

These are the unadopted minutes of the meeting of 1 December 2003, please refer to the unadopted minutes of the January 2004 meeting for any amendments.

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

158//03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Knight.

159/03 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 NOVEMBER 2003 TO APPROVE

Page 3 (vi) add “Cllrs. were concerned that moving away from centralised administration was likely to lead to inefficiencies.” Page 6 delete “Dr. Reader” insert “Graham Plumbe” with these amendments the Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

160/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

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 that they did not regard it as a prejudicial interest and would continue to participate in the village hall negotiations.

161/03 CONSIDER CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Chairman reminded Members of their duty to consider the crime and disorder implications of any decisions they might make this evening.

162/03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (max. 3 minutes per speaker on any matter)

The Chairman sought permission to adjourn the meeting for the public to speak and this was so agreed. He welcomed one of our “Beat” constables, PC Steve Frances, to speak. PC Frances said he and PC Robert Leavy are our Beat constables and he was here speak about issues which were of concern to residents. Fleet Police station will not be closing – each area of the whole of northeast Hampshire has “Beat” officers. He explained the history of the previous arrangements and said that the new system had 35 officers based at Yateley as a response section to emergencies. In Fleet there are 6 dedicated Beat officers. Fleet is split into 4 main Beats. We are covered by Beat 3. Most of the old part of the village is covered by the Crondall Beat officer as it has always been. There are plans for another 3 officers to join in the spring. It is then hoped to have two dedicated officers for each Beat. If there are problem areas then they can all get together to help sort out the problem. The scheme has so far been an outstanding success and Inspector John Weston is in charge of the Beat officers. Contact can be made by telephoning 0845 04545 or fax 01256 405220. Cover is not 24 hours but they do cover most of the period. The restructuring means that the response side can now have 2 teams overlapping at crucial times e.g. when the pubs and clubs turn out. The

officers rely totally on being told of problems – however small – please let them know. They are also engaging with the neighbourhood watch schemes.

Graham Plumbe asked if Members were going to be discussing traffic calming tonight and the Chairman said he would be asking Members to permit that item to be dealt with after public participation. John Blackwell said (in relation to traffic calming) that to the best of his knowledge the police have no right to veto any democratic decision the parish council might come to. This might be an opportune time for the Parish Council to challenge the Police.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

163/03 PLANNING

(i) General

Zephon House - still awaiting confirmation that it is covered under the Article 4 Direction.

Action: Clerk

Tall Pines culvert on canal – Clerk has chased up but still no response from HDC.

Action: Clerk

Enforcement Working Party – still no response from HDC.

Action: Clerk

(ii) Trees

Cllr. Crawley had nothing to report. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks said she was disturbed at the amount of trees we are losing and in particular the house next to Tall Pines had cut down large trees - she had spoken to an officer at HDC who said that the trees were not covered by a TPO and the site was not in a conservation area. Discussion took place on how to protect trees which were substantial. A tree survey is needed on trees which are not covered by the conservation area. Debate took place on how to protect hedges and trees.

Action: Clerk to request a statement of all trees covered by TPO's in the Parish and which are outside of the conservation area.

Action: Invite Ian Phillips to a PC meeting on 5 January 04 to discuss the coverage of established mature trees outside the conservation area (more than 30 years old) and how to cover them with TPOs, with a view to establishing how this council can assist with preventing the speedy loss of mature trees in Gally Hill road.

(iii) Report of the Planning Cttee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report.

Members accepted the report of the Planning Cttee. It was agreed that Cllr. Jackson would email his report to the Chairman so that it could go on the Website and it was further agreed that copies go with all copies of the Minutes. Cllr. Jackson said that he had asked HDC about the off site works at Tall Pines and he has still not had a reply from officers (Viv Evans nor Giorgio Framillico) he was seriously concerned that off site works should be declared in the planning application.

Action: Cllr. Jackson to compose a question to be asked at a Hart Council meeting either this month or next month.

(iv) Velmead Community Centre

The Chairman said he has not heard anything from HDC about the transferring of the Community Centre to this Council.

164/03 SECTION 106 MONEYS – ZEBON COPSE ESTATE

Neil McKie of HDC Tech Services wishes to visit the site with the Chairman

in order to price up the wish list. The Chairman invited any Members who wished to come – it was suggested a 9am Saturday morning meeting.

Action: Clerk

Play Area L1

The Chairman had written to Rod Auty with regard to a further public meeting for this proposal and asked could we have sight of the revised plans and a date for the meeting..

165/03 VILLAGE HALL

No reply from the CSSC with regard to our comments about the rowdy behaviour outside the Club and its impact on our proposals for a joint facility.

166/03 MATTERS ARISING

(i) **Lea Green**

Cllr. Jackson said that the front bar of the seat in the play area needs repairing.

Action: Clerk

(ii) **Community Transport**

A meeting is due to be held on 9 December 03 to update councillors on the progress of the service.

(iii) **Parish Review**

Still no reply from Charles Herbert.

Action: Clerk to chase him again.

(iv) **Youth Facilities**

Chairman will contact Mark Blackwell (youth officer) when he gets some spare time.

Action: Chairman

(v) **Risk Assessment Policy**

Action: Clerk

(vi) **Parish Plan**

Cllr. Collins had not been able to attend the Seminar. Cllr. Jackson said had we any plans for moving this forward. Cllr. Collins said HAPTC had a scheme for Quality Parish Councils which meant that this Council would need to produce a newsletter. The Chairman said we needed to meet outside this meeting to move this on. Cllr. Jackson said could members write down headings of what they thought should be in it. Cllr. Collins said formulating a questionnaire was important – the Chairman said a question on trees and TPOs would be a good starting point.

Action: Steering Group formed composed of Chairman, Cllr. Collins and Cllr. Rusby – they will meet sometime in the new year.

(vii) **Maintenance matters**

Quotations in the finance file.

(viii) **ZC Entrance Gateway**

Action: Cllr. Jackson.

(ix) **Ward Boundary at Watery Lane**

No reply from HDC yet.

167/03 FINANCE

(i) **General**

The Chairman advised that Mrs. Ambler had checked and had it confirmed that she could authorise all the papers for Councillors.

Action: All members still needing authorisation of their signatures pls contact Mrs. Ambler.

Maintenance matters quotations were received from 2 companies from the 8 invited to quote. The Chairman read to the meeting the quotes from both

companies. Members resolved to accept the quotations from A J Fisk.

(ii) Treasurers report

“1. Since the meeting of 3 November we have received interest on our Bank of Ireland account of £124.51 in respect of October.

2. On 12 November the following cheques were drawn:

Barclays Bank Account	
100418 Continental Landscapes Ltd	£482.82
Playground inspections 4mths	£181.41
Repairs fencing & swing	£229.50
VAT	£79.91
Bank of Ireland Account	
Chq no. 36 Crookham Village PC	£454.51
To finance the above	

3. Our bank balances are:

Bank of Ireland	£50,470.00
Barclays Bank	£3.34

4. My figures for the Budget Meeting do not include the above net expenditure. E&OE”.

Members accepted the Treasurer`s report.

(iii) Engineer`s Inspections

Two companies have quoted for the annual inspection. The Chairman advised of the prices from the two companies and Members resolved to accept RoSPA – inspections to commence in May 04.

(iii) Draft Budget Meeting

The Chairman said he would collate all the paperwork from the meeting and send out copies to all Members.

Action: Chairman

168/03 LIGHTING

(i) General

Nothing.

(ii) Vandalised footway lights

Still awaiting anti-vandal bolts to be fitted and lights re-illuminated. Members expressed their frustration at the long delay.

169/03 HIGHWAYS - ROADS, PAVEMENTS & FOOTPATHS

(i) General

Extinguishment of Highway Rights – Watery Lane

Confirmation received that old rights will be retained until works are done and new rights granted.

Highways co-ordinator – the Chairman read to the meeting a letter received from HCC and members felt that the way things work with Robert Hopkins was more than satisfactory.

Action: Clerk to advise that Members extremely happy with present arrangements.

Cllr. Jackson asked that we resurrect the A287 junction improvements and ask what is going on with regard to this. Cllr. Crawley pointed out that this Council`s response to QE Barracks had raised the issue of not enough information on traffic implications – what impact will QEB have on Crookham Village. Members felt that the Traffic Impact Assessment did not cover a wide enough area – we need a TIA for Crookham Village. Questions to be asked - what further traffic studies have been carried out subsequent to the developers traffic assessment; what is HCC view on the effect of the development on the traffic flows between QEB and towards Crookham Village; what are the implications on

traffic flows throughout the parish; what plans have you to make sure that this information is available to this Council.

Action: Clerk – cfi to HDC the QEB letter.

(ii) Pilcot Road Footway

The Chairman said that most of the respondents were in favour of a footway down the hill. No reply yet from Phil Samms with regard to who would fund the footway.

Action: Clerk

(iii) Traffic Calming

The Chairman said that as a result of the huge amount of information from highways and responses from the public. Provisionally an extraordinary meeting had been agreed for 8 December 2003 – he asked Members whether they wished to discuss anything tonight. Cllr. Rusby asked for the format of the meeting. The Chairman said he could not prejudge the outcome of the meeting – it would be a full parish council meeting with only one item for debate. Members felt that we would not have the information in time for the Notices to be posted. It was agreed that the meeting planned for 8 December be postponed.

Cllr. Jackson summarised the informal meeting with Police and HCC. The major difficulty is Crondall Road because the police will not support the extension without traffic calming in Crondall Road. The Chairman said that without the Police support the extension will not happen. We therefore asked highways to go away and come up with a design to combat the concerns of residents who did not want buildouts outside their homes. We also asked that a gateway feature be put on Pilcot Hill rather than the buildouts. There had been quite a lot of movement by highways and the 3 areas were not reliant on each other. Each could be dealt with separately. Cllr. Crawley asked if the revised scheme for Crondall Road could be trialled. Members agreed that this re-arrangement should be implemented as soon as it was put forward.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed Members review matters at the meeting on 5 January 04, and if we have all the relevant information we could hold our extraordinary meeting on the 12 January 04.

Action: Clerk

(v) Malthouse Bridge

Allan Farwell (HCC) has emailed that the design is progressing and drawings will be brought to Members and there is money in the budget for the footway this financial year.

(vi) Footpaths General

Lynn Byfield has visited footpaths 1 and 5 and says that she feels that the same dog and owner are the offenders and will visit properties either side and will talk to them.

(vii) Misuse of bridleway & towpath by vehicles

Letter from Canal Authority saying these are the first reports of motorbikes on the canal towpath and they also requested payment for the works under Poulter's Bridge. The Clerk said she had advised them to submit an Invoice. Notices forbidding motorcycles being ridden on the towpath and the bridleway have been requested and are awaited.

170/03 RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

Circ: 9.11.03

Copy ltrs/Clerks & Councils Direct/HDC Agendas & Mins Licensing Cttee 17.11.03/
Planning Cttee 12.11.03/Planning Policy Task Force/Water Voice Survey

Circ: 17.11.03

Copy Ltrs/OSS donation request/Blackwater Valley Network Newsheet/ Hart News/Rural Matters/Seppo polc newssheet/3 copies of Hampshire Now

Circ22.11.03

Copy ltrs/Fleet festivities leaflets/The Clerk/HDC Agenda & Mins Scrutiny Cttee 26.11.03/Full Council 27.11.03/Shaws leaflet/South East in Bloom/Pillar Talk

Circ: 1.12.03

Watervoice Champion/Haptc mail ref 74-03/Hampshire Highways Newsletter/ CPRE Hampshire/HDC Mins & Agendas Policy Panel 3.12.03/Cabinet 4.12.03/ Enforcement 8.12.03

171/03 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr. Jackson spoke about the TAG letter giving information on where aircraft should turn and according to his calculations aircraft are turning 1.5 miles from the end of the runway.

Cllr. Jackson will compose a letter for the Clerk to send. Cllr. Rusby said he had received a note from HDC that they will no longer collect his bin from his property he will have to wheel it up to the top of his close in future. He was advised to ask a question at HDC Full Council.

172/03 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Min.027/03)

The next Meeting will be on Monday 5 January 2004 at 7.45 pm in the WI Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

