

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the meeting of 1 March 2010, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the April 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. Brian Whyatt  
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)  
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)

In attendance: County & Ward Cllr. Jenny Radley and Ward Cllrs. Tim Davies and Richard Appleton.

**043/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Lee Randall had rung to say he may not make the meeting as there was an accident on the motorway and he was held up in traffic.

**044/10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**045/10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2010**

**RESOLVED: Minutes 022/10 to 042/10 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**

**046/10 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. Cllr. Brian Whyatt as a member of the Crondall Road Action Group this being a personal interest.

**047/10 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.

**048/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)**

There were no public present.

**049/10 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chairman advised that with regard to our letter of complaint about Barclays Bank, the Ombudsman had suggested that we go back and begin the whole process again. Barclays had offered a £50 compensation. The Chairman asked for views – Members felt that the £50 offer was contemptible in view of the many journeys made by Members and the fact that Barclays have ignored two letters of complaint. Barclays have offered to produce the Manager for a meeting – Members said we did not accept the £50 and we accept the Financial Ombudsman's offer of a meeting with the Manager at Fleet as the underlying complaint has not been resolved.

The RFO then presented the finance report and responded to queries.

**RESOLVED: The report of the RFO was accepted.**

The RFO advised she was dealing with the year end figures and updated Members on progress with ongoing items. There was an additional cost for the noticeboard at the Redfields end of Brandon Road and permission was sought for the extra amount.

**RESOLVED: to increase the budget for the noticeboard.**

Three quotes had been received for play area signs. Two will be paid for by HDC and one by CVPC.

**RESOLVED: to accept preferred quote and get HDC to agree to pay for the two signs which are not on site at present.**

Pensions: Stakeholders pension – must be run as soon as we have 5 employees. This is under consideration by the Finance Cttee.

Quotations for the Grounds Maintenance Contract had been received but required looking at in detail and outside of this meeting. There is still an issue with VAT which remains unresolved despite lengthy correspondence and telephone calls. There have been a large number of applicants for the Administrator's position. There was much debate on these issues.

**RESOLVED: Finance Cttee delegated to conclude the Grounds Mtnce Contract, the VAT issue with Hart and appoint the Administrator(s).**

The Finance Cttee will bring forwards its next meeting to the 15 March at ZCC and an open invitation was given to all Members to attend.

#### **050/10 PLANNING**

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

Three applications were received and were not critical. There were no decisions in the last month.

##### **(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.**

Cllr. Appleton updated Members on 3 issues – one in particular related to the Minutes of the LDF Steering Group which should be sent to all Parishes.

Cllr. Radley briefed Members on the QEB exhibition which had taken place at the weekend and which had 500 residents viewing.

Cllr. Jackson asked Cllr. Davies if the Environment Scrutiny Panel were looking at flooding issues in the parish and the impact of all the new development.

**RESOLVED: Members delegated to Cllr. Jackson to raise the flooding and traffic issues with HDC via Cllr. Davies.**

#### **051/10 STREET LIGHTING**

Light no. 6 has been repaired.

#### **052/10 HIGHWAYS**

##### **(i) A287/Redfields Lane**

Cllr. Ney said there were a lot more traffic counters on the lane and Cllr. Radley said that was because of QEB – they are taking this more seriously.

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

The Chairman and Cllr. Radley met with HCC officers – he was not sure whether it had moved us any further forward. They had gone over old issues but they would look at costing possibly part of it and part could be done at a later date. In the meantime they will put the white lining where they were supposed to put it so that pedestrians can walk in the road. Cllr. Radley has a further meeting with officers this Wednesday.

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

Brian Millen (HCC) had responded to our letter of complaint. Use of a consultant and lack of communication were cited as reasons for the problem. Cllr. Ashton wished it minuted that the letter from HCC was very polite and explained the problem. The start date for the works is now 22 March (due to bad weather). Cllr. Radley advised that Robert Hopkins has retired.

**RESOLVED: Members wished it be conveyed to Robert Hopkins how much he was appreciated by this Council and how grateful we are for all his prompt attention to our needs and we wish him every future happiness in his retirement.**

The Chairman had circulated the response from the SID supplier. Despite the statements in the sales brief it did not work as expected. We believed we would be able to differentiate in the data between traffic approaching and departing the sign but when the system arrived we discovered that whilst you can set it to capture vehicles going in

both directions you cannot differentiate between them. We were misled by the sale blurb which was difficult to interpret.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to write to The Clerk advising other parishes of this misleading sales literature.**

Debate took place on where the SID should be sited next.

**Action: Anglea to raise a PO on Tim Crowley and request the SID be located in Crookham Road and Pilcot Road. Both ways on Pilcot Road but only one way on Crookham Road.**

#### **053/10 FOOTPATHS**

Mrs. Walden has agreed that the skip can be placed on her parking place and Members agreed a contingency sum to cover the Tamper hire and any possible excess as the estimates of materials prices are exactly that "estimates".

**RESOLVED: Contingency amount agreed.**

#### **054/10 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA**

No faults to report – slide tower repaired.

#### **055/10 YOUTH FACILITIES**

Members had been asked to look at the Club Hampshire website and debate this at a future meeting but Members decided not to pursue this further.

#### **056/10 PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Crawley has a final plan, apart from a couple of typos. He has suggested to Tony Clarke that we put it together and then give a copy to Viv Evans for his approval to put into the LDF and also copy in our Ward Cllrs. and County Cllr. He expected to send it out by email within the next few days. Cllr. Appleton said Daniel Hawes and Daryl Phillips would be the appropriate HDC officers to send it to.

#### **057/10 RURAL EXCEPTION SITES**

Cllr. Crawley had re-read the Housing Needs Survey and he explained to Members how it had been compiled. He explained that the fragility of Hitches Lane gap has been highlighted by the possibility of developing Grove Farm, which together with Edenbrook amounts to 1,000 dwellings. There was a great deal of debate on the RES and Affordable Housing and whether we should still be wanting to go ahead with a RES. Cllr. Jackson put forward a motion which was agreed by Members.

**RESOLVED: advise that the Parish Council is still keen to support an RES but that we instruct the RHE to put this on hold until the status of the Grove Farm site within the LDF has been established.**

#### **058/10 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

Cllr. Ambler said everyone knows where we are in trying to take over the ZCC on 1 April. The advert has gone out to recruit and the anticipation is that we take on two part timers to get better cover. The status was that we have received a draft transfer land registration document which was wrong and was returned. No new one had been received. We are invoking an agreement to cover us for taking over a year early and we are also supposed to get a grant which effectively covers the cost of taking on the caretaker. The other issues are the strip of road outside, in our agreement HDC grant us access in perpetuity. In the unlikely event that the owner of the land makes a claim because it has been transferred a year early invoking his right to have first refusal – we had been assured by Carl Wesbty that he would indemnify us against this unlikely situation. All of these have been verbally agreed at meetings but we have had nothing in writing.

**RESOLVED: In recognition of the increased workload at the present time for the RFO Members agreed that overtime should be paid for the extra hours she is working.**

Debate took place about the TUPE issue and it was thought that we should endeavour to temporarily contract a HR person to assist with the administrative handover. .

**RESOLVED: The Finance Cttee were delegated an amount for the ad hoc employment of a person to assist with the administrative handover of the Centre. Two Cllrs to sign off the PO.**

**059/10 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS**

The Chairman moved exclusion Public and Press due to the confidential financial information contained in the following item.

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

**060/10 CALL & GO SERVICE**

Cllr. Jackson explained that the service has been broken up into local services and he went into great detail of costings. There was a lengthy debate.

**RESOLVED: If the service is operational not to contribute in the short term, but advertise in the newsletter and review parish utilisation after 6 months.**

**061/10 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Cllr. Radley has a supply of wheelie bin stickers – she was advised to put them in the post office.

Cllr.Ney asked for Extension of the Parish Boundary on the next Agenda.

Cllr. Jackson wished to have an electronic copy of the Info sheet

**062/10 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

10 May 2010 (AGM)

5 July 2010

4 October 2010

6 December 2010