

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the 5 December 2011 held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the January 2012 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllrs. Tim Davies and Chris Simmons.

Min. 178/11

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllr. Ashton and County Cllr. Jenny Radley.

Min. 179/11

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced there were mince pies and coffee at the end of the meeting.

Min. 180/11

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 NOVEMBER 2011

RESOLVED: Minutes 165/11 to 177/11 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 181/11

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. 182/11

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. 183/11

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mr. Brian Whyatt wished to thank Cllr. Crawley about his report in the CVA newsletter it was very informative. He thanked the Council for the SID information but asked whether it was possible to get a breakdown of the numbers of vehicles and speed. The Chairman advised that analysis had been done on previous data but it took quite a lot of his time to do this and he could not do this for every reading. Mr. Whyatt referred to the QEB meeting - £25m has been contributed for mitigation measures. He believed that the school was going ahead whether or not the extra 100 dwellings on the employment site happened.

Cllr. Jackson said the extra 100 houses were not initiated by Hart. The education authority had agreed the extra 100 houses would generate sufficient pupil numbers to warrant a new school. Mr. Whyatt advised he had put the St. Nicholas drawings into the phone box and he handed over the key to the box. Cllr. Crawley expressed his thanks to Mr. Whyatt and said his input would have been doubly welcome coming from around the table rather than the floor. The Chairman then resumed the meeting.

Min. 184/11

FINANCE UPDATE

The RFO spoke to her notes which had been circulated to all Members. Cheques were presented for signature and agreed. The RFO advised she would be finalising the Lottery Grant end of grant report on the Zebon Copse Wildlife Trail.

Min. 185/11

PLANNING

(i) **Trees Report**

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report.

RESOLVED: The report was accepted by Members.

Cllr. Jackson then raised other issues. He had attended the Parish Planning Forum on Wednesday. HDC had updated attendees on the LDF consultation – there were 235 responses on the Core proposals and 130 on the Fleet vision. The planned building timescale looks like being pushed through which leads to a risk of Grove Farm being brought forward and infrastructure falling behind. HDC will update the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the Market Housing Area Assessment. As of 15 Jan 2012 there will be a change in the pre-determination rules for councillors. This will free councillors to speak on planning issues prior to a meeting but they must ensure that they have not “made up their minds” prior to hearing further debate on an issue. Parish Plans seem to have vanished from the scene. Neighbourhood plans are the requirement now – which basically give the parish the opportunity to put forward sites additional to those in the Local Development Framework but which have to have the support of a referendum by residents. This might be helpful if we wanted to pursue a Rural Exception Scheme. The Community Infrastructure Levy was discussed and the price of infrastructure funds is being mooted at around £40k per house. The Chairman wished to expand on the Grove Farm site coming forward – this was on the assumption of the increase in numbers, so Hart Council don't have to delay the LDF adoption. The 15 year plan becomes a 10 year plan and when it is signed off they work on the next phase of the plan – that is the logic behind the site coming forward. March is the actual statute date. As Cllr. Jackson said the response across the district was very low and as this has been lived and breathed by officers over the past couple of years it is quite understandable that the public would not be able to digest it all within a much shorter timescale. Cllr. Crawley said this Parish Council was way ahead in the way it had responded. Cllr. Randall said the HDC website was difficult to

access. Cllr. Jackson said it had constant repetition. Cllr. Randall said he had feedback from neighbours who had tried to access the site and were frustrated by how difficult it was.

Min. 186/11

CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (two vacancies)

The interested person had met with the Clerk who had given him an idea of what was involved in being a parish councillor as well as a hard copy précis of what parish councillors can initiate. Members had had sight of his CV and the Chairman invited him to say a few words. He then responded to questions from Members. The Chairman then nominated Mr. Lethbridge and this was seconded by Cllr. Lee Randall. A secret ballot was held and the Chairman announced that Mr. Colin Lethbridge had a unanimous vote. Mr. Lethbridge signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took away the code of conduct and register of interest forms to complete and return to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: Mr. Colin Lethbridge be co-opted to fill the vacancy for the Zebon Copse Ward.

Min. 187/11

UPDATES ON HIGHWAY MATTERS

(i) **SPEED INFORMATION DEVICE DEPLOYMENT**

The Chairman advised that the link he had sent previously to Mr Whyatt would give him all the raw data. Cllr. Jackson said when he updated the Council website there would also be links to this.

(ii) **CRONDALL ROAD**

Cllr. Radley had advised the Chairman she had no further information to impart to Members. She would be seeking a firm date for the meeting in January and would get back to Members.

(iii) **PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY**

Covered above.

(iv) **A287/REDFIELDS LANE JUNCTION**

Covered above.

Min. 188/11

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

(i) **Centre Administrators Report**

Report tabled – Clerk needs to advise Sarah to use “councillors” email address as Cllr. Crawley had not received his copy via email.

The Chairman again congratulated Cllr. Julia Ambler and the RFO for the robust financial projections on the Centre which had proved correct.

Members again felt the Centre Administrators had done an excellent job.

Cllr. Jackson issued a word of caution in that next year there would be some maintenance requirements which would impact on the budget.

(ii) **Play Area Inspection Sheets**

Members were updated on the issues with the Lea Green play area. Exploratory work is ongoing with regard to replacement items. The RFO asked for clarity on what the Admin staff did when minor repairs were required. Members were reminded that costs of less than £100 could be agreed by the Clerk anything requiring greater spend would require two councillor signatures on a purchase order.

The Admin staff were not required to do any actual work on the equipment – only to inspect and then initiate action as appropriate. Common sense prevails.

Min. 189/11

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

HDAPTC - Next meeting is Tuesday, 10 January 2012 – Cllr. Jackson agreed to attend with Cllr. Lethbridge.

Min.190/11

INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Recent CVA newsletter is on the Parish Council website.

Cllr. Jackson – Agenda item – fund the hire of the hall and grounds for the ZCRA Fete next year. AGM of ZCRA is 22 February next year.

Cllr. Julia Ambler may have to send apologies for the meeting on the 9 Jan but will advise closer to the date.

Cllr. Davies recalled that on many occasions in the past Members had discussed a use for the telephone box and he suggested a defibrillator be sited there.

DATES FOR 2012 MEETINGS

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

6 February

9 January

2 April

5 March

16 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

14 May (Annual General Meeting)

11 June

2 July

3 September

1 October

5 November

3 December

Thursday, 3 May will be Election Day for the Parish Council Elections.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.