

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the 3 October 2011 meeting, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the November 2011 meeting for any amendments.

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

Present: CC Jenny Radley and Ward Cllr. Tim Davis.

Min. 147/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

Min. 148/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that there were now two vacancies for councillors for the wards of Crookham Village and Zebon Copse. With regard to the email service – there appear to be some issues which the provider is not resolving. This is an opportune time to change the host.

Min. 149/11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2011

Min. 121 – change “we have lost him” to “that he should have resigned.” Min. 126 change “£95,000” to “£90,500”. Min. 143 after “Helen Merrills” add “lead officer”.

RESOLVED: Minutes 128/11 to 146/11 were agreed as a true record (with these alterations) and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 150/11 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. 151/11 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. 152/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present.

Min. 153/11 FINANCE UPDATE

The RFO spoke to her notes. Wednesday 7 December was proposed for the initial budget review. Cllr. Ashton gave his apologies and Cllr. Randall was uncertain as to whether his diary was clear.

Min. 154/11 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Crawley said there was nothing of significance – a couple of applications have been agreed and he had raised no objections..

(ii) Report of the Planning Cttee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report.

RESOLVED: The report was accepted by Members.

Min. 155/11 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (two vacancies)

Cllr. Randall said he would ask his neighbour if he was still interested.

Min. 156/11 HALC AGM – 29 OCTOBER 2011

Cllr. Jackson will attend.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Jackson is invited to support the Motion for an increase of £37 to our subscription.

Min. 157/11 HDAPC MEETING – 11 OCTOBER 2011

Cllr. Jackson volunteered to attend.

Min. 158/11 S106 & HIGHWAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Members debated what was being sought from this latest request. The Chairman advised that what we had already put forward (Crondall Road and Pilcot Road) were already in the pipeline. Cllr. Radley wished to update Members that Dominic McGrath (Helen Mirrell's boss) has contacted her and he has confirmed that costings and feasibility studies are underway and he expects that the Redfields Lane money will be available – studies should be concluded by end of the year. However she is still concerned that the money from Redfields should be in a pot for improvements or whether it is let go for other uses. With regard to new items Cllr. Jackson said the most obvious need was for a replacement for the WI Hall but this should be borne in mind for the future.

Min. 159/11 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)

Cllr. Jackson had produced a draft response and he spoke about the public meeting which had taken place. There were only about 30/35 people which was nothing like the SHLAA meeting and this was more important. The key argument was that if we can avoid Grove Farm being developed, this is to the good and there was a move towards urbanising the sprawl from Fleet. Fleet Town Council is actively investigating the prospect for a settlement rather than this spread sprawl. His view was that these little enclaves are too small to generate any sense of community, transport is inadequate and it goes on and on. The coverage in the LDF of a new settlement is superficial. Discussion with officers is that 4,000 dwellings are required to pay for the infrastructure. Cllr. Crawley said he would like it made stronger that the small enclaves would have an adverse effect on community cohesion. The LDF documents do not lay out the possibility of a new settlement. Apparently HDC have already decided that urban sprawl is the way forward. The Chairman said HDC have not shown what options have been considered, what are considered feasible and what have been discounted. It is basically a preferred options document it is not a document which shows options considered and discounted and reasons why. HDC are quite happy to consider use of Compulsory Powers for developing the centre of Fleet but are not considering the use of Compulsory Powers for the purchase of land for a settlement. There are many arguments in the document for continuing the sprawl round Fleet. Cllr. Crawley's point that if you try to make a plan now in a huge rush up to 2028 it would be much better to deal with it in small bites in order to access the viability of each development. The change from SE Plan to Market Assessment numbers means a huge increase in numbers and there is no way that urban sprawl could deliver this. A great deal of further debate took place. Members went through each paragraph and additions/alterations were agreed. Cllr. Crawley expressed his thanks to Cllr. Jackson for all the hard work he had done and this was echoed by all present.

RESOLVED: the content of the draft letter was agreed and Cllr. Jackson will send it as Chairman of the Planning Cttee.

Min. 160/11 HCC SMALL GRANTS SCHEME F/P 5

The Grant application form had been submitted and Members resolved to match fund the Grant if approved.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to match fund the Grant if approved by the CAF.

Min. 161/11 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY MATTERS

(i) SPEED INFORMATION DEVICE DEPLOYMENT

The Chairman was requested to advise how the results of the SID be publicised.

RESOLVED: Members agreed that the SID data would be issued to residents on request.

(ii) CRONDALL ROAD

Cllr. Radley had covered this under the S106 item.

(iii) PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY

Cllr. Radley had covered this under the S106 item.

(iv) A287/REDFIELDS LANE JUNCTION

There is about £200k which has to be spent - the Chairman said a view needs to be formed on do we give up on this or do we still keep plugging away on this subject. We have not seen an officers analysis of the study, the only thing they identified was a “no right hand turn”. Why was there not a traffic light option – Cllr. Radley would like us to have a sit down meeting with officers and the parishes in order to resolve this. The Road Safety study completes this October. She had mentioned to Dominic McGrath that work still needs to be continued. There is money set aside and if we need more we have an obligation to accrue – we need to put this to bed as soon as Helen Merrills returns to work. Cllr. Radley has been asking for timescales but without success. In the background we also have Highways and Transport and it has sent through a list of schemes and is asking for further schemes e.g. bus stops, cycleways schemes. Crashmaps.com shows the accidents which have occurred in various districts. There are loads even for just around the village. Cllr. Radley produced a map of the road schemes for Beacon Hill Road.

Min. 162/11 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

(i) Centre Administrators Report

No report from the Senior Administrator.

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

Cllr. Randall and Cllr. S. Ambler will meet with the Hart FC Executive on 11 October.

Min. 163/11 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cottrells Almshouses – Cllr. Tim Davies agreed to serve on behalf of the Council.
Hart & Rushmoor Transport Forum – Cllr. Radley agreed to report back to Members HDAPC - no volunteers.

Min.164/11 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There is a Transport Self Help Kit produced to help kickstart transport schemes. Further information on Libraries restructuring.
The Parish Planning Liaison has been postponed from 5 October to 30 November. Cllr. Davies said Members might have noticed signs appearing on the verges which are being installed to identify whether they are “wildflower verges” which means they only get cut at certain times.

Dates of forthcoming meetings:

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

7 November

5 December

DATES FOR 2012 MEETINGS

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

9 January

6 February

5 March

2 April

16 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

14 May (Annual General Meeting)

11 June

2 July

3 September

1 October

5 November

3 December

The meeting closed at 10.31 pm.