

These are the Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the meeting of 7 September 2009, held in the Zebon Copse Centre, Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse. Please refer to the Minutes of the October 2009 meeting for any amendments.

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

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

**153/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs. Crawley, Ashton and Ney had given their apologies.

**154/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that he wished to register an official vote of thanks to Cllr. David Jackson in recognition of the enormous amount of work he has done on managing the refurbishment of the Zebon Copse Centre. The Chairman said that Cllr. Jackson had picked up on a lot of issues and had been on site almost every day and we were very much indebted to him. Members endorsed the Chairman's comments.

**155/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6 JULY 2009**

**RESOLVED:** Minutes 132/09 to 152/09 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**156/09 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.

**157/09 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.

**158/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)**

The Chairman sought permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mr. Gwynne asked would they please bring the public up to date with what is happening in Crondall Road and he will pass on this as Chairman of the CRAG. He also asked whether the Working Group could be reconstituted. The Chairman advised he would bring forward the Crondall Road item and since the County Councillor was present she could add to the item. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

**159/09 RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The RFO presented her report and responded to questions from Members. She updated Members on the Audit Committee queries and she has also sought quotations on a replacement refuse bin for the Lea Green Play area.

**RESOLVED :** The report of the Finance Officer was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**(i) Cheques for signature**

A cheque was agreed against a purchase order for all the items purchased by Cllr. Jackson for the Zebon Copse Centre.

**(ii) Authority to seek/accept estimates/quotations**

Cllr. Jackson asked Members to consider whether the Parish Council wished the ZCRA (Zebon Copse Residents Association) to help fund events which are being proposed by the ZAG (Zebon Activities Group). The Chairman proposed that the Council agree to underwrite the Halloween event but that ZAG request the County Councillor to assist as well. Cllr. Jackson said there is £400 left from the money allocated to pump prime promotions.

**RESOLVED:** To fund up to £250 to underwrite the Halloween event.

With regard to the use of the Parish Council speed information device (SID)

Members debated how many times they would want it to be installed and it was agreed to have it installed/removed twice a month for the remainder of the financial year.

**RESOLVED:** To allocate up to £750 for SID installation/removal for the current financial year.

Cllr. Jackson updated Members on the current spend for ZCC and advised that the Council should add a further £5k to the account at HDC to avoid delays in finishing the project.

**RESOLVED:** To transfer another £5k plus VAT to Hart Council.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting for Members to visit the kitchen area and look at the space which could accommodate the fridge. When measurements were taken it was agreed that the 705x1200 size would be too wide to allow easy user access through the door. The meeting was then reconvened and debate ensued about alternatives.

**RESOLVED:** to purchase one 600x600 larder fridge and in the event that there proves to be a need for more fridge space to revisit the subject.

**(iii) Review of FWG terms of reference**

Debate took place on this matter.

**RESOLVED:** to reconstitute the FWG into a Finance Committee and to amend its terms of reference accordingly.

**RESOLVED:** Members of the FWG be appointed enbloc on to the Finance Committee and to retain the positions they held as Members of the FWG.

**160/09 HEALTH & WELLBEING CONSULTATION**

Members had no comments to make on this.

**161/09 TRANSPORT**

In the absence of Cllr. Ney it was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

**162/09 HARLINGTON CENTRE – POSSIBLE APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS**

HDC Cabinet have decided not to support the new Parish with the costs of the Harlington Centre therefore there will be no cost to our parish residents from the general fund.

**163/09 RURAL HOUSING SITES**

The new Rural Housing Enabler Officer, Mags Wylie, has looked at the sites proposed by the Parish Council and will contact the landowners and report back to the Council in due course.

**164/09 RED TELEPHONE BOX**

Cllr. Whyatt is working on this. He sought permission to claim for his mileage to collect replacement items. This was agreed and the RFO will check current

mileage rates. A letter from the CVA had confirmed its commitment to funding up to £350 of the costs.

#### **165/09 PLANNING**

##### **(i) Trees**

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Jackson's 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**

The Clerk had emailed Mr. Hellier but had had no response from him with regard to the draft terms of reference.

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

Defer to next meeting.

##### **(v) Membership of Planning Cttee**

Cllr. Jackson advised that there are himself, Cllr. S. Ambler, Cllr. J. Ambler and Cllr. P. Crawley on the Committee. Ideally it should have someone from each Ward but it has no one from Netherhouse Moor Ward. It would be very useful to the Cttee to have Cllr. Randall take up this place and permit Cllr. J. Ambler to resign. Cllr. Randall accepted the proposition.

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Cllr. Randall to CVPC Planning Committee to replace Cllr. J. Ambler.

#### **166/09 STREET LIGHTING**

Members will be copied in on the legal agreement which needs to be signed to commit to the Street Lighting PFI.

#### **167/09 HIGHWAYS**

##### **(i) A287**

Cllr Radley and Cllr. Ney had met last Friday morning. Cllr. Radley said at the moment there is money to do a survey following up on the installation of the new sign. Another feasibility study of options is being considered again.

**RESOLVED:** to write and complain that the signs are not collecting the data promised when they were first installed.

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

John Foggo (HDC Officer) had verbally advised the Clerk that the road marking should take place soon – weather permitting, and that he is still seeking police support for the removal of the 40mph limit to permit the 30mph limit to continue into the Dogmersfield boundary. Cllr. Jackson said it would be helpful if we had a video record of interactions between traffic and pedestrians to support our case. The many people walking to the DWCV Fete would have been an excellent example.

##### **(iii) Crondall Road**

The Chairman had received a letter from an officer of HCC asking if the PC were in support of the 30mph extension and he had returned the form and had added that there was also support for extending the 40mph limit. Cllr. Jackson said that, as he walks the parish, he notes that some 30mph repeater signs are far from clean and obscured by vegetation. Adjacent residents worried about traffic speeds would do well to keep these signs in good order.

The SID is ready to go and when we have locations it can be installed. Cllr. Whyatt had confirmed with Cllr. Ney the appropriate locations.

#### **168/09 FOOTPATHS**

Nothing to report.

**169/09 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA**

Some minor items requiring attention and quotations have been sought by RFO.

**170/09 YOUTH FACILITIES**

Awaiting update from Denise Roche (HCC Officer) on outcome of further youth work. Sign required for new play area limiting the age use and sign advising of who to contact with issues (HDC at present).

**171/09 PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Jackson will put the plan on a private area of the website and members can make their comments – deadline of two weeks (end date 18 September).

**172/09 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

Cllr. Jackson updated Members on various issues. After debate it was agreed to purchase plastic etched signs for all the doors.

**RESOLVED** to permit Cllr. Jackson to spend up to £400 for the purchase and fitting of the 14 signs.

**RESOLVED:** Tables and chairs should be stored in the double door floor area - Clerk to advise HDC accordingly.

An email has been received from Carl Westby asking for CVPC to take over the ZCC bookings with effect from 1 January 2010 to run parallel with HDC and then to completely take it over from HDC on 1 April 2010. If this is agreed then Mr. Westby is proposing that the Council will receive the income from the sports field.

Leisure Working Group – Terms of Reference

Defer to next meeting.

**173/09 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Standing Orders – Clerk to send Cllr. Jackson an electronic copy.

Hart Voluntary Action AGM – 1 October noon HDC Chamber – Cllr. Jackson will attend.

HALC AGM 10 October – Cllr. J & S Ambler will attend.

Open Day at the Point Youth Centre – Cllr. Jackson said it would be good if Cllrs could push for activities at the ZCC hall.

Members asked that thanks and best wishes be send to PC Nick Sexton, Odiham Beat PC, on moving to a new job.

**174/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

WI Hall, The Street,  
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,  
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

5 October 2009

2 November 2009

7 December 2009

The meeting closed at 11 pm.