

These are the Crookham Village Parish Council unadopted Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 16 August 2010, in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Lee Randall
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

Min.133/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs. Ashton, and Whyatt.

Min. 134/10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Min. 135/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

Cllr. Jackson declared an interest in the Zebon Copse Centre as he is Chairman of the Zebon Copse Residents Association. This interest was personal and not prejudicial.

Min. 136/10 CONSIDER CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Chairman reminded Members to consider any crime and disorder implications which might arise as a result of any decisions made at this meeting.

Min. 137/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)

There were no public present.

Min. 138/10 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE – HALL/KITCHEN ETC, HIRE CHARGES

Cllr. Julia Ambler had prepared a background paper for Members to inform the debate. She then reminded Members on what had transpired at earlier meetings. The recommendation of the Finance Cttee was that the rates be kept at the current level and that a VAT charge be imposed. There were concerns about giving enough lead in time to the regular users but Members were in agreement that the VAT should be charged for incidental users with effect from 1 September 2010.

Cllr. Julia Ambler said she would like Members to consider increasing prices per hour. The Chairman said this would need to be considered at the budget process. Cllr. Jackson suggested that we had a public meeting with our users so the each party is aware of the issues relevant to users and CVPC.

RESOLVED: Members unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Finance Cttee (26 July 2010 – Min. 096/10 (v) that the new charges be imposed from 1 September 2010 (with the following amendments from Cllr. Jackson) that for existing hirers the PC will continue to subsidise to the extent of there being no net increase in the amount payable until the end of December 2010 for existing block bookings. All new hirings made after the date of this meeting (16 August 2010) shall be charged VAT at the prevailing rate from 1 September 2010 without subsidy.

The Chairman will send a letter out to all users. Cllr. Jackson asked when we would have relevant figures to evidence our proposals to remove the VAT subsidy as of January 2011. It was thought the middle of October would be a sensible time for a meeting of users. (Avoid half term).

RESOLVED: Finance Cttee to produce a paper on the income and costs associated with ZCC to present to September meeting of CVPC.

Min. 139/10 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE – FOOTBALL PITCHES HIRE CHARGES

Cllr. Ambler said the hire charges are always set in September. The costs are purely associated with the pitches and the Council is running them at considerable cost. Cllr. Julia Ambler said we should be looking to increase fees by 5% - 10%. There was an issue with the overuse of the pitches by clubs – floodlights are being used for night time use which the CVPC were unaware of but has been noted. In addition despite being told not to use the pitches out of season there is use of the pitches for training sessions which are not charged for.

The question of VAT was raised and it is still not known whether VAT is/is not to be charged. It is necessary to advise the Clubs that the charges will be raised by 5% and VAT will be charged at the current rate. In addition the Clubs be advised that all Training Sessions must be booked in advance and paid for and that summer use will be restricted.

RESOLVED: Charges to be raised by 5% and VAT will be charged at the appropriate rate.

RESOLVED: All training sessions to be booked and paid for.

Min. 140/10 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE – STORAGE ALLOCATION

The Chairman produced a drawing of the Centre. The Playgroup historically had the use of the small meeting room but now have several smaller areas. The proposal was that the Council's storage area be allocated to them and they give up all other storage areas.

RESOLVED: Advise the Playgroup that it may have the larger storage room and it will be charged at the same price per sq mtr as is currently paid. This represents an increase of £11.40per month excluding VAT. This agreement shall be subject to annual review.