

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the meeting of 7 December 2009, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the January 2010 meeting for any amendments.

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

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

220/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Ashton and Randall.

221/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

222/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 2 NOVEMBER & 23 NOVEMBER 2009

RESOLVED: Minutes 195/09 to 219/09 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

223/09 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.

224/09 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.

225/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)

There being no public present the Chairman continued the meeting.

226/09 FLOODING

Members were concerned at the standing water issue at The Crescent.

227/09 NALC MEMBERSHIP

All Members had been copied in on correspondence from HALC and NALC. The Chairman asked for Members views on this subject.

RESOLVED: Members support withdrawal of membership of NALC but ask what alternative structure is in place to ensure that Hampshire local councils get a proper voice in the formulation of legislation.

228/09 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman pointed out to Members that the Finance Cttee Minutes were to be approved by that Committee but were presented here this evening so that all Members could raise queries. After debate on various issues the following were:

RESOLVED: All finance spends are nil of VAT, unless otherwise specified, and this resolution to be included in Finance Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: Finance Cttee given delegated authority for an increase to the budget for Grounds Maintenance.

RESOLVED: Finance Cttee given delegated authority for an increase to the budget for Legal Advice.

ESOLVED: Finance Cttee given delegated authority for an increase to the Asset Maintenance budget.

RESOLVED: Finance Cttee given delegated authority for an increase to the Street Lighting budget .

229/09 PLANNING

(i) Trees

Nothing new to report.

(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.

Members asked about the proposal by HDC to offer the Public Open Space in Netherhouse Court as a site for one affordable house or two flats – put on Agenda for next meeting. Cllr. Radley advised that TAG have appealed against the refusal of Planning Permission for the extension of flights.

(iii) Terms of Reference for Hon. Environmental Consultant

The Clerk advised that she had received a message from Mr. Hellier who advised he would give Cllr. Crawley his response to the draft TORs in the coming week.

230/09 STREET LIGHTING

Nothing further to report.

231/09 HIGHWAYS

The Chairman explained to Members that the SID had a problem and he had had to speak to the supplier.

RESOLVED: Chairman delegated to speak to supplier and seek an answer to the problem.

(i) A287/Redfields Lane

Cllr. Ney advised that HCC are instigating a Traffic Study of the area and Redfields Lane is included in this. There is a SID on the other side of Malthouse Bridge which appears to be collecting traffic data. Cllr. Jackson expressed his concern that the figures would be skewed by the lack of school traffic over the 3 weeks of Christmas holiday.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

Cllr. Radley advised that she has raised this subject with officers and brought it up at a Highways meeting. She is in possession of a petition with 300 signatures. Officers are meeting with her on 23 December at 2pm at the Hook office.

Cllr. Jackson agreed to attend with her.

(iii) Crondall Road

Andy Kettlewell has SID data from the southern end of Crondall Road –Cllr. Radley offered to forward it to Members. Cllr. Ney advised that because of the extension of the 30mph limit HCC have had to put in a further work order and now expect the work to commence the first week of February 2010. The SID should be located in Crondall Road after the Christmas break.

232/09 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Crawley gave a briefing on the issues with f/p 1/

ACTION: Clerk to contact the payback team for timescales to do the work.

ACTION: RFO to seek quotations from 3 contractors.

RESOLVED: RFO/Clerk to explore the various options for funding and labour.

233/09 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA

Nothing further to report.

234/09 YOUTH FACILITIES

Nothing to report.

235/09 PARISH PLAN

Cllrs. Crawley, Whyatt and Tony Clark have a further meeting with Viv Evans in order to re-word some of the dialogue. Mr. Evans liked the format and was quite impressed with the document.

236/09 RURAL EXCEPTION SITES

Cllr. Jackson said he had emailed the Rural Housing Enabler regarding a query as to which site was supposedly outside the village boundary and was awaiting a response from her.

237/09 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The Chairman said there were a few issues to be dealt with which he did not believe were confidential.

Five a side pitch – Members had discussed the background at the beginning of the year and he asked if they were prepared to accept it at ZCC.

Members considered that such a facility at the Centre would probably be of benefit under the Crime and Disorder agenda item.

The Chairman suggested that we advise that we will have significant issues with car parking – we have a sum of money towards additional parking and could we offer to support the developer to achieve the necessary additional car parking spaces.

RESOLVED: This Council agrees in principle to an All Weather pitch at ZCC subject to satisfactory agreement of details with the developer.

RESOLVED: Chairman delegated to negotiate and report back to Council.

The Chairman updated Members as to where the VWG had reached - it had talked to HDC about invoking the early takeover clause. There were pros and cons to this which Members debated. Another issue in line with PC objectives is that Hart Council wants the PC to take over the bookings from next April. What the VWG require from this Council is authority to start to advertise and put out a job specification for the necessary staff.

Resolved: Members agreed to recruit a bookings/customer liaison person.

Resolved: Job Specification to be drawn up by VWG and then advertise to have someone in situ for 1 April 2010.

Resolved: Authority to pay for a newspaper advert for staff.

Cllr. Ney advised that he was standing down as the Lead Member for the Grounds Maintenance Contract.

Cllr. Jackson proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to Cllr. Ney for the enormous amount of work he had put into setting up the Grounds Maintenance project. Cllr. Ney said there needed to be a contact number for people and he would copy all Members in on the necessary information. Cllr. Jackson offered to be the temporary contact.

Cllr. Jackson said we needed to write to HDC and say we need a formal answer on the two outstanding issues eg. road ownership and the clause for the previous owner to take back the centre.

RESOLVED: Chairman to write to Cabinet Member and cfi CX – give a time limit of 15 January 2010 for a reply.

238/09 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Ney said we need a VCC meeting for the job specification.

Cllr. Ney said should we invite one of the shadow councils along to a meeting.

Cllr. Radley said the Fleet Town Action Plan will probably come out the end of January or beginning of February.

Cllr. Davis said he had 3 things to share: During the next year the local building list is going to be looked at by English Heritage and the Parish might wish to add or remove items in this. Over the last year HDC planning have proposed two buildings for statutory listing by English Heritage and the Parish might have some to propose. Thirdly, archaeological things rather than buildings are not given enough recognition – are there any things in the parish which Members would like considered.

239/09 DATE OF MEETINGS

WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village

Zebon Copse Centre
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

1 February 2010
6 April 2010 **Tuesday** (APM)
12 April 2010
7 June 2010
6 September 2010
1 November 2010

4 January 2010
1 March 2010
10 May 2010 (AGM)
5 July 2010
4 October 2010
6 December 2010