

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the 5 September 2011 meeting, held in the Zebon Copse Centre, Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse. Please refer to the Minutes of the November 2011 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. David Jackson (Chairman)
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. Lee Randall
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

Present: CC Jenny Radley and Ward Cllr. Richard Appleton.

Min. 128/11

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs. Simon and Julia Ambler and Ward Cllr. Chris Simmons.

Min. 129/11

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman began the meeting by asking that it be recorded the Parish Council's appreciation of the work done by Cllr. Whyatt during his period in office and how regrettable it is that we have lost him. It was hoped that we can find another candidate with the same energy and enthusiasm which he brought to the role.

Min. 130/11

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4 JULY 2011

RESOLVED: Minutes 111/11 to 127/11 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 131/11

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman invited Members to declare any interests that they might have with items on the Agenda.

Min. 132/11

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. 133/11

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman sought permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mr. Needham spoke with regard to f/p 5 and the Chairman advised this would be dealt with now but recorded under its agenda item. The meeting was then reconvened.

Min. 134/11

HALC PROPOSED RESPONSE TO NALC STRUCTURES WORKING GROUP.

Members had all had sight of the documents and the Chairman invited Members views. There was a short debate.

Min. 135/11

RESOLVED: Members supported the HALC proposed response.

PROPOSAL TO EMPOWER LOCAL COUNCILS

Members had all had sight of the documents and the Chairman invited Members views. There was a short debate.

Min. 136/11

RESOLVED: Support for the vision but subject to satisfactory legal framework within which this could operate.

YOUTH PROVISION

Cllr. Radley updated Members with regard to the loss of the youth workers who have all been made redundant. Several of the officers have decided to set up their own trust and charity and are hoping to take on the youth services for the district. They will be seeking funding from the parishes for the interim whilst they source funding from other grants. They will seek to have some of the £95,000 set aside to deliver youth services in Hart. In order for some sort of youth service to continue they are looking for voluntary support. Cllr. Jackson asked to what extent the new Leisure Centre has been considered in the bigger picture. Cllr. Radley said she was unsure. Some of the group and users are willing to do presentations to the parishes. The Chairman said Members look forward to being approached by this group.

Min. 137/11

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION – DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Cllr. Radley had brought along the large scale map of the recommendations. The village has Gally Hill Ward, Ewshot and Crookham Parish, so effectively the Parish Council is content with the district ward arrangements but would strongly recommend a change of name. After discussion it was agreed that the name be Crookham and Ewshot District Ward.

Min. 138/11

RESOLVED: Support the recommendations with the change of name.

DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Chairman distilled the document very roughly in that "localism works so long as you build more houses." He was concerned that the Rural Exception Schemes were to be

discontinued. He would like to object to the loss of rural housing without a local scheme being put in place. Cllr. Appleton said the noises from Cable and Osborne as to why this is being done – it is about getting the building industry employed. The present system does not work well for us. However there are a lot of catches in this. The freedoms given to developers when the land supply is not identified frightens him. The land supply has to be in the local plan or LDF and until that time we are increasingly vulnerable. Yet again infrastructure is ignored. Cllr. Appleton said his worry was that any developer who sees his land is not coming forward is going to put in a planning application straight away. Were there to be a radical option to the LDF – a new settlement – this would cause further delay. Para 110 – tracks back to the market requirement number. If this goes through more houses will effectively be imposed upon Hart because of the numbers in the Housing Market Assessment. The Chairman said he believed we should talk about community cohesion. Para 109 – they are really piling on the pressure to identify sites. As soon as a site is identified on the Hart documents it is on the slippery slope.

RESOLVED: Concerned at loss of RES and would like something if it is to be replaced then it should help people in rural communities to find housing in the local scheme.

Worried about the change from current plan numbers to Market Housing Assessment (an unconstrained housing number). Cllr. Crawley, said he thought it would be covered under the “sustainable development” and we should question all those e.g. what is an adequate plan – it would be wrong to base it on the developers housing assessment. Cllr. Crawley said that was the central objection which covered all the issues we have talked about. The press have assumed that presumption in favour of development – who is the decision maker. Cllr. Appleton said officers view of “sustainable” is stick it on the edge of existing large settlements.

RESOLVED; Para 110 will punish local communities if years of indecision by Government by messing local authorities about and changing the rules all the time.

Worried about the real implications of “localism” because of the top down target. The lack of infrastructure for which there is no provision. Cllr. Appleton said the parish might ask that the localism bill be strengthened so that parishes can prioritise their needs. Nowhere in the documents is there any attempt to resolve the lack of rural transport.

RESOLVED: Seek support of MP when response is compiled.

Min. 139/11

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)

The Chairman advised that next Monday there will be a meeting at the Centre to hear the views of residents on this document. He gave a short briefing on the issues. The two key strategic opportunities are “new town” or adding peripheral sites to existing settlements.. Sufficient land has not been identified to meet the housing target. HDC advise that a minimum of 5,000 dwellings is required to finance the required infrastructure for a new town.. Continually moving the goal posts defeats the endeavours to produce a local plan. Members will need to decide at the October meeting whether they support the philosophy of building on small settlements or a new village. Grove Farm site – housing requirements have gone up but the country park has disappeared. One of the questions we need to decide is what we would want by S106 contributions. There is the potential to make some reasonable bids. He invited Members to suggest what they would wish to bid for and the following were suggested: Gap (some form of guaranteed buffer to be in the ownership of the parish council,) traffic measures, WI Hall replacement; social problems on new development unless there are links into town centre; exit from GFD towards civilization rather than away. We would like to find a way where the traffic from the new GFD has ready access to Fleet town centre and a way to find diversion of traffic away from Crookham Village. Find an alternative site for the WI Hall or its successor on a secure site. We have a stalled bid for 20 RES because of the GFD so bid for 20 of the affordable housing units to be RES or its successor. Light pollution is also something which needs to be addressed with regard to the Knoll. The rural view from Crookham village to the north must be preserved. Adequate public transport links. A major study of traffic flows and traffic alleviation measures needs to come up with some positive proposals before sites are included which rely on the changes. Developers must not be allowed to develop piecemeal development - the transport infrastructure study should inform the developer proposals. Cllr. Crawley said the GFD is likely to go straight away with developers despite Daryl Phillips wishing to keep the GFD to be done as late as possible.

Min. 140/11

HCC SMALL GRANTS SCHEME F/P 5

Mr. Needham handed out a drawing of the path. A few weeks ago a meeting had taken place with an officer of HCC to discuss how to deal with the muddy section. As a result of that meeting it emerged that the f/p had been diverted from its original line – this diversion

occurred in February 1999 and was done by the landowner to enclose fields which were at that time open space. The effect of that was to create a new bit of footpath from f/p 8 to f/p 5. It was thought that the diversion had been officially made. Mr. Needham also believed that the link f/p was illegal. He did not think it would be sensible to seek to try to revert the path to its original line at this point in time. He wanted the gate of the link f/p moved so that it was a dog leg and not a cut across his drive. He wished to get the dotted line removed from its unofficial status as a link f/p. So before any works are carried out the Parish Council and Hampshire should get the matters regularised by getting the landowner to introduce the dogleg. If that doesn't happen the end result will be two paths which do not link. Cllr. Jackson discovered in his video archive evidence of the work done on the new line and of the actual old line. Because that has never been registered Rob Thompson (HCC) view is that he would have to do some detailed work to see what the definitive map shows. It will rest with interpretation of the definitive map. At the moment that footpath is so muddy it is almost impassable (even with Wellington boots) in the winter months. The possibility of getting financial help to deal with this expires on 30 September and advice is that future grants will not be as generous. We are therefore time constrained. A simple scheme was agreed but in the event that the question of diversion of the footpath not be resolved this presents a problem now.

Debate took place. Cllr. Crawley said that he believed the line of the footpath should be simply within the private road – it does not normally get shown. Cllr. Appleton thought that the 10 year rule applied in that usage was established in that period of time. The Chairman asked for views on the proposal suggested by Mr. Needham. In addition, the Chairman asked Members whether they wished to continue with the application for the Grant.

RESOLVED: Request HCC to sort out the legal line of the footpath.

RESOLVED: Members confirmed they would like to continue with the Grant application and invite tenders.

Min. 141/11

FINANCE UPDATE

The RFO spoke to her notes. Members were requested to set a date for the reviewing the budget for next year. A date for late November will be sourced and Members were requested to cost anything which they might wish to propose. The Finance Cttee had proposed that some boundary planting be carried out in the gaps between Hillyburrow and the playing field.

RESOLVED: Purchase of plants, fencing and labour agreed.

Min. 142/11

PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Crawley said there was nothing of significance. It was confirmed that the Oak tree at Redfield's has been reprieved and the footway can still be installed.

(ii) Report of the Planning Cttee

Cllr. Jackson advised he will send his report out by email and if Members approve it then he will publish it.

Min. 143/11

UPDATES ON HIGHWAY MATTERS

(i) SPEED INFORMATION DEVICE DEPLOYMENT

The Chairman will download the data from the SID and circulate it electronically. The highest speed recorded on Pilcot Hill, coming into the village, was 71 mph in the afternoon.

RESOLVED: Request Cllr. S. Ambler to suggest a policy for the format of and publication of SID data to the public.

(ii) CRONDALL ROAD

Helen Merrills is away till beginning of November due to family pressures.

(iii) PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY

Cllr. Radley said Dogmersfield PC were discussing the link to the school which should help the Parish Council case.

(iv) A287/REDFIELDS LANE JUNCTION

There is about £200k which has to be spent within a short timeframe. This would cover the footway and Crondall Road schemes. However, how to access it has still to be resolved.

Min. 144/11

CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Still no interest. Continue to endeavour to recruit.

Min. 145/11

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

(i) Centre Administrators Report

There was a written report from the Senior Administrator. Members wished to again record their sincere thanks to the Administrators for a job well done. The issue of banners on the fence was raised.

RESOLVED: Permission for banners may be given by ZCC admin for up to a month period. Any banners erected without permission be removed immediately.

(ii) Football Pitches

The Administrators have been actively seeking other clubs to take up unallocated pitch time.

(iii) Request from Hart FC for a meeting with Members.

Cllr. Randall and Cllr. S. Ambler were delegated to meet with the Club Cttee. Dates offered were Tuesday or Thursday – 27 or 29 September or the following week at 7pm.

Min.146/11 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Clerk was requested to seek information on “adopt a roundabout” for the roundabout on Gally Hill Road.

Older Persons Wellbeing Strategy Meeting & Village Agent – HDC offices on 12 Sept. at 10 am.

Annual Housing Forum – Wednesday 7 September – 9.45 to 12.3) – HDC Offices.

HCC Highways Service Arrangements – Winchester – Thursday 15 September 6.30 pm to 9 pm.

NALC Legal Briefing – Standards of Conduct – copy for each Member.

RHS “In Bloom” letter.

National Lottery Fund – Village SOS Active Campaign

Dates of forthcoming meetings:

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

3 October

12 September PUBLIC MEETING (LDF)

5 December

7 November

The meeting closed at 10.50 pm.