

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 9 May 2011, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the June 2011 meeting for any amendments.

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

Present: CC Jenny Radley and Ward Cllrs. Chris Simmons and Richard Appleton.

- Min. 068/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr. Simon Ambler was proposed by Cllr. David Jackson and seconded by Cllr. Julia Ambler. There being no other nominations the vote was taken and Cllr. Simon Ambler was duly elected.  
**RESOLVED: Cllr. Simon Ambler elected Chairman of the Council – he duly signed his Acceptance of Nomination form.**
- Min. 069/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies from Cllr. Ashton and Cllr. Lee Randall advised he would be late.
- Min. 070/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
None.
- Min. 071/11 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr. David Jackson was proposed by Cllr. Simon Ambler and seconded by Cllr. Julia Ambler. There being no other nominations the vote was taken and Cllr. Jackson was duly elected.  
**RESOLVED: Cllr. David Jackson elected Vice Chairman of the Council – he duly signed his Acceptance of Nomination form.**
- Min. 072/11 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Members were requested to submit their names for this Committee.  
**RESOLVED: Cllrs. Jackson, Ashton, Randall and Crawley were appointed as Members of the Planning Committee.**
- MIN. 073/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Cllr. David Jackson was proposed by Cllr. Peter Crawley and seconded by Cllr. Brian Whyatt. There being no other nominations Cllr. Jackson was duly elected.  
**RESOLVED: Cllr. David Jackson elected Chairman of the Planning Committee.**
- Min. 074/11 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Members were requested to submit their names for this Committee.  
**RESOLVED: Cllrs. Julia Ambler, Whyatt and Ashton were appointed as Members of the Finance Committee (the Chairman of Council is an ex-officio Member).**
- Min. 075/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Cllr. Julia Ambler was proposed by Cllr. David Jackson and seconded by Cllr. Peter Crawley. There being no other nomination the vote was taken and Cllr. Julia Ambler elected.  
**RESOLVED: Cllr. Julia Ambler elected Chairman of the Finance Committee.**
- Min. 076/11 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY INTERNAL AUDITOR**  
Mr. Phil du Gay had confirmed he was willing to continue as Honorary Internal Auditor.  
**RESOLVED: Mr. Phil du Gay re-appointed as Honorary Internal Auditor.**
- Min. 077/11 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT AND FOOTPATHS REPRESENTATIVE**  
Mr. Richard Hellier was re-appointed as Hon Env Consultant and Footpaths representative. Cllr. Jackson wondered whether we should split the job. Richard is excellent on environmental subjects and we have someone who walks the footpaths regularly. Mr. Graham Plumbe was mentioned. Cllr. Jackson said our Ramblers Representative had failed to produce anything to go on the web.  
**RESOLVED: Mr. Richard Hellier re-appointed as Hon Env. Consultant.**
- Min. 078/11 APPOINTMENT OF TREE WARDEN**  
Cllr. Peter Crawley agreed to continue as tree warden.  
**RESOLVED: Cllr. Peter Crawley re-appointed as tree warden.**

- Min. 079/11 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**RESOLVED: The following to serve:**
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| a) Hart Road Safety Council  | Cllr. Peter Crawley |
| (This has now ceased but in the event that there is a continuation of a Hart Road Safety in whatever body it becomes Cllr. Crawley will continue.) |                     |
| b) Crookham Memorial Trust   | Cllr. Simon Ambler  |
| c) Fleet/Crondall Welfare Trust  | Cllr. Peter Crawley |
| d) Cottrell Almshouse Trust  | Cllr. Brian Whyatt  |
| e) Hart & Rushmoor Transport Forum   | Cllr. Brian Whyatt  |
| f) Hart District Asscn of Parish & Town Councils   | vacant at present   |
- Min. 080/11 SUBSCRIPTIONS DURING THE COMING YEAR**  
**RESOLVED: Continue membership of the following organisations:**
- Hampshire Association of Local Councils
  - Council for the Preservation of Rural England
  - Open Spaces Society
  - Society of Local Council Clerks
- Min. 081/11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11 APRIL 2011**  
**RESOLVED: Minutes 051/11 to 067/11 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**
- Min. 082/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA**  
Cllr. Whyatt declared a personal interest in Crondall Road as a Member of CRAG.
- Min. 083/11 CONSIDER CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**  
The Chairman reminded Members of their duty to consider any crime and disorder implications which might arise as a result of any decisions they might make at this meeting.
- Min. 084/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
There were no public present.
- Min. 085/11 OFFER TO PAY FOR NEWSLETTER PRINTING**  
An offer had been received from a solicitor to pay for our printing costs in return for advertising. Debate ensued.  
**RESOLVED: Thank them for the offer but decline.**
- Min. 086/11 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)**  
There is nothing new on this subject at the moment.
- Min. 087/11 HCC SMALL GRANTS SCHEME**  
The Chairman asked Cllrs Whyatt and Crawley if they had found areas where we might apply for a grant. Cllr. Whyatt said he had checked out f/p 1 and it seemed okay.  
Cllr. Jackson said that the section by Riverside Cottage was an area where something was needed. The land belongs to John Hirst. It needs some hardcore or a boardwalk. We would need Mr. Hirst's permission. Cllr. Crawley said he believed hardcore would work.  
Clerk to seek permission of Mr. Hirst and ask Rob Thompson (footpaths officer) what he would recommend for a very rural footpath which becomes a quagmire in the winter. Grant dates: Round 2 – closing date to be considered 17 June - Round 3 – 30 September.  
SU ref coming from David - Mr. Needham borders the path so we need to talk to both of them.  
The Chairman reminded Members that this was a 50/50 funding and we would need to match fund. Cllr. Jackson said that the wire around the Hillyburrow Copse had been removed as it had become a hazard to the horses because residents had sat on it when they were tobogganing in the recent snows.  
Cllr. Appleton said a bridge from Netherhouse Moor to Lea Green would be appropriate to seek a grant for. Cllr. Jackson said he might wish to consider that improving access at this point might not help with the crime and disorder issue. It was agreed to raise this subject in the next Parish Newsletter.
- Min. 088/11 FINANCE UPDATE**  
The RFO presented the Annual Return for Approval and Signature. The Chairman read out the Annual Governance Statement to the Meeting. The first page is the same as the figures which the RFO had sent out. The Chairman read these out in full.  
**RESOLVED: Members accepted the Accounting Statement**  
**RESOLVED: Members accepted the Governance Statement**  
The Annual Return was duly signed and the RFO will present it, together with supporting documents, to the Honorary Internal Auditor for verification. Cheques were presented for signature.

Cllr. Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to Angela for her hard work in preparing and producing the documents.

**RESOLVED: Members unanimously thanked the RFO for all the work involved in producing this Annual Return, yet again with a very tight timescale from year end.**

**Min. 089/11 PLANNING**

**(i) Trees Report**

Cllr. Crawley agreed we should continue to lobby to retain the tree at Ewshot Lane/Redfields Lane. Cllr. Radley said she had a meeting with officers with regard to a cycle/footway along the frontage of Redfields Garden Centre. She has objected and said the users of the road are protected (from HGVs) by the tree – she is supportive of a footway. HCC are now going to review the subject. Cllr. Jackson said he believed we could get a huge wealth of support for its retention and perhaps we could co-fund with Ewshot for an independent assessment of the condition of the tree. Members all spoke against the loss of the tree. Cllr. Appleton asked why HCC could not relax the standard to go round the trees – it has been done in Rushmoor. Cllr. Crawley asked what the PC could do at this point to support Cllr. Radley's objection to the removal of the tree. Cllr. Crawley said St. Nicks had requested permission to fell two trees which are overhanging two oil storage tanks and a double oak plus an ash tree on the roadside – have also been condemned by someone. He proposes that we object to this and query the need to cut them down. Cllr. Jackson said if a wider footpath is put down to the school we will have a complete change of street scene with the loss of the trees.

**(ii) Report of the Planning Ctee**

Cllr. Jackson spoke to the report and responded to queries from members.

**RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Committee was accepted.**

**Min. 090/11**

**UPDATES ON HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**(i) SID**

The Clerk asked for further details to submit the map and instruct B&DBC on SID installation.

Two sites were identified and the Clerk will instruct B&DBC to commence.

Request a date from B&D - Clerk to send RFO the details from B&D.

**(ii) CRONDALL ROAD**

Nothing new to report. Cllr. Radley said an officer had identified some funding from the QEB site outside of the Fleet Town Access Plan (Ftap) funding. Again she is seeking funding from the monies left over from Redfields schemes.

**(iii) PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY**

The Chairman said we should also seek the funding from the money left over from Redfield Lane funding.

**Min. 091/11**

**ZEBON COPSE CENTRE**

**(i) Centre Administrators Report**

There was a written report from the Senior Administrator.

The Chairman said there is now a rolling document of bookings and members can look at this on google.

Members agreed that the cleaning up of unsavoury materials should be done by the present contractor dealing with the bins.

The biffa bins need to be on a concrete pad which has some form of locking on it so that the bins cannot be removed improperly.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to advise the ZCC Admin Staff of the budget and instruct them to get this action.**

Debate took place on the size of the storage cabinet required to house the gifts received from Levignen.

The Chairman moved SUSPENSION OF SO 20 to permit revisiting the Resolution regarding start date for the charging of the FC storage area – this was agreed.

He reminded Members that they had agreed that a charge should apply from the beginning of this financial year but having discussed that with the SZCA it was agreed that the charge should apply from the new season's use - 1<sup>st</sup> week in September to 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May.

**RESOLVED to rescind previous resolution.**

**(ii) Use of Football Pitches**

Football Pitches & storage issues

After a very lengthy debate on the future of the pitches it was agreed to revisit this subject at another meeting. However, with regard to the unauthorised training sessions taking place – Members expressed their concerns.

**RESOLVED: ZCC administrators to levy a charge for all training sessions and insist that these are properly booked.**

**MIN. 093/11 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Members wished to name the Halls and Meeting room for ease of reference for the Centre Administrators.

Cllr. Radley updated Members on the many reviews which were ongoing at the moment.

Cllr. Appleton said the Core Strategy goes to HDC Cabinet in June.

**Dates of forthcoming meetings:**

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

4 July

6 June

3 October

5 September

5 December

7 November

The meeting closed at 10 pm.