

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 2 March 2009 and resumed meeting of 16 March 2009, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the May 2009 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllrs. Radley and Davies.

**050/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Ward Cllr. Appleton hopes to attend later in the evening.

**051/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Chairman advised that he would be altering the Agenda order so that people who had come along to speak at tonight's meeting could be heard. However the Minutes would reflect the agenda order for ease of reference. The Chairman asked Members to project their voices as the acoustics in this building were poor. He would also be adding an urgent item to the agenda at item 8 – (iv) Appointment of Members of the Finance Working Group.

**052/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 FEBRUARY 2009**

Members were not happy with the lack of detail of Minute 038/09 in that the measures accepted were not actually listed under the new format. It was agreed that the Clerk would revisit and amend with the list of measures put forward to HCC.

**053/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA**

Standing declaration from Cllr. Jackson with regard to being Chairman of Velmead Community 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 – these being personal and non-prejudicial interests. Cllr. S. Ambler declared a non prejudicial interest in item 8.(i) as his wife is a School Governor at Velmead. Cllr. J. Ambler declared a non prejudicial interest as a Governor of Velmead school..

**054/09 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.

**055/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mrs. Jane Walden said that now the telephone box had been purchased a lot of people in the village wish to help with its refurbishment and money has been received from the CVA. A committee has been formed and she wishes to know who owns the box and wondered whether the Council would be willing to offer a grant towards its refurbishment. She was advised that the box belongs to the Parish Council and it will be put on the Agenda for debate. If she had more detail for the Annual Parish Meeting then that could be shared with other residents. Richard Gwynne said he had sent an email with regard to the Crondall Road Action Group and he wished to read it aloud to the meeting. He asked for clarification of what the extra measures were and whether they were based on what had been asked for by the CRAG. Charles Hicks spoke about the buildouts and said that those living in the road at the time they were installed saw a distinct reduction in road safety. It was not possible to create buildouts along the road which were visible along the road. He would like Crondall Road to be safer and some physical measures would be helpful but he did not believe turning the road into something like Belfast at the height of the troubles would be an improvement. Merenda Longshaw said they were willing to admit that the buildouts were not

the answer but the majority view is that some kind of permanent measures are needed and as has been said the CRAG are willing to help and give their services for free to save costs. Chris Woods said he had something from the Hampshire Treasures on the Old Horns and he read it to Members. He said it is like the Somme at the moment and why do 8 contractors arrive Saturday morning at 8am. He tried to phone HDC but there was no response and there is nothing in place to stop this going on. What has happened to the wildlife? And the noise - why should local residents have noise like that all day Saturday and all day Sunday. There is nothing in place for emergencies at Hart. The Chairman advised that as of 10am today all work had been stopped.

**056/09 RURAL HOUSING ENABLER**

Julie Eden spoke about the Housing Needs Survey which she had carried out in the village. She left a map of sites for consideration. She wondered whether the Council would put something in its Parish Newsletter and she was happy for her contact details to be publicised. In the report she had suggested two sites to accommodate up to 20 units in total. She advised that no talks had been held with the landowners of the sites and she wondered whether the Council could identify any more sites.

**057/09 FINANCE**

**(i) Twinning Request for Grant**

The Chairman explained how the Twinning Association was independent of the Parish Council but was supported by it. He invited Charles Hicks to address the meeting. Mr. Hicks then went into a detailed explanation of how the Twinning had begun 26 years ago with a village called Levignen. Lynn Cox (a teacher at the Junior School) explained how it came into schools. This year the competition is being opened to the village children as it is an important part of the whole areas provision. At least 377 children will take part and 15 prizes are awarded.

**RESOLVED:** Award the Twinning Committee a grant of £100 to pay for prizes for the children's art competition, to be held during this years twinning weekend .

**(ii) Fencing – Hillyburrow**

Cllr. Ney said he had spoken to the farm manager and was told that barbed wire is not an option. The tenant is removing the barbed wire fencing and replacing it. Cllr. Ney had sought a revised quote – remove bottom wire straighten posts with post rammer put on middle post a support post to stop the horses pushing them over.

**RESOLVED:** to have the fence repaired as per the quotation but that no further parish funds are expended on this fencing.

**(iii) 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.

**(iv) Finance Working Group**

The following members will serve: Cllrs. J & S Ambler, Cllr. Ney and Cllr. Ashton.

**RESOLVED** to permit the FWG to investigate and move funds from Bank of Ireland.

**RESOLVED** to permit the FWG to deal with Velmead Community Centre grounds maintenance, refuse collection and cleaning quotations/estimates.

**058/09 PLANNING**

**(i) Trees Report**

No tree report.

## **(ii) Report of the Planning Committee**

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries raised by Members. There was a great deal of debate with regard to the lack of an HDC officer to deal with the issue of work being done at the Old Horns (a listed building) which was quite drastic and caused environmental damage and damage to a badger corridor. Cllr. Jackson will raise this at the planning forum meeting on Wednesday. At the resumed meeting Cllr. Jackson sought to co-opt a further Member for the public meeting on 19 March and Cllr. Julia Ambler was duly co-opted.

**RESOLVED:** The Report of the Planning Cttee was accepted.

## **059/09 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman advised that one of the candidates was not on the Electoral Roll and was ineligible at this moment. He then advised Members of the procedure for co-option and invited Mr. Whyatt to address Members. Mr. Whyatt then addressed the Council and responded to questions from Members. The Chairman then invited someone to proposed and second Mr. Whyatt to co-opted.

**Mr. Whyatt was proposed by Cllr. Jackson and seconded by Cllr. Crawley. A secret ballot was taken and Mr. Whyatt was duly appointed whereupon he signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

## **060/09 BASINGSTOKE CANAL CONSERVATION AREA**

Cllr. Jackson asked for Members views on the existing conservation area and how could he defend the existing line – on what basis could he argue the case. Various suggestions were put forward by Members and Ward Cllrs. Grove Farm building is listed and therefore protected. Cllr. Jackson said if it is challenged he proposed an action plan which Members supported.

At 10.56 pm the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned until 16 March 2009.

## **061/09 PUBLICITY**

The Chairman said the reason he had asked for this as an Agenda item was because of the telephone box. This had been the subject of several meetings of the Council and then a deputation had been received and residents had said they had not known of it being a subject for debate. There had also been criticisms of the publicity for planning committee meetings. Affected residents are notified of planning committee meetings and it is not feasible to do a mail drop to everyone who might be interested. After further debate Members felt that sufficient is being done to ensure publicity of items of interest. Members agreed that a flyer for the APM be done and gave delegated authority to accept for a charge of up to £300.

**RESOLVED:** Publish an A4 Parish Newsletter to advertise APM.

**RESOLVED:** Publicity be an agenda item for APM.

## **062/09 STREET LIGHTING**

Members resolved to become part of the PFI bid providing the energy costs are not dramatically increased.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to seek quotation from Southern Electricity Consulting and David Webster DW Lighting for energy and maintenance costs for our 25 lamps.

## **063/09 HIGHWAYS**

### **(i) Redfields Lane/287 Junction**

Cllr. Ney said nothing further to report since the last meeting.

### **(ii) Pilcot Road Footway**

The Chairman said there is still no action on this.

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

The Chairman advised that he and Cllr. Ney had met with John Foggo on the 25 February. He produced the plans which had been debated at the public meeting. A budget is available in this financial year and John Foggo will endeavour to get the extras into the scheme. If there is no further funding from HCC he will seek a contribution from CVPC. With regard to the speed limit changes, Mr. Foggo was fairly confident that we would get the Pilcot Road reduction in March. Members had raised with him that residents did not feel the scheme went far enough. He advised that schemes have to be put before the county councillor and the county councillor has the final say. Cllr. Jackson asked for confirmation that nothing which was not in the original scheme is likely to happen. Therefore we now have to start in motion the additional measures which we seek. Cllr. Ney said HCC want to see what the proposed measures will achieve before looking at anything else. Our additional measures have to be put forward separately in the next financial year. With regard to the speed alterations – John Foggo said it was better to put these forward as two separate schemes so that if the Police refuse one the other may get through. Cllrs. Jackson, J. Ambler and Crawley said they would be happy to contact CRAG to form an working group.

**064/09 FOOTPATHS**

Cllr. Jackson said there is a sign down at the Street and he has notified HCC. The Chairman asked if we knew the reason for HCC seeking to have a bridleway down by Trypletts. There was some debate about use of the footpath beside the stream being used by horse riders and this use is illegal.

**065/09 LEA GREEN**

**(i) Play Area Inspections**

Two slats broken on the pyramid – instructions given for them to be replaced.

**066/09 YOUTH PROVISION**

Charlotte Tickner explained that the team put in place has been out evenings but have been unable to engage with young people who are not actually at a loose end. Two individual young people have been targeted and are receiving counselling. What she is aware of is that the time which the Council thinks will work best is just after school closing time and she needs authority from her Manager. Working at Elvetham Heath she has found 8 volunteers to help with young people and she wondered whether this was a route for the parish.

**RESOLVED:** to put an article in the Parish Newsletter.

With regard to the Play Boulder this is due in a couple of weeks and HAG will be doing the extension to the play area and organising the tracking to get across the fields. If it comes after mid May this will suit as the fence can then be removed because the football use will have ceased.

**067/09 PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Jackson said he has given a great many photographs to Tony Clarke and he is in the final stages of a draft plan. The Chairman said a very rough draft had been offered three weeks ago but he had asked to see a more finished draft.

**068/09 STANDING ORDERS**

To be dealt with at the AGM – Members were requested to read the revised version with care and to advise the Clerk of any issues at least two weeks before the AGM and the Chairman and Clerk will get together to sort a final version.

**ACTION:** Members to advise Clerk of any changes by the 24 April 2009.

**069/09 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Cllr. Jackson spoke about Old Horns, HDC had sent an order to the owner to tidy up the site and on a Saturday morning diggers arrived and began to clear the site over the Saturday and Sunday and didn't finish until Hart came along at 10 am on the Monday. The question is, what is the future for the Old Horns, a Grade 2 Listed Building. It is all a bit of a disaster down there at the moment. The other thing coming up shortly is Enforcement Review and he would welcome views from Members to put to that meeting. He has some comments about caravans. The Chairman advised Mr. Whyatt that the Clerk would be advising him of training courses for new Councillors. Cllr. Jackson also advised him of the circ folders. Mr. Whyatt said he was interested in the Canal Conservation Area and Cllr. Jackson advised him that the meeting is tomorrow.

AGENDA ITEM Review of Canal Conservation Area  
AGENDA ITEM Rural Housing Sites  
AGENDA ITEM Community Transport

**070/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

WI Hall, The Street,  
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,  
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

11 May 2009 (**Annual General Meeting**)

1 June 2009

6 July 2009

7 September 2009

5 October 2009

2 November 2009

7 December 2009

**071/09 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

Cllr. Jackson said work has started and there are pictures on the website. The questions which he and the Chairman have debated are things to do with the internet etc and locks to access the building. Some areas will need to be locked off but there needs to be a master key to open every door. What CRB checks do we need close to September. Cllr. J. Ambler said the CRB is changing so that there will be a single point of contact. Cllr. Jackson said we had been offered free checks by HDC and we do need to get organised. Cllr. J. Ambler will get further information. With regard to the locks she suggested that the VCC committee meet and go through this issue.

AGENDA ITEM formation of Leisure Cttee, terms of reference and appointment of Members.

Debate took place on the new name of for the centre. Cllr. Jackson said that we need additional signs on access routes to help people find their way both to and from VCC form both ends of the estate. Cllr. Ney said the broken drain in the car park is on order and should be replaced in a couple of weeks. Sharks teeth were agreed around the entrance to Albany Farm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.