

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the meeting of 2 November 2009, held in the Zebon Copse Centre, Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse. Please refer to the Minutes of the December 2009 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Lee Randall
Cllr. Brian Whyatt
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)

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

195/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Ney.

196/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

197/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 OCTOBER 2009

RESOLVED: Minutes 175/09 to 194/09 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

198/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

Standing declaration from Cllr. S. Ambler as he is also a Member of HDC which retains ownership of Zebon Copse Centre – this interest being a non-prejudicial interest. Standing declaration from Cllr. Jackson in Zebon Copse Centre as he is Chairman of the Zebon Copse Residents Association - this being a personal interest. Standing declaration from Cllr. B. Whyatt as a Member of the Crondall Road Action Group – this being a personal interest.

199/09 CONSIDER CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Chairman reminded Members of their duty to consider any crime and disorder implications that might arise from any decision they might make at this meeting.

200/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)

The Chairman asked for permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mrs. Longshaw spoke about the Phase1 improvements on Crondall Road – she is concerned that the 30mph is coming back to Crondall House. The Chairman invited County Cllr. Radley to confirm that this was correct – “discussions with the police and highways had taken place and the police in particular had supported this site”. Mrs. Longshaw said she and a lot of other residents were concerned that it was on a bend and does not go far enough out. Cllr. Radley said we needed to gain information and see how effective the measures were. Cllr. Jackson said since a large number of residents were so concerned could we please ask that the residents also send a copy of their letters of objection to this Council. Mr. Gwynne asked for sight of the plans since CRAG are being asked by residents what is going on. Cllr. Jackson said the consultation exercise is from HCC to residents. Cllr. Crawley said he was unaware that there were any changes from that which was proposed originally. The Chairman said he would like to deal with this under its Agenda item as he has some concerns he would like to raise. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

201/09 LILAC BUSH

Cllr. Whyatt said events had overtaken the need to debate this matter.

202/09 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The RFO asked if Members had received the Finance Report by email – the majority of Members had not so it was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To defer the Report of the Finance Committee.

The RFO said there were 3 items which needed to be reported to Full Council. The telephone box (additional expenditure), the CRB checks and the Natwest bank mandate for signatures. After debate on the telephone box members agreed the extra expenditure and will request CVA if it would be prepared to pay a further half of the additional expenditure. Members requested a breakdown of the spend.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Whyatt was authorised to spend up to an extra £300 to finish the project.

The RFO then explained the difficulties she and the Finance Chairman and Cllr. Jackson had experienced whilst they were endeavouring to transfer money from Barclays to Lloyds. The cheque from Natwest was being held pending the account being “unstopped” at Lloyds. The Chairman said he had made an official complaint to the banking Ombudsman. Cllr. Jackson said we needed to know exactly who is a signatory for each of the bank accounts in view of all the problems we are experiencing. One bank seems to have different signatories to another. Cllr. Jackson queried the current overspend and asked that next year’s ground maintenance contract includes all the extra items we have had to pay for separately this year. The Chairman said that the overspend was likely to be slight and Cllr. J. Ambler said when we look at the budget for next year we will need to see where we can make some savings.

203/09 PLANNING

(i) Trees

Cllr. Crawley said there was nothing new. As regards the two oak trees at Brookfield – one is not in a good condition and the other one seems to be a perfectly good tree and he has told the tree officer that we would not want to lose it. Cllr. Jackson said there had been a great number of trees vandalised on Zebon Copse and he is meeting with the tree officer to discuss ZCRA subsidising some replanting.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee.

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries raised by Members.

RESOLVED: To accept the report of the Planning Committee.

Cllr. Radley advised that the TAG increased flying application was being heard at RBC on 11 November. Cllr. Jackson spoke about the sites for the RES. HDC Planning Officer Daryl Phillips wishes to come and talk to Members and what Cllr. Jackson would suggest is that he comes to talk to the Planning Cttee and if other members wish to attend they would be welcome.

(iii) Terms of Reference for Hon. Environmental Consultant

Cllr. Crawley said he has still not heard from Richard Hellier as to whether the draft terms of reference are acceptable to him – he has spoken to Mrs. Hellier and she has promised to remind her husband.

204/09 STREET LIGHTING

Cllr. Crawley queried the PFI contract. Clerk to request a copy of the contract from Julian Higgins and circulate to Members. Bulk lamp replacement was an issue.

205/09 HIGHWAYS

Members were informed that the closure of Crookham Road was to permit strengthening of the bank to prevent it sliding into the side.

(i) A287/Redfields Lane

The Chairman asked whether Members had any comments to make on the report supplied to Members by our County Councillor. Cllr. Jackson said it was interesting that HDC were referring to data collection when they did not install the hardware for doing this because of cost. Cllr. Radley spoke to the Report.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

Members were happy with the Clerk's email of complaint.

(iii) Crondall Road

The Chairman said he was unhappy with the lack of clarity of what is going on. The PC had a plan which had been agreed and whilst we were not happy with it we agreed it. We now learn that it has been changed and as far as we are aware we have not been advised of this. Cllr. Jackson said it might be possible that the information had been sent to the Lead Member and since he is not here we need to clarify this. The Chairman said we need to make the position clear that official communication should go through the Clerk and he would stress this point. This would then put us in a position where we can inform and consult. It was confirmed that residents had only known of the changes by reading the notices posted on poles.

RESOLVED: Chairman to write to HCC.

The Chairman said he had concerns about whom we liaise with on members of the public side – we need to be seen to publishing and consulting with all members of the public. There is a CRAG but our obligation as a Council is to make sure that the whole range of members of the public, whether members of CRAG or not, have information available to everyone. Cllr. Whyatt said he felt we should be in dialogue with CRAG and he said there are 50 or so people interested. Further debate took place. Cllr. Jackson said there had been many meetings with CRAG in the run up to scheme 1 and when we got to the point where there was nothing to discuss meetings ceased until we had something further to discuss. Cllr. Jackson said he would like to get the facts from HCC and get some written representations from the 50 or so people who are involved in CRAG.

206/09 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Jackson said he had received a complaint about footpath 1, at the end nearest The Street, where the footpath has descended into the ditch.

Cllr. Crawley advised he is dealing with this.

207/09 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA

Nothing further to report.

208/09 YOUTH FACILITIES

(i) Youth Café/Bus

Members were all copied with an email from David Lipscombe advising that the bus starts off at The Point Youth Centre in Fleet and intimating that we may get something in the future.

209/09 PARISH PLAN

HDC Officer Viv Evans has offered to advise on the draft parish plan. Clerk to advise Cllrs. Crawley and Whyatt will meet with him. Members said that Crondall Road, Pilcot Road and the WI replacement were evidence based issues as was the public meeting (140 attendees) when consultation took place on the SHLAA.

210/09 RURAL EXCEPTION SITES

The Rural Housing Enabler had advised that the sites identified by the Parish were not supported by planners. Planners had suggested that land either side of Nyasaland in Crondall Road might be considered. Cllr. Jackson had asked the

RHA to look at the SHLAA which had rejected another site in Crondall Road.
RESOLVED: Cllr. Jackson was delegated to talk to planners and RHA (Mags Wylie) if it seems necessary.

211/09 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Cllr. Jackson said there was a small surplus of £35 after the Halloween Party and asked what were the views of Members with regard to this money being used to help the start up costs of the Mother & Toddler group.

RESOLVED: The money to be used to assist with start up cost of M&T Group. The Chairman said there were a few outstanding issues which needed to be resolved, stage lights and the car park extension which should have been covered under the contract. He feels that we should now finalise the contract and get back our underspend and then get it done ourselves. Cllr. Jackson said there was one major issue which he would like resolved before the contract is concluded and that is to get the other wall in the Abercorn storage area shelved to match the existing shelving.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Jackson was given delegated authority to instruct the contractor (BPC) to fit the shelving for a sum not to exceed £300.

(i) Leisure Working Group

On hold pending negotiations between HDC and the ZCC negotiating team.

(ii) LWG Terms of Reference

On hold.

212/09 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Ashton asked if anyone was going to the training event in Hartley Wintney and Cllr. Randall advised he was. Cllr. Jackson asked that members on the planning Cttee responded more swiftly than they currently do – some applications were very close to the deadline.

Cllr. Whyatt said he had entered the BT red box competition and he had had 3 stabs at it. He had mentioned several projects to spend the winnings on. He asked about HDC surplus office furniture – it was understood that the new parishes would have first call on it. Cllr. Whyatt said there were 4 chairs and several desks available from his source. He was asked to procure 2 desks and 4 chairs. Agenda item: Flooding

213/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

7 December 2009

Members agreed the following dates for 2010:

1 February 2010	4 January 2010
6 April 2010 Tuesday (APM)	1 March 2010
12 April 2010	10 May 2010 (AGM)
7 June 2010	5 July 2010
7 September 2010	4 October 2010
1 November 2010	6 December 2010