

These are the unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 5 February 2008 please refer to the Minutes of the March 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
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)

In attendance: PC Nelson, Cllr. Jenny Radley, Cllr. Richard Appleton and
Cllr. Tim Davies

022/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Indra Sinka (work commitments).

023/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman said that since we had such a large agenda and some weighty items if necessary he would adjourn the meeting to another evening in order that they were given ample consideration.

024/08 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 JANUARY 2008

The Minutes were signed as a true record by the Chairman and thanks were expressed to the RFO for deputising so efficiently for the Clerk.

025/08 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. Ambler declared an interest in the Parish Review item as a Hart Councillor. Cllr. Hall with regard to boundary fencing to the Community Centre. All the declarations of interest were of a personal nature and were non-prejudicial interests.

026/08 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.

027/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (time limit of 3 minutes per person)

The Chairman sought permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. A resident raised the issue of the Parish Review and said she had spoken over the years to many of the Zebon Copse residents and she felt there is a strong sense of identity within the Copse. Although the postal code states Church Crookham she feels that they do not identify with the community of Church Crookham but do identify with the Parish of Crookham Village. Cllrs. Appleton and Radley briefly spoke about the issue. The matter is being dealt with tomorrow evening at the Democratic Structures Working Party and Cllr. Radley hopes to attend. The Chairman then closed the meeting to the public.

028/08 YOUTH SHELTER

The Chairman welcomed PC John Nelson, who works in the safer neighbourhoods beat. PC Nelson outlined the area he covers and said he shares it with a colleague. He was advised that there is no proposal by the Parish Council to install a Youth Shelter, only Cllr. Crawley investigating the implications. He advised that the Youth Shelter has only come to his attention during the last few weeks. He had received an email which had originally gone to PC Sexton and had also received an email from a resident of Netherhouse Moor. He said that Lea Green has been a problem with under age drinking and riding motorbikes around Netherhouse Moor. He had compiled statistics and has divided them into four areas. The crimes record for Netherhouse Moor, Swan Way and Hawkins Grove were as follows for 2007:

Criminal damage	Rowdy Behaviour	Thefts	Assaults
5 incidents	24 incidents	7 incidents	1 incident (this was closer to the Lea)

Swan Way produced the highest statistics. He believes that what concerns most people is underage drinking/youths causing excessive noise.

However, these are quite low statistics compared with the whole of Hart.

He would like to know what was being proposed in terms of the Youth Shelter. Cllr. Crawley said this was discussed many years ago and it was to engage with the youth in the planning and design of a shelter where they could meet their friends away from close surveillance. This had been put forward by a Thames Valley Police Report and this has been supported by other bodies. It builds up better understanding between young people and older people. Over the years we have received complaints about behaviour but we needed evidence to substantiate the alleged incidents. Cllr. Crawley believed that by putting a Shelter at the end of Lea Green, closer to the Lea, this would alleviate the rowdy behaviour which is alleged happens closer to Swan Way. The Police report stated that a Youth Shelter did not lead to drug/drink abuse. One problem with the Lea is that the site is not very open to surveillance which the report says is a requirement. That is the background. PC Nelson said that Safer Neighbourhood Policing is all about prevention rather than cure. He thinks that a shelter is a good idea but is concerned that if it is not under surveillance then underage drinking/drug taking may well take place. Cllr. Crawley said there were open spaces within the Lea area which might be suitable for such a shelter.

Cllr. Jackson said at the moment this was not a PLAN only an idea which was being explored. PC Nelson said from the residents email it appeared that this was an action. Cllr. Appleton said HDC figures support those of PC Nelson and he did not believe that there was a space anywhere on the Lea estate. The Chairman said since the topic has been resurrected perhaps more work is needed to find a location. He wondered whether PC Nelson, Cllrs. Crawley and Appleton could get together. Cllr. Jackson asked whether the Youth Service was involved with the Lea problems, and since it is now crossing Parish boundaries it should be dealt with at the Hart Council level. PC Nelson said there was one highly relevant issue with regard to the Lea in that there is a gang there which

has caused the Police a huge amount of problems. He hopes that once this “gang” reach adulthood the problems will disperse and there will be a fresh young generation. If a site can be found for a Youth Shelter he believes it is an excellent idea but thinks it needs to be sited in a well lit and trafficked area. PC Nelson said he would like to see whether The Point could be more publicised to young people.

ACTION: PC Nelson, Cllr. Appleton and Cllr. Crawley to see how best to progress this. Cllr. Appleton said he would be happy to follow this up.

029/08 PARISH REVIEW

The Chairman said this had briefly been discussed at the last meeting and Members had decided to await the results of the ballot of the unparished area. The key results for CVPC were that overall 33.76% of residents had responded - 77.6% of whom wanted a parish. He referred to the paper which this Council needs to respond to in which there were four areas for consideration but with the opportunity to provide other options. Cllr. Crawley had put out a paper to residents of the old village and to which 2 residents had replied.

Option 1 – Boundary improvements – this Council had made proposals in 1999/2000 and he asked whether there were any suggestions/proposals in addition to our original proposals.

RESOLVED: Our proposed boundary alterations to be supported and resubmitted – unanimously in favour.

Option 2 – Moving of half of the open space of Lea Green.

RESOLVED: Members have no strong feelings either way since the proposed change does not involve any properties Members are neutral on this proposal.

Option 3 – Movement of Zebon parish ward into a new Parish created by the unparished area ballot. Reason because 64% of those balloted believed they lived in Church Crookham whilst 20% believed they lived in Zebon. There was a very lengthy and wide ranging debate on the issue. There was a very strong feeling amongst Members that Zebon Copse should remain with the Parish. It was felt that the mix of urban and rural worked very well together and the turmoil which the change would cause to the village would go on and on and there would be pressure on the village to join with one community or another. There are strong community links between Zebon Copse and the Village and there is a lack of such links into the rest of Church Crookham.

RESOLVED: That the present wards remain in the parish. Netherhouse Moor identifies with the Parish in the sense of place survey and only a small percentage of residents of Zebon Copse identified with Church Crookham because it is a postal address and there be no change to the current arrangements. Furthermore, in the event that a change is imposed upon us it would be sensible to move the boundary to cover the Community Centre.

Option 4 – Not relevant.

There was then further debate on changing the name of the village ward to “old village ward”. A vote was taken but was lost.

030/08 THAMES BASIN HEATHS CONSULTATION

Members had all had sight of the document and it was agreed that a response be made this evening on a question by question basis. After 20 minutes and just 3 questions it was agreed that the Clerk would send the individual responses as well as ticking the boxes in line with the comments received.

Copy responses to Cllr. David Neighbour (Hart Seera representative).

RESOLVED: Members comments to be sent in together with the boxes ticked as per Members views e.g. 3 in favour 3 against.

Action: Clerk

031/08 WASTE BINS

Cllr. Jackson said the issue for which he had asked for this on the Agenda had now been resolved. Remove from Agenda.

032/08 FINANCE

(i) RFO's Report

1. Interest received from the Bank of Ireland for the month of December was £498.44
2. The following transactions (all cleared) were made between the last meeting and today:

Nat West Current Account

Cheque no / Direct Debit/ BACS	Payee	Item	Gross Amount (£)
Payments			
DD	Virgin Media	Clerk's Internet Account (January)	14.99
DD	British Telecom	Clerk's BT Line	57.95
		Total	£72.94
Lodgements			
BAC	HM Customs	Refund Oct-Dec 2007	192.92
		Total	£192.92

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

Cheque no/ DD/BAC	Payee	Item	Gross Amount (£)
Cheques – NW			
000192	Angela Sayers	Data flame Anti- spam & virus protection	21.15
000193	Information Commissioner	Data Protection – annual Subscription	35.00
000194	Brian Leversha	Refreshments- VCC meeting 17/01/08	67.51
000195	CPRE	Annual subscription – Campaign to protect rural England	28.00
000196	LexisNexis Butterworths	Arnold Baker Local Council Administration	55.05
000197	HALC	Seminar 19 th June 2008	30.00
000198	HDC	Hall Hire – 4 th December 2007	48.65
		Total	£285.36

Lodgements	–		
NW			0.00
		Total	£0.00

4. Bank balances

Bank of Ireland as at 31 st January 2008 – per statement	£107,432.91
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Nat West Bank as at 31 st January 2008 – per statement	£631.86
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Note

Nat West Bank

Seven cheques totalling £285.36 (as above) remained uncleared for January 2008. There were no outstanding lodgements. This means there is £346.50 available.

Bank of Ireland

There were no outstanding cheques or lodgements. This means there is £107,432.91 available.

5. Other

Nothing to report.

E&OE.

RESOLVED: Members accepted the Report of the RFO.

033/08 PLANNING

(i) TREES

No tree applications.

(ii) REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Jackson took members through his planning report for the month and said there was really nothing he felt he needed to highlight for Members.

RESOLVED: Members accepted the planning report.

ACTION: RFO 5 copies to post on notice boards.

Cllr. Jackson advised that we had not been consulted on the detailed Pyestock Planning Application 03197/Major but he sought permission of Members to respond with objections as per this Council's previous response to the outline application.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to this course of action.

Action: Cllr. Jackson

034/08 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Lea Green

All okay with weekly checks. Members need to consider the replacement of the Matta Safety Surfacing in 3 years time. Annual Rospa Safety Check is booked for May.

(ii) Community Transport

Cllr. Brooks said that she had been advised by a resident that the number 71 service was being withdrawn from its Farnham route. A call had been made to HCC but they did not know about this. It was suggested that the lady ask her child's college if there are other students from the area who could do taxi sharing.

(iii) Youth Provision

All Members had been copied in on the Youth Service email regarding the implementation of the photo project. Cllr. Jackson expressed his disappointment that we were not made aware of the changes to the project until we chased up answers. He said that a Member of this Council should be a partner to the whole

project and it was agreed that Charlotte Tickner come along to our March meeting to bring us update with what is happening with the project and the new structure of the Youth Service.

ACTION: Clerk

(iv) Parish Plan

The Chairman advised that Tony Clarke has been working extremely hard and has got a good momentum going and it is hoped to have a Plan out by the end of April. The next meeting of the group is to get the draft together and get it back to the Parish Council to see.

Action: Parish Plan Group

(v) Zephon Common & Crow Act

Awaiting an update from Hedley`s solicitors.

(vi) Parish Newsletter (2 editions)

The Chairman said the next edition would highlight what Parish Councillors do and endeavour to encourage people to put themselves up for election at the May elections. Care had to be taken not to leave it to a point where it could be seen to be electioneering.

(vii) Website

Progressing on schedule. Cllr. Jackson is trialling some techniques of PDF formats over the next couple of weeks.

(viii) Bottle banks Siting

The Clerk had emailed on this subject but it had bounced back. Cllr. Appleton advised that the banks at Netherhouse Moor were to be removed sometime this month. The Chairman was requested (with his HDC hat on) to point out that Members were unhappy with the removal of two bottle banks and considered this an over-reaction to a relatively minor incident.

Action: Chairman

At this point (11 pm) the Chairman adjourned the meeting and it was agreed that it be resumed at 7.45pm on Monday, 18 February 2008, in the WI Hall. At the resumed meeting apologies were received from Cllrs. Ney and Ashton.

(ix) Minerals Safeguarding Areas

Cllr. Hall explained that he had given his one set of documents to Cllr. Radley and had been unable to download a further set for this evening`s meeting. A copy of the footpaths map was tabled and he identified the areas designated for future mineral extraction. These are safeguarded from development until the minerals are “won” from the site. Members confirmed that the areas were actually in the parish of Crondall and asked that the relevant Ward Members were made aware of this.

Action: Clerk

(x) Swingbridge Painting

Cllr. Jackson advised that the Canal Authority had agreed paint the bridge and our Grant of £2,000 had been used for resurfacing. Painting had been delayed initially by weather, but had still not been done which may be because of emergency repairs to the canal.

Action: Clerk to chase up

(xi) Blue Plaque Scheme

Members confirmed that the actual garage site of Mr. Entiknapp (who made and maintained Mr. Cody`s engines) was within the Church Crookham boundary and that any application for a blue plaque would have to go through Hart Council.

Action: Clerk to advise Mr. Tony Clarke

035/08 LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

036/08 HIGHWAYS

(i) SID data

Cllr. Crawley had downloaded some of the data but did not have a clear picture from this. Cllr. Jackson said he would get the raw data sorted and then Members could decide how to move forward on this.

Action: Cllr. Jackson

Members were concerned at the speed of vehicles in Crondall Road and requested that the SID be booked and request that it be sited as close as possible to the exit by the Wharf car park – on the side coming into the village – but ensure that it is far enough away from the 40mph sign.

Action: Clerk

(ii) A287/Redfields Junction

Cllr. Ney had sent a written report. The Head of Safety Engineering at HCC (Peter Critchal) now has responsibility for installing the remaining electronic sight on the westbound side of the A287. The electrical power was connected and the post erected during the first week of February 2008. HCC have arranged for the slot cutting in the road for the aerial loops and the electronic sign is to be attached to the post in week 9 (the last week of February).

(iii) Pilcot Road footpath

The Chairman reported on his meeting with Highways officers. They believe that there is insufficient pedestrian traffic to warrant a footway and there is insufficient funding available. They are proposing to put a 1 metre wide strip for pedestrian traffic on one side of the road and will remove the centre white line. They also intend to extend the 30mph limit right up to Dogmersfield 30 mph limit. The Chairman said he did not believe that there would be objections to these schemes – pedestrian safety is of paramount importance. However, since the meeting he had looked at the road and he did not believe it was wide enough at some points for a 1 metre strip. He had also challenged the tarmac footway and had insisted that it be a rural footway – an officer said that this might prove more expensive. There was an issue also with the utilities – all the utility companies needed to be contacted and HCC officer time to do this would cost. The Clerk had volunteered to contact the utilities on behalf of HCC.

Action: Clerk

037/08 FOOTPATHS

(i) Footpaths 2 and 14

Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said that the stile had been repaired by Cdmr Grace. She then asked that the Chairman responded to Graham Plumb with regard to his role. She was also very cross that she had received a folder, some 4 months after it had started to circulate, which had contained information on Grant for resurfacing of footpaths. Lengthy debate took place on how to prevent horses from digging up the footpath.

ACTION: Clerk to invite to Phil Allen and Graham Plumbe to the March meeting. Thanks to be sent to Cdmr Grace for his work on the stile.

(ii) Hillyburrow copse fencing

Cllr. Hall had contacted all the relevant parties of Albany Farm and had received permission for the Parish Council to have the copse fenced. It will consist of two strands of plain wire with a top strand of barbed wired fixed to wooden posts.

Cllr. Hall will measure out the area to be covered and advise the Clerk so she can get quotations.

Action: Cllr. Hall

038/08 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS

The Fleet sign at Malthouse Bridge is much less prominent than the large sign advertising HCC Improvements. The HDC sign should be removed and the Fleet sign placed more prominently on the vacated pole. With regard to the 7.5 tonne weight restriction Members asked that HCC advise them which roads in the village are subject to this restriction and where the signs are located.

039/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, 3 March 2008, at 7.45 in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village.

Members were reminded that the Safer Neighbourhoods Policing presentation will be at 7pm.

Meetings for 2008, all commencing at 7.45 pm, are as follows:

**WI HALL
MONDAY**

12 May (**Annual General Meeting**)
7 July 2008
6 October 2008
1 December 2008

**VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY**

8 April (**Annual Parish Meeting**)
3 June 2008
2 September 2008
4 November 2008

040/08 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Chairman advised that he would be moving exclusion of the Press and Public under Schedule 12A Section 1001 of LGA 1972 as there was contractual or financial information which might be disclosed during debate on this item.

041/08 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

A further grounds maintenance quotation was tabled and Members asked that two items of work be removed from the schedule. With those two omissions the further quotation was accepted. Cllr. Jackson agreed to inform Mrs. Gandy, who was preparing the draft contract for this Council.

Action: Cllr. Jackson

The resumed meeting closed at 8.45 pm.