

These are the unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 6 October 2008. Please refer to the Minutes of the November 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: District Cllr. Davies.

175/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Indra Sinka and District Cllrs. Radley, Bennison and Appleton.

176/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Nothing to report.

177/08 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2008

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

178/08 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.

179/08 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.

180/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present.

181/08 FINANCE

(i) RFO's Report

The RFO presented her report and responded in detail to matters raised by Members.

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

Members raised concerns with regard to dealing with matters which rightly should be covered in a confidential session. After further debate it was agreed to have the setting up of a Finance Committee on the Agenda for the next meeting and the Clerk will clarify the terms of reference of that Committee with regard to a scheme of delegation and the membership.

Permission was sought for Cllr. J. Ambler to attend a training course at a cost of £20.

RESOLVED to pay £20 from the training budget.

(ii) Date for budget meeting

Members decided to meet on Tuesday, 9 December for an informal budget meeting at 8pm in the Chairman's house.

182/08 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Nothing.

(ii) Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications

Cllr. Jackson said that from 15 December 2008 all planning consultation from Hart would be in electronic form only. All applications would be accessible via the UK Planning web site, but because of the download implications, for larger applications the documents would also be sent to the parish on computer disc. All parish councillors involved with planning would need to be on the Internet, whilst for public meetings it will be necessary to use a laptop, projector and screen to view the applications in committee. Because CVPC has no permanent premises, mobile Internet access will also be needed for meetings - ideally via a

3G dongle. One benefit of electronic consultation is that it will be possible for all councillors with web access to participate in planning consultations. CVPC should therefore review its internal planning procedures once the new system is established.

Hart council had offered some support for obtaining the necessary equipment.

CVPC should bid to Hart for the equipment needed for meetings and will need to address insurance, storage and transport arrangements so that the equipment is readily available when required.

RESOLVED: To request from HDC a laptop, a projector, a screen, a mobile 3g dongle and an annual subscription to connect to the Internet."

ACTION: Clerk to email Robert Jackson and Emma Broome at HDC with a bid.

(iii) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries raised by Members. He said that new regulations came into force on 1 October and allows much more freedom for adding extensions etc without needing planning permission. Details can be found on line at

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk>.

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Cttee was accepted.

ACTION: RFO 5 copies on noticeboards.

183/08 STREET LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

184/08 HIGHWAYS

(i) Redfields Lane/287 Junction

HCC have resolved differences with their supplier and it is hoped that the westbound A287 warning sign will be functional from 9 October."

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

The Chairman said he had a meeting arranged for 3 pm on Friday. The Chairman said he was seriously disgruntled because HCC had not even followed through on the measures they were suggesting in place of an actual footway.

(iii) Crondall Road – Traffic Speed

The SID information did not contain prices. Members were asked to express a preference and the Clerk was instructed to seek prices for Minivisor 230 and Speed visor 20, and to find out whether there is a Wi-Fi/Bluetooth connection. Cllr. Ambler advised that the Chairman of the Crondall Road Action Cttee had asked the Parish Council to defer sending an answer HDC until the Action Cttee have consulted all the residents of Crondall Road on the proposals. Members were unhappy that a pressure group should be seeking to consult residents and the Clerk expressed her concern that this could be a one-sided process and that in general residents did not understand what was achievable.

RESOLVED: that, subject to agreement by the originator, an A2 Map of the proposals be put on the noticeboard, Cllr. Jackson to put one on the web site with an email address for comments, and the Parish Newsletter to invite comments to inform the Parish Council's final decision."

ACTION: Cllr. Ney to get permission from John Foggo for the drawing to be put on the web or he can give Cllr. Jackson an electronic copy.

185/08 FOOTPATHS

(i) Footpaths 2/14 Footbridge

The footbridge is completed and looks extremely professional. Further Grant funding to be investigated.

ACTION: Clerk

186/08 LEA GREEN

(i) Play Area Inspections

No problems.

(ii) Footway

Cllr. Jackson had produced a map showing the proposed cycleway track and the suggestion by Cllr. Appleton for another footway across the green. Debate took place on how best to disseminate the information. Cllr. Greenwood said she believed that residents would not

wish to have a path which opened up the area to unwarranted invasion.

ACTION: Cllr. Greenwood to produce some words to go with the diagram which will be an insert in the parish newsletter.

187/08 YOUTH PROVISION

The Clerk advised that she required permission to sign the agreement with HDC for the provision of the boulder. Debate took place on the need for tracking to enable the boulder to be delivered to site and it was suggested that we approach the army for assistance.

Check with HDC that they are happy to see that the boulder is covered under their public liability. Contact Gibraltar Barracks for assistance but stress that we cannot do it at the weekend because of football activities.

RESOLVED: Clerk to sign document.

ACTION: Clerk

188/08 PARISH PLAN

- (i) The Chairman said the text was now complete and we await the photographs from Joan Brooks, Richard Hellier and Tony Clarke. Cllr Jackson said that he was disappointed that there were no clear policy guidelines yet in the document - it was more important at this stage to get the text right than to worry about layout and illustrations. Cllr. Crawley felt that the document should go back to the working group for its comments and for it to be reported back to this Council. Cllr. J. Ambler said that given we do not have a body of residents to run with this we need to pull up a list out of this to put on the Action plan and then get it prioritised by that working group.

ACTION: Cllr. Julia Ambler

189/08 WEBSITE

Work in progress.

ACTION: Cllr. Crawley was asked to get the CVA to put forward an entry outlining the village.

190/08 STANDING ORDERS

Work in progress by Clerk.

191/08 REPORT ON HLC AGM

Cllr. Jackson said votes were taken on 3 items – new fees; withdrawal of policing for public events (Cllr. Sinka and he had agreed to object to this because when it was discussed it came out that the Police were not entitled to close roads – it was down to the organisers to apply for road closures) - the motion was therefore incorrect but was carried by a majority; electronic banking (Cllr. Jackson had asked that they also consider the banks in this issue). It was quite well attended and the most impressive person present was the Assistant Chief Constable.

192/08 PARISH NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL

There were a number of good news items and Cllr. Jackson said he would produce an article on electronic planning and there were also the consultation items. **The deadline for receipt of articles is by the end of the month.** Cllr. Jackson offered to do the typesetting and this offer was accepted with thanks. Cllr. J. Ambler will be the editor. Draft to come back to November meeting.

ACTION: All.

193/08 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Transport Reps Meeting – Cllr. J. Ambler will attend.

HDAPC meeting – Cllr. Ney will attend.

Consultation on Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs and Enforcement of Byelaws Consultation. Put in Circ folder.

Invitations received to Chairman`s Civic Service and Dinner.

Parking in Harlington Way – cost Cllr. Jackson £1.60 for two hours to attend a meeting in Hart Council – what can be done about this.

Members were advised of Consultation on Thames Basin SPA on the Hart Website – pls check it out and respond accordingly.

194/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

3 November

1 December

ACTION: Clerk to re-book VCC

195/08 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – (Exclusion of Public & Press)

The Chairman moved exclusion of press and public.

196/08 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The Chairman advised Members that there had been a lot of protracted negotiations with the contractors who are still coming back in over budget. There is a VCC meeting tomorrow evening to discuss a way forward. Users have been turfed out – no contracts awarded and vandalism is now rife. Debate took place on whether it was feasible to fund the shortfall and Members declined to explore this route. Cllr. J. Ambler offered to attend the meeting on Wednesday – with the remit to find out what went wrong with the first process. She advised that this might take more than one meeting.

The Clerk expressed her concern that HDC had sent out documentation naming CVPC as being party to the content.

RESOLVED: Members wished the project to go ahead but with a realistic timetable from the start: The process needs to be that tenders are invited and accepted and then a date set for work to commence and users notified accordingly.

Members confirmed that they would like timing of revised start date to have sufficient slack in it that any tender issues can be resolved. The legal agreement cannot be signed until a much later date and this will probably be after the start of the next financial year.

With regard to the Grounds Maintenance contract and issues with the recent hedge cutting Members resolved that the contractor should replace the destroyed young planting.

Point out that it was agreed with the MD that the hedging between the horse fields and the ground was not to be touched.

ACTION: Cllrs Ney and Jackson to meet with the MD.

ACTION: Clerk to write to contractor

The meeting closed at 11.15 pm

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