

These are the Crookham Village Parish Council unadopted Minutes of the Meeting of 9 February 2009, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the March 2009 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllrs. Bennison, Davies and Singh and residents of the parish.

025/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ward Cllrs. Radley and Appleton.

026/09 CHAIRMAN`S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman advised that he had received Cllr. Greenwood`s resignation as a Parish Councillor. He advised that he would be bringing forward two items on the Agenda but these would be Minuted in Agenda order for ease of reference.

027/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 JANUARY 2009

RESOLVED: That Minutes 001/09 to 024/09, of the above meeting, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

028/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

Standing declaration from Cllr. Jackson with regard to being Chairman of the Zebon Copse 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. All interests were non-prejudicial.

029/09 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.

030/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Richard Gwynne asked the Council to bear in mind one point that the Council gritters actually gritted Crondall Road because it is considered to be a main artery and he would ask the Parish to take this into consideration. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

031/09 VACANCIES FOR TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Chairman advised that at the March meeting the Council would seek to co-opt a Member for the Crookham Village Ward. If no election was called for the Netherhouse Moor Ward, that too would be filled by co-option. Notices had been posted around the parish. CVs from interested residents of the Parish should be sent to the Clerk.

032/09 FLEET/CROOKHAM/CRONDALL WELFARE TRUST

All Members had received the history of the Trust. The Chairman asked Members whether there were any volunteers to serve on that Trust.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Ney be the Council`s representative on the above Trust.

033/09 ALL WEATHER FOOTBALL PITCH

The Chairman said there had been a suggestion to move the 5 a side pitch from Peter Driver to the VCC site but no formal approach has been made and he understood that alternative sites are being considered.

034/09 SIDS (SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES)

The Chairman said that money had been put into the Budget for the purchase of a SID and he asked for Members views on which model to purchase.

RESOLVED: To purchase a Minivisor 230 VAS System at a cost of £2850.

035/09 FINANCE

(i) 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.

RESOLVED: The precept form for the year 2009/10 be in the sum of £63,000 was signed by the relevant Members and officers.

As a matter of urgency a quotation had been sought to fencing in areas where dogs and people are getting through into the horses fields at the Velmead Community Centre

RESOLVED: To accept the fencing quotation in the sum of £485.

Members were advised that the Twinning Association were seeking sponsorship for an arts competition via Velmead School. Cllr. J. Ambler declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as she is a Governor at that school. Cllr. S. Ambler declared a personal interest in that Cllr. J. Ambler is related to him. Members debated the request and decided that they needed more information.

RESOLVED : To invite someone along to the next meeting to explain what is involved.

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk`s printer continues to be faulty and he sought permission to purchase another one.

RESOLVED: To permit the Chairman to spend up to £600 on a new printer.

(ii) Terms of Reference for Finance Working Group

RESOLVED: to accept the terms of reference and to review in 6 months time.

036/09 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

It had been confirmed that the 6 trees at the back of Further Vell Mead are clinically dead.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee

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

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Cttee was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

037/09 STREET LIGHTING

Members were asked to consider whether to agree to being part of the PFI Bid. The Clerk was instructed to get clarification from HCC and request proper costs and what would be expected of this Council.

038/09 HIGHWAYS

(i) Redfields Lane/287 Junction

Cllr. Ney had spoken to HCC who will take details of traffic flows and speeds at the end of May and they will then decide what more, if anything, can be done.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

The Chairman advised that the reduction of the 40mph to 30mph stretch of road is not being supported by the Police and this is causing delays to the remainder of the measures to be implemented.

(iii) Crondall Road – Traffic Speed

The Chairman said Members had a summary of all the points which had been raised at the Public Meeting on 19 January. Members then debated all the proposals. The Chairman said that details of what was finally agreed would be sent out to those residents who had left their email details and/or addresses at the public meeting. The Chairman then went through the points raised:

SID – agreed.

Change of road surface variations – there are several on the road – agreed.

One way on Crondall Road at Stroud Lane by means of a build out – not agreed.

CPO at Brook Hill for a footpath – attempts were made to engage with the new owner who is not willing to engage in debate. The Clerk was instructed to write to the owner and see if we could re-engage with him.

George & Lobster – white lines with vergemaster bollards (a visual pinch point) one before and one after – agreed but will need agreement with HCC.

Pinchpoints were debated very thoroughly and the majority view was that they had not worked before and some residents were very opposed to them.

Speed bumps – not agreed.

Additional footway lamps – keep under review but would need to consult with residents in the road.

Rumble strips – Cllr. Jackson said he would like to see a 40mph limit out towards Two Ponds and he would support rumble strips out that way because they would be far enough away from dwellings – agreed.

Zephon Common Lane – 30 mph limit – the Chairman advised that he did not believe it was highway as it was listed as a BOAT. Members agreed that they did not believe this was an issue.

Traffic islands – no knowledge of why this was suggested nor where they were to be located – not agreed.

20mph along the whole of Crondall Road – not feasible – not agreed.

Funding – the Council will have to go back to HCC and see what the costs come out at.

Police regarding enforcement –. When the police have done monitoring at the Wharf they have said there is not a problem. Cllr. Jackson said that the SID will provide hard evidence to show to the police. He also suggested that residents of the road might want to take part in a citizens “speed trap” project.

Weight limit – it was believed that residents were perceiving use by overweight vehicles and that this needed to be evidenced. Residents were asked to record licence numbers, date and time of the believed infringement and pass this on to the Police.

RESOLVED: To recommend to HCC that they go ahead now with the measures as specified above and to discuss with HCC other measures which had arisen out of the public consultation.

039/09 FOOTPATHS

Grant received from CAF and Cllr. Hutcheson had given £3,000 from his devolved budget.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of thanks to Cllr. Hutcheson.

040/09 LEA GREEN

(i) Play Area Inspections

A fencing slat is broken and has been authorised for repairs.

041/09 YOUTH PROVISION

Charlotte Tickner had sent apologies. Invite her to March meeting.
With regard to the play boulder –we await a date for installation.

042/09 PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Crawley advised that a meeting had been held, text has been agreed and a range of photographs have been put forward for inclusion.

043/09 WEBSITE

Work continues and Cllr. Jackson is currently giving some in depth attention to this.

RESOLVED: Councillors photographs and email addresses to be included on website.

044/09 STANDING ORDERS

Members would like to revisit this at the March meeting.

045/09 FORMATTING OF MINUTES

Members liked the shortened Minute format, however they wished the Clerk to produce a separate Action sheet so that actions were not missed.

RESOLVED: To adopt the shortened Minute format proposed by the Clerk.

046/09 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Agenda item publicity for meetings – Chairman.

Cllr. Jackson – AGM Wednesday in VCC – refreshments available.

Cllr. Ashton - he had produced a photo of the public meeting on Crondall Road and would distribute this around Members.

Cllr. Crawley – Jane Walden wished to know whether she could clean the telephone box.

Agenda item: Cllr. Ney said those councils adjoining the canal have agreed to pay their share and it has been agreed that we can send our money direct to the Canal Authority and

Cllr. Clark is going to a meeting to sort out our representation.

047/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village

Velmead Community Centre,
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse

2 March 2009

6 April 2009) (**Annual Parish Meeting**)

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

1 June 2009

6 July 2009

5 October 2009

7 December 2009

7 September 2009

2 November 2009

048/09 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – (Exclusion of Public & Press)

The Chairman did not move exclusion of press and public as he said that what was to be discussed was non-confidential.

049/09 VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

The Chairman updated Members on the closure of the VCC and that refurbishment is proposed to be finished by the end of August. Cllr. Jackson advised that there will be weekly site meetings, possibly on a Friday and there is to be an initial meeting possibly next Monday. One representative from the Parish is entitled to attend. Cllr. Ney said that the contractor has agreed to allow access to the site for grass cutting. The Chairman said he thought it would be nice to have a photo record of works. Cllr. J. Ambler said we needed to have a list of contact details for people to contact the Parish Council rather than HDC. The Chairman said we needed to get the amorphous group together and we also needed to try to get one of the pitches for a delayed ZCRA Fete. Cllrs. Ambler (J) and Ney will be attending the JMC this Friday and they will ask if HDC are happy for a change of name for the centre – we can then decide at the next meeting what that should be.

The meeting closed at 11pm.