to accept the offer of a DVD from that course and it was agreed that it should be passed around Members when it is received.

Cllr. Crawley asked what was the position with regard to Canal funding – at the moment it seems to be in the hands of Alistair Clarke. Cllr. Ney passed him a copy of his last email on the subject. AGENDA ITEM.

AGENDA ITEM- FINANCE CTTEE & TERMS OF REFERENCE

There was also an opportunity for getting flood warnings and Cllr. Jackson said it would be appropriate to put this in the Newsletter to alert residents at risk of flooding.

With regard to the invitation to HDC budget consultation – he would be interested in attending with Cllr. Julia Ambler.

Leaf blowing AGENDA ITEM. Cllr. Jackson will send a map for the Clerk to get a quotation.

Cllr. Jenny Radley said the Aerodrome Forum meets again this week and the TAG draft master plan will be on display at various venues – she will advise the Clerk in due course.

The Clerk advised she had attended the Hart & Rushmoor Transport Forum and Members wished her to follow up on the Crondall Taxi Share scheme.

AGENDA ITEM.

215/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

1 December 2008

5 January 2009

2 February 2009

2 March 2009

6 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

216/08 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – (Exclusion of Public & Press)

The Chairman said there was nothing confidential and therefore he would not move exclusion of press and public.

217/08 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The Chairman advised that everything had to go back out to re-tender and revised drawings are being produced and there are two potential schemes in order to keep within the funding allocated. There is a wide disparity in the costs – over £100k between contractors. The invitations go out on the 11 November and they have 3 weeks to reply. Until they come back in we do not know what the timescales are. Informally we are looking at next summer for the work to be carried out and what has been said is that the schedule for work needs to be determined by calculating backwards from the start of the new September term. It must be open for business by the beginning of the September term. It is important to keep the hall in use until such time as the contractors start. Cllr. Jackson advised that whilst a planning meeting had been taking place young people had been kicking balls at the windows. Cllr. Ney said there was a problem with moles and he wanted permission to get someone into get rid of them. It was suggested he approach Patrick Grace.

The meeting closed at 10 pm.