

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the meeting of 5 October 2009, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the November 2009 meeting for any amendments.

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

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

175/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

176/09 CHAIRMAN`S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman asked Members whether they wished the red telephone box to be added to the Agenda as an urgent item in view of the opportunity to compete for a large sum of money for use within the community. Members asked it be an urgent item.

177/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 SEPTEMBER 2009

RESOLVED: Minutes 153/09 to 174/09 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

178/09 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.

179/09 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.

180/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)

The Chairman asked for permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Cllr. Radley said she had received a letter advising that work is due to start in Crondall Road on drainage maintenance and carriageway repairs commencing on 12 October. Cllr Whyatt advised that Mr. Gwynne would be coming late to the meeting and would wish to speak. The Chairman said he would allow this on this occasion. When Mr. Gwynne arrived he raised a couple of points (with regard to Crondall Road) had Cllr. Jackson seen the soft form data that had come through – he would pass this on to him. This is probably the most covert form of data collected. Doug McCallum had done a very good graph. He assumed that CVPC would be collecting data in the same way for future comparison.

181/09 RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER`S REPORT

The RFO presented her report and responded to questions from Members. The SID erection is being dealt with by Cllr. Whyatt and she has produced the purchase

order for its installation/removal at sites around the parish. With regard to the bin at Lea Green she has accepted a quote and she produced the purchase order. The Annual Return has been received back from the Auditors and the Notices have been posted on the noticeboards. Cllr. Jackson asked if we should post an electronic copy on the website but it was agreed that this was not necessary. Members were all given forms for CRB checks – those already holding Enhanced CRB forms were asked to give their number to the RFO for record purposes.
RESOLVED: The report of the Finance Officer was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Finance Committee will replace the Report of the RFO at future meetings.

182/09 TRANSPORT

Nothing to report.

183/09 HDAPC MEETING – 6 OCTOBER 2009

The Chairman advised Members that CVPC was hosting the Hart District Association of Parish Councils group tomorrow and Members would be welcome to come along and meet the representatives and stay for the meeting if they so chose. He also invited Members to raise any issues on items on the Agenda if they so wished.

At this point the Chairman said he would introduce the Emergency Item.

184/09 RED TELEPHONE BOX

BT are doing a competition for all the “Adopt a Box” for Councils which chose to adopt their Red Telephone Box.

RESOLVED: Cllrs. Whyatt & Jackson will liaise to produce the necessary entry.

185/09 PLANNING

(i) Trees

Cllr. Crawley said there was an application to remove two Oak trees at Brookfield, in Crondall Road. He had not yet had time to look at the trees and comment.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee.

Cllr. Jackson said that in **his** report **Grant** relates to the **original** application and **Approved** relates to an **amended** application. Cllr. Jackson then spoke to his report and responded to queries raised by Members.

RESOLVED: To accept the report of the Planning Committee.

(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.

(iv) Refresh of terms of reference for Planning Cttee ratification by Council

The Clerk had produced a draft document and Members made the following alterations:

Line 13 – remove May reference

Line 15 – between 3 members

Line 17 – him/her delete

Line 41 – r missing at end of other

Line 71 – rewrite “delegated powers shall be renewed at the AGM of the parish council and may be amended by Resolution of the full parish council at its discretion.

RESOLVED: to accept the TOR of the Planning Cttee with these amendments.

186/09 STREET LIGHTING

Members had all had sight of the Summary document for the Street Lighting PFI Agreement. Members queried the energy and maintenance costs and were unhappy that the increased costs meant a 50% increase. However, since the alternative supplier had been costed and proved more expensive the only other option would be removal of the footway lights.

RESOLVED: Clerk to sign the Contract.

187/09 HIGHWAYS

(i) A287/Redfields Lane

The Clerk had asked John Foggo for a point of contact to find out the traffic incidents at this junction. Cllr. Ney and Cllr. Radley had met with Tim Wall on 4 September and HCC are doing a survey of the whole area. Cllr. J. Ambler asked if we could use the SID to extrapolate the length of the queue from the traffic speed. Cllr. Ney said we now await Mr. Wall coming back to us. The question was asked as to why the County Councillor and Parish Councillors for Crondall & Ewshot were not engaging in lobbying for improvements at this junction. Cllr. Radley said the Fleet Town Access Plan does not include this area and we need to follow this up. Cllr. Radley was asked to raise this as an Agenda item for the next meeting of whatever the reformed "HAT" will be and to engage the Crondall Councillors.

RESOLVED: Cllrs. Radley and Ney to engage with the adjacent County and Parish Councillors for Crondall.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

Those Members who had seen the white lines down Pilcot Road were very unhappy because it was felt that the inclusion of these thin white lines so close to the edge of the road did little to separate vehicles from pedestrians and the road was still unsafe. After much debate Members asked the County Councillor if she would pursue this and seek a re-think on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED: To engage with Cllrs. Singh, Bennison and Appleton and request that they work with Cllr. Radley to resolve this issue.

(iii) Crondall Road

The Police have no objections to the reduction of speed and a lengthy consultation now has to take place. As soon as this is ok all the measures proposed will be instigated. With regard to the SID – its installation in Crondall Road was deferred because of the planned road closure. Members discussed other possible sites.

RESOLVED: SID to be sited in Redfields Lane.

188/09 FOOTPATHS

Members had all had sight of the letter from HCC Rights of Way. HCC had identified footpaths 2 and 4 as requiring work and Members were asked to identify any other paths they thought required attention. Members were asked to let the Clerk know if there were any other paths that they knew required attention before the closing date of 1 November.

189/09 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA

Nothing further to report.

190/09 YOUTH FACILITIES

(i) Playboulder

Members were reminded that this needs to be included in the next Newsletter.

(ii) Youth Café/Bus

Members were all aware of the emails relating to this project.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise that we would like the Youth Café/Bus to visit the parish and we would be prepared to fund it.

191/09 PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Crawley and the Clerk had agreed the relevant changes. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr. Crawley and Tony Clarke for all their hard work.

RESOLVED: Permit HDC (Martine Fullbrook) to have a look at an electronic copy as soon as Tony Clarke has made the changes.

192/09 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The Chairman advised the meeting that part of the report from the LWG was confidential and he would be moving exclusion of press and public (under Section 1 of Schedule 12A of the LGA 1972) due to the confidential nature at the appropriate point. Cllr. J. Ambler produced a confidential paper for discussion on behalf of the original VCCWG.

Members debated the content of the document in great detail.

RESOLVED: that the Velmead Working Group be authorised to negotiate with Hart to take over the booking and invoicing systems with effect from 1 April 2010. Also to carry out further work on evaluating the feasibility of bringing forward the Centre takeover date and to include work on recruitment of a manager.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to HDC Sara Kinnell, cfi the CX and advise that CVPC under the terms of the agreement between us wishes to consider opening negotiations to invoke the clause to bring forward the takeover date.

(i) Leisure Working Group

At the last meeting Members had expressed their objections to the huge football sign which was erected on the building and that this had been done without the permission of the JMC. Lengthy debate took place. Cllr. Ney said that HDC were not prepared to do anything about it. If the Council take the building over and ask for its removal it would be down to the Council. The Chairman said we had a legal agreement with HDC that anything that significantly affects the building should be formally agreed with the Parish Council. The Chairman said one of the things we needed to structure was how this worked and originally it was on the day to day running and now it has changed because more senior staff from HDC are on it and are now moving to make decisions on significant issues without reference back to this Council.

(ii) LWG Terms of Reference

Members all had a copy of Cllr. Ney's draft terms of reference. The LWG is requested to refine its terms of reference and bring it back to the next Council meeting.

193/09 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Davies advised that there is to be a NTR sign into Netherhouse Moor.

Cllr Whyatt – Lilac Bush – Agenda item.

194/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse
2 November 2009

7 December 2009