

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 JULY 2002

Present: Cllr. S. Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. J. Brooks
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. P.F. Crawley
Cllr. N. Dent
Cllr. D. Jackson
Mrs. C.A. Leversha (Clerk)

102/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Min. 085/02)

Apologies from Cllr. D. Pearson and Mr. P. Dickinson and District Cllr M. Poulton and Mr. S. Knight.

103/02 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10 JUNE 2002 TO APPROVE (Min.086/02)

Page 1 – add Cllr. J. Pearson. Page 2 – after District Cllrs add Crookham Village Parish Councillors and Zebon Copse Residents Associations representatives. Page 3 – after months add “before it opens”. Page 5 – delete “ his” insert “the ZCRA newsletter.” Last page add “CVA” to ZCRA fete.

104/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA (088/02)

Standing Declaration until the Village Hall item is determined.

Cllr. Peter Crawley and Cllr. Paul Collins both advised that they were members of the Crookham Street Social Club and both advised they did not regard it as a prejudicial interest and would continue to participate in the village hall negotiations.

105/02 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (time limit of 5 minutes per person) (Min.087/02)

The Chairman asked permission of Members to adjourn the meeting for the public to speak. After the public had spoken the Chairman then re-convened the meeting and with Members permission brought forward the village hall item which will be dealt with in agenda order for ease of reference.

106/02 PLANNING (Min.089/02)

(i) General

The Clerk has requested the original plans for the Itchel Lane pumping station but these have not yet been received. Cllr. Jackson asked for receipt of them by next Saturday morning. The Chairman then dealt with the questions raised in Mrs. Jordons letter, which had been circulated to all Members. Mrs. Jordon was present at this point and was thus afforded a full and clear response to each of the questions by various Members.

Zephon House

A notification letter has been sent to the owner and then the decision will rest with the HDC Cabinet Member.

Redfields Inquiries

Cllr. Jackson said the final details have been put together now. He has a 9 page draft to comment on for the BRAG position. The Inquiry starts on the 30 July. Cllr. Crawley, said that in one of the folders there was an Inspectors decision which said that the existence of glass houses did not turn a site into a brownfield site.

Best Value Review of Development Control Surey

HDCs solicitor had written in response to Cllr. Mrs. Brooks query with regard to electronic mail. The response was somewhat incomprehensible but he finally states that one should not assume that an email reaches its destination.

Clerk to return the letter and ask him to proof read it as Members did not understand it.

Nyasaland – Mobile Home

The enforcement officer of HDC has visited the site and some clearing up has taken place. He had attend the property on the 28 June and will revisit the site again in a months time. The rotted manure is to be spread on the land at a later date.

Hancocks Farm

HDC have replied that they have enquired about the process of the license which they understand is still being processed. The Council has requested that an hours limitation be placed on any vehicle license granted. With regard to the new road this has been referred to the planning enforcement officer who has asked the owner of the farm to apply for a change of use. HDC will keep us informed of the progress.

(ii) HDC Local Plan

Nothing further to report.

(iii) Trees

The TPO requested on the Brandon Road/Jessett Drive trees is being dealt with by Andrew Ratcliffe at HDC. Cllr. Collins has received a plan which asks for clarification on the site in question. Clerk to return the sketch. Clerk to ask what happened to all the trees shown on the drawing for the path (passed by Carol Peake) – when will they be planted.

(iv) REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report.

(v) VELMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk has written to Carol Peake at Hart asking for a yearly meeting of users, residents association and parish and ward councillors to address the management issues of the Centre. Clerk to get a copy of the legislation which bars the public from gaining access to play school when it is running. Cllr. Jackson asked that at the meeting it be clarified how much space these persons were actually paying for. Cllr. Collins asked for questions to be formulated before the meeting took place. Cllr. Jackson said we should ask for a Policy statement from Rod Auty. Members still require the information on the usage of the Community Centre in order to assist in their deliberations – they do not need the financial information merely a pattern of use. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Hart and set out in detail exactly what Members wanted. Members want to know who uses it, how many hours, what areas are used and what areas cannot be used due to the inadequacy of the layout of the hall.

107/02 SECTION 106 MONEYS – ZEBON COPSE ESTATE (Min.093/02)

Building plan received compliments of Cllr. Mike Poulton – unfortunately the drawings do not show the changing rooms as well. Cllr. Jackson said that some of the 106 money had been spent on the path. He is very unhappy at the barriers at the bottom of that path and he regards it as a safety hazard. Members agreed that a letter be sent to Chris James expressing grave concern that works have been allowed to progress to this stage whereby it is a safety hazard. There is a clear straight path through the barriers onto the road. Cllr. Jackson said he was unhappy with the statement made by Cllr. Poulton that he wanted the money spent on local residents and not just Zebon Copse estate. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Leisure Cttee and invite our Ward Cllrs. along to get up to speed with what they think and what Members want.

108/02 TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

No election had been called and therefore the Parish Council would have to co-opt a Member. The Clerk advised that there had been no nominations put forward and Cllr. Jackson said he had put a note in the ZCRA newsletter. It was agreed that brightly coloured notices be put up asking people to come forward if they had an interest. Cllr. Jackson offered to supply the coloured paper.

109/02 PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSULT ON RECREATIONAL & YOUTH FACILITIES

The Chairman said that one way to support our claims for use of the 106 money was to get feedback from the youth/residents of the area by calling a public meeting. Cllr. Jackson said that there was a better way to do this by using the good offices of the Youth Service at The Point. We need to find out the use the young would have of any facilities we might supply. For public meetings you should have some proposals rather than just a public meeting. The Chairman said that doing that meant that we were then imposing our wishes on them rather than listening to them. Cllr. Jackson said if the Youth Service would do the survey for us then we have something to go on. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks asked whether we could use the Fete at the weekend but it was felt that there was not enough time to set this up properly at this late stage. Our objective is that we want to know what the residents of the estate want then we can put forward the proposals. The Chairman then proposed that we approach the Youth Service to undertake a survey for the need for youth facilities in Zebon Copse. Cllr. Jackson proposed that we ask two specific questions:

1. we wish to investigate the way forward for development of youth facilities in the velmead community centre
2. we would be grateful for any specific feedback you might be able to give us on number who might attend such a facility and what facilities might attract them and that a representative come to our September meeting.

110/02 NEW LOGO

Cllr. Jackson reminded members that we had put up plaques which had the old logo on and we would be inconsistent by changing it. There was some dispute about whether to use the new logo. There should be electronic artwork available for the new logo provided it is not retrospective and it costs us nothing. Cllr. Jackson said that he believed it would cost us nothing and was being offered by Tony Clarke. Members resolved to adopt the new logo.

111/02 COMPLAINT RE MIDDLE NOTICEBOARD ON BRANDON ROAD

The Chairman drew Members attention to the email received complaining about the board and which followed on from a letter sent by the same person. The Chairman said he had called round to see the objector but she was not home and he could not see what the problem was. Cllr. Jackson said if Members did decide to move it the best place was across the road with its back to the hedges. It was agreed that the Clerk write and say you haven't told Members what your objections are to the noticeboard and Members cannot justify spending further public money to relocate it. With regard to the events you mention in your email you should be immediately calling the police to deal with these issues.

112/02 NEW VILLAGE HALL (Min. 094/02)

Cllr. Crawley said that Dr. Reader is still unable to access information from JTS so there is nothing further to report. The Chairman noted that attempts had been made to get some drawings from the architect but without success. He agreed to have a word with Dr. Reader to try and get these drawings running in parallel with the rest of the project.

113/02 MATTERS ARISING (Min. 095/02)

- (i) **Lea Green**
Weekly playground check reports in file.
- (ii) **Electoral Review**
Awaiting Cllr. Jacksons draft (when he has time to compose it)
- (iii) **Flooding**
Workshops on offer from the EA on 26 September from 6pm to 9 pm. Tentatively 3 members Cllrs. Brooks, Collins and Ambler are willing to attend.

(iv) **Repairs to swingbridge track**

No response yet from the RoW officer. Clerk to chase Rob Thompson (row) again.

Report to come from Cllr. Jackson re leaf blowing machine – Cllr. Jackson has not followed this up as there has been talk that the rangers would get one and he thought we might hire it.

(v) **Grants for Public Transport**

Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said she had attended a meeting at Hart by a facilitator. There had been a meeting where they felt they had been steered in the direction where a central co-ordinator was required and he would advise Hart that this was the way forward. Richard Armitage had said it was not worth pursuing the Countryside Agency money until it was known what Hart were doing. She had made the point that even if it was agreed she could not see anyone being in place this year. What they are talking about is someone who knows about Community Transport and will work with the voluntary agency. Fleet Methodist Church have a minibus which is underutilised. All buses in Fleet may be accessed by hail and ride which most people don't know about. Members were urged to try to access a bus in this way. A call centre is what is hoped for. Cllr. Jackson said that most of the bus stops did not display timetables and it was agreed that the Clerk bring this to the attention of the bus company. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said she did not intend to progress this any further until she had further information from Hart. The Chairman said that £10,000 would not go very far on its own but needed to be joined with the other parishes grants.

(vi) **Grants for Parish Plan**

Cllr. Collins advised that he will be approaching the Countryside Agency to progress this.

(vii) **Grants for Community Service**

Cllr. Crawley said he was not proposing to action this at present.

(viii) **Parish Review**

Charles Herbert is going to submit this matter to Cabinet.

(ix) **Golden Jubilee Celebrations**

Awaiting date for re-build of bridge. Put this down in the highways section under Rebuild of Malthouse Bridge.

(x) **Parish Council Web Site**

The Chairman said he had further thoughts on this in that we all know what cvpc is and he feels that we need something longer such as crookhamvillage.pc was more appropriate. This was supported by all Members.

(xi) **HAPTC 55th AGM – Resolution**

The Chairman advised that this had been raised at the HDAPC meeting and South Warnborough would be our seconder. The Chairman read the resolution to the meeting and asked for Members approval for it to be put forward to the 55th HAPTC AGM. Members accepted the Resolution.

(xii) **Barbed Wire Fencing**

The Rangers have been contacted with regard to the concerns raised by residents.

114/02 FINANCE (Min.096/02)

(i) **General**

Forest of Eversley Trust – Cllr. Crawley proposed that we support the project for one year and request evidence to show how we are benefiting from supporting it. Members voted 4 in favour - Cllr. Jackson voted against - Cllr. Dent abstained.

No reply from Canal Authority to our request for details of one-off projects within the parish boundary.

Request from Hampshire County Youth Band for financial support – members decided not to support.

Cllr. Collins advised that Mr. DuGay had agreed in principle to be our auditor but wanted a copy of appendix 5 – Clerk to copy and send to Mr. DuGay.

(ii) Treasurers report

1. I confirm that the following two cheques were drawn and signed at the meeting on Monday 20 May 2002:

No. 100358 BRAG (Bowenhurst/Redfields Action Group)	£100.00
- section 137 Grant towards Appeal Hearing expenses.	
No. 100359 Crowley Civil Engineers	£58.75
- noticeboard erection at Brandon Road	
2. Since my last report on 10.6.02 we have received 12p interest on our negligible balances at Barclays BaNK.
3. Our balances at banks as at today's date are:

Bank of Ireland	£39,613.98
Barclays Bank	£125.07
4. There are two cheques for signature:

No. 100361 Mrs. C. Leversha	£1,134.83
- salary £923.16, parish office £125,	
- postages £21.19, office supplies £48.00	
- section 137 APM expenses £9.08 & Vat £8.40	
Bank of Ireland	
No. 25 Crookham Parish Council	£1,013.98
- to put us in funds to meet the above cheque	

E&OE

Members accepted the Report of the Honorary Treasurer and it was signed by the Chairman.

(iii) Zurich Legal Expenses

Members felt that it was unnecessary to take this up.

115/02 LIGHTING (Min. 097/02)

(i) General

Nothing to report

(ii) Footway Lights

Cllr. Jackson meeting with the Highways Engineer on Friday and he will bring a scheme back to the Council's next meeting.

116/02 HIGHWAYS - ROADS, PAVEMENTS & FOOTPATHS (Min.098/02)

(i) General

Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said that the tarmac has melted at the junction of Crookham Road and Malthouse Bridge there is a dip in the road. Clerk to report to Hook.

(ii) Pavement for Brook Hill

Still no response from Mr. Lean the owner of Little Windflower.

(iii) **Encroaching hedges**

Cllr. Collins said that the path now measures 750 mm. Remove from agenda.

(iv) **Traffic Calming**

The trials in Crondall Road are now installed. Cllr. Dent said coming to this meeting he had noticed that a lot of the traffic calming signs on Crondall Road were obscured by hedgerow and needed attending to. Mr. Plumbe had written with regard to the extension of the 30 mph limit – the Chairman read the letter to Members. The Chairman reiterated that this was a trail – it was agreed that a response be sent saying that there was no delay on the part of this Council and nothing more can be done until the Public meeting. Clerk to ask for sight of the speed measurements before and during the trials for all the sites.

(v) **Footpaths General**

The Clerk has written to HCC with regard to the footway down Pilcot Hill under the Safer Routes to School initiative. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks had received a complaint about the state of the footpath behind Cllr. Crawley's property because it is so overgrown but the owner refuses to clear the vegetation because of all the dog fouling on the path. Bring to the attention of Rob Thompson footpaths 1 and 5.

(vi) **Jessett/Brandon Road path**

Dealt with earlier. Members were unhappy at the route of the path and discussion took place on a way forward. Cllr. Jackson felt that we could do nothing further about the path but we need to be knocking on Hart's door to be consulted on the play area. Cllr. Collins said we should put a question to Full Council on the lack of consultation about the path. The Chairman said that at our last meeting Rod Auty was supposed to be coming back to the parish with what was proposed and where it was to be put. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Hart asking for consultation on the play area and for a public meeting to be called after the Parish Council have been consulted copy to Cllrs. Fullbrook and Poulton.

117/02 RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED (Min.099/02)

Circ: 17.6.02

Best Value Review DC – response of PC/Hart Design Awards/Copy ltrs/ Vital villages Update/Crime and Disorder Act/Communique/Hart Matters Summer 02/Agenda & Minutes of Services PRP 18.6.02

Urgent Circ: 18.6.02

Hampshire Village of the Year/Detr Consultation Paper on Misconduct Allegations

Circ: 22.6.02

HCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review/copy ltrs/Agenda & Minutes of C&E PRP 25.6.02 and HDC Council 27.6.02/CPRE Planning Update

Circ: 30.6.02

Health Consultation Document re Breast Cancer/Hampshire Now Magazine/Thames Valley multi-modal study précis/Spise News 34/ Mins & Agenda for Cabinet 2.7.02 and Staff & General Purposes Cttee 4.7.02

118/02 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS (Min.100/02)

Letter from Norma Burton re condition of amenity area outside the post office -Agenda item.

Joint CVA/ZCRA fete on Sunday – going well but still short of helpers.

Cllr. Jackson passed round documents from a CPRE transport seminar.

Agenda item – Procedure for Public Participation.

119/02 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Min.101/02)

The Next Meeting will be held on Monday, 2 September 2002 at 7.45 pm in the WI Hall.

The meeting closed at 11 pm.