

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village.

Present

Cllr Simon Ambler (Chairman)  
Cllr David Jackson  
Cllr Peter Crawley  
Cllr Robert Ney  
Cllr Brian Whyatt  
Cllr Philip Ashton  
Mrs Angela Sayers (RFO)

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs Carol Leversha  
Cllr Julia Ambler

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**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman outlined the procedure for tonight's meeting.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA**

None

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**CONSIDER CRIME AND DISORDER**

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.

At this point Cllr David Jackson gave a detailed presentation on the SHLAA report

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)**

140 approx attended

The Chairman advised all those attending that a number of e/mails and letters had been received both in advance of the meeting and tonight from people who could not attend. These would be noted by the Parish Council but not read out tonight. For record purposes only they are as follows:

Lynn Ten Kate – Brook House, Crookham Village – sh140  
Judy Johnson – Westbrook Cottage, The Street – sh1 40  
Simon Johnson – Westbrook Cottage. The Street – sh1140  
Richard Murray – Westbrook Cottage, The Street – sh140  
Mr & Mrs Edwards – 2 Lynams, Church Crookham – sh146  
Christine and Ian Barnard – Corydon The Street  
Mr Hooper – Halfpenny's, The Street – sh140

Richard and Jane Walden – 2 Forge Cottage – The Street  
Andrew Crvickshanr – Hunter Lodge – The Street  
Mr R Henden – Hazelcroft – The Street  
Mr SJ & Mrs L V Dove – Southview – The Street  
YJA & CA Masters – Sretsam  
Anne Murray & Jeremy Bates – Balwearie – The Street

The Chairman then invited the public to speak

Gill Aldridge – 2 Hillside Close, Crookham Village  
For the past 4/5 yrs there has been a directive from Brussels not to develop on brown sites so why is this happening?

Gail Smiths – Dachs Lodge, Redfield's Lane  
Concern over badger sets – Have they been looked at?

Ian Rose – Beech Lodge, Watery lane  
Need to consider the Flight path  
Traffic – A287 – already congested  
Some days it takes 10 minutes to get out of Redfields Lane.  
Infrastructure – size of development should be smaller

I Russell – 17 Hawkins grove  
Access issues  
Moved to the area as we were attracted to village atmosphere. Worried about all green areas being developed on.

Mike Philpott – 4 The Crescent  
Concerns about schools – we already have problems  
M3 traffic at max already

Jonathan Roles - Netherhouse moor  
Asked for an explanation between A B & C on the map

H Hellier – 8 Veronica drive  
Asked if there would be a record of the people that attended the meeting.  
Privilege to live in area – it is a small village in wildlife country  
40a elevated area - hitches lane. Natural boundary crossed. 50% skylarks nest here.  
46 area– countryside walks currently not impacted by urban development. If we proceed it will have a detrimental effect. Bullfinch breeds here

Clive Eastwood – Meadow View Cottage, Watery lane  
Hope CVPC will stand by previous comments they made on site surveys.  
Need to look at the topography  
Special nature area on area 46  
Out of scale with existing development  
Totally out of character

John Aldridge –2 hillside close  
Infra-structure queried  
10 yrs ago council charged us £48,000 – contribution for footpaths and re-roofing  
leisure centre – none of this work has been done  
Anne Stebbing – Two Ponds, Crondall road  
If all the sites are developed what number will it achieve towards quota?  
Are there enough sites elsewhere?

Barbara Whit – Swan Way  
How large is area going to be?  
How long until a firm application goes in for these sites?

Chris Hooper  
Under 40b will land use change?

Ian Russell -17 Hawkins grove  
Is there no way number of houses can be satisfied from brown sites?

Ian Rose – Beech Lodge, Watery lane  
Of 1400 shortfall – what number do we have to give?

J Cole – 19 Swan way  
40a – when we moved here there was a buffer between us and other developments  
in fleet.

M Ingles – 3 Sunnyside the street  
40a – who owns Grove Farm?

Martin Gilbert – Velmead Cottage, Watery lane  
How far have applications gone?

Charles Hicks –Canal Cottage, Crondall road  
Development already taking place. We already have a huge backlog of  
infrastructure requirements. Rail trains to London not increased.  
We need to consider the impact on schools as the secondary schools are already  
turning away children from this area  
Playing fields - Undersupplied in all these areas  
Development suggestions made are almost impossible.  
Local government impact - Assessment should be done

Keith Brand – The Barn  
Are there any other sites that should be considered?

Jeff Kelly –25 Du Marier Close  
NHS – Frimley – talks of closing one of the 3 hospitals Emergency services

R Hatcher  
Why are certain employment zone sites excluded as a lot of these offices are built  
but never used?  
Why can't we use that land for residential use instead of employment use?

Dawn Wars – 4 hitches  
Why is there no development in Odiham?  
Hitches lane is like a motorway already.  
Where is traffic going to go even with infrastructure?

Cole  
Is this being rushed through?

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STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT  
CVPC  
General Comment on the SHLAA report

Cllr David Jackson  
Found the document hard to get a clear overview. Was advised by the planning officer that no overall map existed for distribution.  
Nothing in report to suggest that allowances have been made for quality of life – a focus for encouraging community spirit is important.

Cllr Robert Ney  
Infrastructure – village cannot sustain any more development.  
There are issues on the A287 already.  
Site 46 not acceptable.  
NHS – new health centres and schools are required.  
Village described as peaceful. By joining everything up we ruin this.  
Odiham currently not developed despite having Winch field station and easy access to the motorway. There is unused open land which Hart should consider.

Cllr Simon Ambler  
Questions 3.13 on SHLAA document - including Crookham Village - question methodology?  
35 Pyestock is an employment site. We need to question how sites are being included/excluded.

#### **GROVE FARM, FLEET (SHL40)**

Cllr Brain Whyatt  
300 houses – unsustainable

Cllr Peter Crawley  
We have been opposing applications for this site for 25 years. We have tried to preserve a gap between the village and Fleet so it continues to have an identity. It used to be a strategic gap now downgraded to a local gap.

Cllr David Jackson

We need to think about the gaps. If we did proceed may have to accept a smaller gap.

As regards the natural side of life we currently have wide views of Crookham Village. Visually gap will close when buildings exist on the hill. The ecological impact should be considered.

Netherhouse Moor currently has 249 houses. The proposed 40 houses per hectare is high density. If you build high density urban houses on countryside fringe there is a big impact. Less density is favourable so we need to consider if 4 bedroom houses are the answer. Some sites could be more acceptable if lower density.

Cllr Simon Ambler

Richard Hellier report outlined ecological features in that area and these should be considered.

As regards planning issues we need to consider what ifs scenarios .Houses have to go somewhere. What can we do to mitigate this impact?

#### **LAND AT WATERY LANE, CHURCH CROOKHAM (SHL46)**

Cllr Robert Ney

There are access issues for this site. Watery lane is a lane!!

The proposed development is near St Nicholas's school where there is more than enough houses already especially with the existing roads

Cllr David Jackson

Half site housing half site amenity space

We need to address traffic issues especially at peak time. Redfield's lane saturated already

Bullfinch breeding

Storm water needs to be contained

Cllr Simon Ambler

Provision for infrastructure necessary

Zebon Copse – 1100 houses .1 Million pounds put in the pot but not spent yet!

Cllr Peter Crawley

The Proposed development encircles last bit of canal conservation area. By extending the site into countryside we are not preserving the area

We are told that land along River Hart is scheduled for gravel extraction and so has to be preserved for that purpose

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Cllr Simon Ambler

We need to consider Schools and doctors as we have a shortage already.

Flooding issues –document says adjacent to stream which flows into canal – which it does not

Flooding – water has to go somewhere. Had flooding issues in the past

Cllr Brian Whyatt

The Development is adjacent to the River Hart. The area beyond sustainable to flooding. Any development here is not practical .It is a Water Meadow!!

## **DACHS COPSE, CHURCH CROOKHAM (SHL36)**

Cllr David Jackson

Development downstream from industrial Estate. It is an isolated pocket of urban density housing with no bus service. Not sustainable site

We need to consider the number of people in the houses. We need to look at the number of people we are trying to house not the number of houses.

Need to take contours into account for all sites.

Building standards – Farnborough airport – question quality of life perspective

Building under the flight path – is this the best idea?

Cllr Simon Ambler

Site not suitable for high density development

Although this site is outside our parish boundary it has a far more significant impact on our parish than Ewshot

Infrastructure and upgrade 20 yrs overdue – Zebon Copse and Farriers Close all made contributions. None of it has happened.

Development will push Zebon Copse further out. Question sustainability

## **REDFIELDS , CHURCH CROOKHAM (SHL49)**

Cllr David Jackson

This site is the most immediate in terms of planning

Flood run off critical to houses

Site no better served with Infrastructure

Road infrastructure – another 40 houses down Redfield's lane will cause issues. More traffic will spread down Crondall Road.

Cllr Simon Ambler

This will be a change from industrial use to housing

Need to consider issues with Redfields already

QEB infrastructure will eventually serve this?

Cllr Robert Ney

The density of housing and flooding are the only issues

Cllr Philip Ashton

If we have to choose a site this is the most accommodating. It is the only site suitable for development compared with others.

## **ACTION**

Cllr Jackson to draft report and circulate to other Cllrs. Deadline 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009

The meeting closed at 10.30pm