

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the meeting of 1 February 2010, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the March 2010 meeting for any amendments.

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

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

022/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllr. Brian Whyatt. Cllr. Peter Crawley will be late as he is attending an LDF steering group meeting on behalf of the Council. Cllrs. Ashton and Randall have advised they will be late.

023/10 CHAIRMAN`S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

024/10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 2010

Minute 008/10 delete "agreed" insert "suggested". Add to "urgency" "sites to be confirmed by Chairman and HCC Cllr." Minute 011/10 delete "the parish" insert "Crandall Road". Minute 013/10 delete "onto" insert "from". Minute 020/10 delete "Sam" insert Mr. Knowles" and insert "nursing" before "home".

RESOLVED: Minutes 001/10 to 021/10 were agreed as a true record (with the above amendments) and signed by the Chairman.

025/10 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. D. Jackson in Zebon Copse Centre as he is Chairman of the Zebon Copse Residents Association - this being a personal interest.

026/10 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.

027/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)

There were no public present.

028/10 FINANCE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chairman sought permission to suspend Standing Order 12 as the Terms of Reference had been agreed in September 2009 and thus the 6 month rule applied.

RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Order 12

Cllr. Jackson asked that a paragraph be inserted to reflect that at every Full Council meeting we should have a financial update whether or not the Finance Cttee had met. Cllr. Julia Ambler advised that the Finance Cttee had proposed that the papers requested would be circulated in draft form before the full Council meeting for Members information. Cllr. Julia Ambler asked Members to agree the following amendment to the ToRs "The Finance Cttee will obtain Tenders for any work required within the parameters set by the full Parish Council." After lengthy debate the following were agreed.

RESOLVED: RFO to produce accounts to each Full Council meeting.

RESOLVED: All revisions should in the future have a date and edition number on every page.

RESOLVED: to accept the amendment put forward by the Finance Cttee.

029/10 HORSE RIDING ON PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Cllr. Ney had circulated an email from a resident about horses using the grass areas. There are several stables in the area and Members felt it would be difficult to identify where the offenders came from. Cllr. Jackson asked if we could write to Albany Stables asking the operator to cascade to other stables that riding is not permitted on grassed areas of Zebon Copse - cfi the resident who complained.

030/10 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The RFO presented the finance report and responded to queries.

The Finance Cttee recommended that the Precept be set at £91,000 pending the outcome of the Pilcot Road meeting. The Chairman advised that he did not believe we would have any certainty coming out of that meeting prior to having to send off our Precept Form – which has already exceeded its deadline and now has to be sent to Hart by the 5 February 2010. There was a great deal of debate on the Precept.

RESOLVED: The Precept be set at £91,000 for the coming year.

031/10 PLANNING

(i) Trees

The Hon. Env. Consultant had raised concerns regarding the loss of mature hedging at the rear of the village Post Office. Members advised that there is no protection for hedges – only for trees. Clerk to advise Richard Hellier that regrettably there was no action which we could take. Cllr. Davies advised of a book which could be purchased with regard to hedgerows and he advised he would send the details to the Clerk.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee.

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries raised by Members. Cllr. Jackson suggested that Members might wish to look at the reasons which the Inspector gave in reaching his decision on the site at the end of Crondall Road – none of which were material to the concerns of residents.

RESOLVED: To accept the report of the Planning Committee.

Cllr. Jackson updated Members on a consultation regarding urban character and density which he had attended today. A few houses along Gally Hill Road from Malthouse Bridge were identified as having very large gardens which could accommodate a higher density of development.

Cllr. Ashton raised his concern about HDC not meeting its planning performance targets. Cllr. Jackson said if Members wished him to respond he would be pleased to do so.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Jackson to respond and Members to feed him any further comments.

Cllr. Jackson advised that he had attended the new QEB presentation and he brought the brochure which the developers had drawn up so that interested Members could see what was being proposed.

032/10 STREET LIGHTING

Light number 6 is not working and has not been working for the past two months. Clerk to check whether residents should be using the Call centre to report Parish Council lighting faults.

033/10 HIGHWAYS

(i) A287/Redfields Lane

Cllr. Ney advised that the traffic count has been finished.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

The Chairman and Cllr. Radley are meeting with HCC officers this Thursday.

(iii) Crondall Road

Cllr. Ney advised that they are still on target to do the work for the end of this month. Cllr. Whyatt had requested the purchase of some bin signs to slow down traffic and Cllr. Jackson produced a pack of Road Safety Slow Down signs and advised that more could be acquired if necessary.

The Chairman has downloaded the SID information and Cllr. Jackson agreed to interpret the information and produce a graph summary.

(iv) Grit Bins

The Chairman advised that we had purchased the two bins and had now identified a need for a 3rd bin – the HCC officer has approved the 3 sites.

Cllr. Jackson said there was also a need for one at the junction of Browning Road and Pawmers Mead. The Chairman advised that we would request HCC approval for the one at Browning Road.

RESOLVED: to purchase a further two bins the same size and colour as the existing ones.

034/10 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Crawley had produced a report on the various options with regard to the repairs to footpath 1. Cllr. Crawley explained the outcome of his meeting with the Community Payback Team officer. He said we would need to ask HCC to advise on the specification. Cllr. Crawley had a copy of a letter from HCC to Mrs. Walden advising that HCC was responsible for the upkeep of the footpath – after further debate it was agreed that permission to copy the letter be sought and that we then request HCC to undertake the work as a matter of urgency and offer to share the quotations with them.

035/10 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA

The RFO has raised the purchase order for the repairs to the slide.

036/10 YOUTH FACILITIES

Members debated the possible use of Youth Club Hampshire to engage with young people. It was agreed that Members would look at the Club Hampshire website and debate this at a future meeting.

037/10 PARISH PLAN

Cllrs. Crawley, Whyatt and Tony Clark have met with Viv Evans and have taken on board his proposals and meet next Monday to draft the next final version which Viv Evans has asked for sight of so that he can sign it off to put into the LDF.

038/10 RURAL EXCEPTION SITES

The Housing Enabler is meeting with the agents for Grove Farm to discuss the two sites. Cllr. Jackson asked that since it appears that Grove Farm will have 300 dwellings is it not possible to allocate some of the site for a RES. A paper will come out regarding the SLHAA sites and comparing them. All the normal

issues were raised with regard to Grove Farm, traffic, gap, schools, health etc., and smooth answers came from the developers.

039/10 FLOODING

The Highways officer has advised that the gully at The Crescent will need to have a camera check to see if there is a blockage as earlier works should have alleviated the flooding incidents.

040/10 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Cllr. Ambler said he would need to exclude the public and press for the confidential items under this item.

RESOLVED: Public & press were excluded under Schedule 12a Section 1001 of the LGA 1972.

ZCC contractual items – Members received information regarding revised costs and additional items which need to be done on H&S grounds. Telewest have come back with yet another revised estimate which is far in excess of the first and second quotes (Members had accepted the second quote). The Chairman had sent them a stiff email. Members agreed that we investigate BT to provide the telephone and broadband connection – there is more than one telephone line into the building we need to find out how many lines there are as the fire/emergency link should be a dedicated line. Members were requested to consider this outside of the meeting and in particular to consider the crime and disorder implications for any keyholders. Members reviewed the Grounds Maintenance specification and Cllr. Jackson gave the rationale behind his suggested alterations. After much debate the amended Ground Maintenance Contract was agreed and tenders will be sought from 3 contractors.

Car Park – 4 quotes have been received. Cllr. Ney had met with the architect who had confirmed that the companies are reputable and their specifications meet the requirement.

041/10 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr Jackson advised that the ZCRA AGM would be on Wednesday 3 March at 8pm and requested permission of the Council to use its projector. Members had no objection to this community use.

Cllr. Davies said the rules and procedure of the standards Cttee of Hart are under review and he thought the PC might wish to send comments.

With regard to the possible use of Netherhouse Court for a RES he wondered whether the Cottrell Almshouse Trustees could become the landlord for the units.

042/10 DATES OF MEETINGS

**WI Hall, The Street,
Crookham Village**

**Zebon Copse Centre
Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse**

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

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