

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the 9 January 2012 held in the Zebon Copse Hall, Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse. Please refer to the Minutes of the February 2012 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Tim Davies and County Cllr. Jenny Radley and PC Adam Merrick.

Min. 001/12

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllrs. Ashton, Randall and Julia Ambler.

Min. 002/12

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Min. 003/12

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 DECEMBER 2011

RESOLVED: Minutes 178/11 to 190/11 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 004/12

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. Cllr. Jackson said he was Chairman of ZCRA and as such declared an interest in item 16(iii).

Min. 005/12

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. 006/13

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

Mr. Robert Ney advised that he had returned to the area again and would be happy to return to serving the community by becoming a Parish Councillor again. He has re-registered on the electoral roll. Members expressed their pleasure at his return and his offer would be dealt with at item 12.

PCSO Adam Merrick introduced himself to all and said he covered the Church Crookham beat but would be happy to pass on concerns regarding the village to the relevant PC. It was relatively quiet at the moment on a shed had been broken into over the past two months. Cllr. Jackson asked for the timetable for Police Fleet West Surgeries to be put on the website. PCSO Merrick said he would ask the beat time to pass on that information. Cllr. Jackson said they are not updated on the Website and cannot be relied on. PC Merrick said the new Website will solve this and he will request the village PC (Nick) to send notices to the Clerk.

Cllr. Radley gave an update on the flurry of emails which had covered item 15 (will be reported there). The Chairman then resumed the meeting.

Min. 007/12

FINANCE UPDATE

The RFO spoke to her notes which had been circulated to all Members. Cheques were presented for signature and agreed. The RFO asked about the site for the grit bin. Cllr. Jackson offered to meet the contractor on site tomorrow to agree a site and this was accepted with thanks. The Clerk requested permission to send flowers or a donation to the value of £30 for Mr Colin Stace's funeral (Mr. Stace had supported the parish council for many years by building and maintaining the noticeboards (at no cost).

RESOLVED: Flowers or a donation in the sum of £30 for Mr. Stace's funeral.

Min. 008/12

PROPOSAL TO RECREATE THE RESERVE FOR PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY

The Chairman said that in the light of what Cllr. Radley had said about having a meeting on this project, and Crondall Road and Redfield's Lane junction Members believed that they were fully justified in reinstating this reserve (once again) in the light of the emails from HCC Officers with regard to the investigations they are carrying out on the highway rights and statutory undertakers. Cllr. Jackson proposed and this was seconded by the Chairman that money is re-allocated for this scheme.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council now had the full support of its HCC Councillor and the footway stood a greater chance of being achieved, particularly if the Parish Council show "good faith" and have some funding set aside for the footway – in addition the project is also on the list of S106 contributions with Hart Council.

RESOLVED: That the sum of £34,000 be re-allocated into reserves towards the funding for the Pilcot Road footway.

Min. 009/12

BUDGET FOR 2012/13

Members had all had sight of the supporting paperwork from the RFO and the recommendation of the Finance Committee – the Chairman asked if there were any comments.

RESOLVED: The recommendation of the Finance Committee for the 2012/13 Budget was accepted.

Min. 010/12

PRECEPT FOR 2012/13

There being no alterations to the Budget for 2012/13 the Precept was agreed.

RESOLVED: A Precept of £95,370.85p be requested from Hart District Council (which will give a zero base increase).

- Min. 011/12 PLANNING**
- (i) **Trees Report**
Nothing to report.
- (ii) **Report of the Planning Cttee**
Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries. He said that there were suggestions that there was a move towards more backland development along Pilcot Road and he had updated the Planning Committee. Whilst noting the concerns of Mr. Whiteside (a resident of Pilcot Road and present at this point of the meeting) Cllr. Jackson said the response of the Parish Council cannot be prejudged and must wait until a formal application has been received and considered (there can be no presumption of Members supporting or opposing). Cllr. Davies gave an update on the Hitches Lane site map which he believes is moving towards a conclusion.
RESOLVED: The report was accepted by Members.
- Min. 012/12 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (Crookham Village Ward)**
The Chairman said that Robert Ney had indicated his desire to become a parish councillor again now that he has returned and lives in the parish. Proposed by Cllr. Jackson and seconded by the Chairman subject to the Clerk confirming that he is on the electoral roll and permission given to him signing his Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the next meeting.
RESOLVED: Mr. Robert Ney was welcomed back to the Parish Council and, subject to confirmation from the Electoral Officer of HDC that he meets the eligibility criteria, Members agreed he could sign his Declaration of Acceptance outside of this meeting.
- Min. 013/12 PFI STREET LIGHTING UPDATE**
Cllr. Jackson had attended a meeting with Julian Higgins (HCC Officer) about the status of the PFI. All of the light heads in our lighting stock will be changed this year for white lighting which will all be linked into a central point of control. There will be less light spill – the hypothesis is that because the lights will be down pointing there will be no need for the back guards. There is a small problem in that the fixings we have used for our direction signs (on two street lights) need to have some backing material – we need permission from Julian Higgins for the signs we have on the street lights and Clerk to ask can he advise of the appropriate neoprene collars we should use. In the event that permission is not forthcoming we will need to install columns to hold our signs.
- Min. 014/12 POSSIBLE SCHEMES FOR COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAMS**
Cllr. Jackson said we could get the team out to clean the swingbridge with water from the canal – detergent must not be used. Cllr. Crawley said that it was very muddy at the bottom of the rise up to the Swingbridge – clear earth on the hard surface on Watery Lane from the Community Centre to the Swingbridge (this area is managed by HCC Rangers who should be invited to supervise this task). Cllr. Davies said getting the undergrowth cleared around Lea Green and clear up the ditches etc. Litter pick around the Zebon Copse estate – point of contact Cllr. Jackson.
- Min. 015/12 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY MATTERS**
- (i) **SPEED INFORMATION DEVICE DEPLOYMENT**
The Chairman said the SID is being deployed as per the list and the contractor is proving reliable.
- (ii) **CRONDALL ROAD**
Cllr. Jackson gave an update on the background to this item for the benefit of the two new Members.
- (iii) **PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY**
Survey work ongoing by HCC officer and HCC doing the searches again. There seems to be a positive move towards bringing this project to fruition. Some debate had taken place during the public period about the footway joining up with the footway in Dogmersfield but that must rest with Dogmersfield Parish Council.
- (iv) **A287/REDFIELDS LANE JUNCTION**
Cllr. Radley had told Members that officers were now going to have a meeting with Members on all 3 highway matters in April – she could not get them to bring this meeting forward to an earlier date. Cllr. Jackson said we were also waiting for a traffic study assessment on the A287/Redfields junction.
- (v) **F/p5 Progress**
The Clerk had emailed Mr. Needham again with regard to his giving permission for access over his drive. Cllr. Jackson said he had actually met Mr. Needham this afternoon and had learned that he remained to be convinced that the proposed scheme was the best option. He would give a formal response shortly to the request for use of his lane for access to the site. Members were disappointed to learn this but will await a formal reply to the Clerk's email. If Mr. Needham refuses permission to use his drive then we need to talk to Mr. Hirst about an alternative access. If all else fails then Clerk will go back to Mr. Hirst asking for him to undertake the drainage works he offered and the bark covering.
- Min. 016/12 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**
- (i) **Centre Administrators Report**
Report tabled – the Chairman said there is money in the budget for re-decoration and he believed we need to get some quotes before it gets really bad – the only issue would be scheduling the works because the Centre is so heavily used – probably in the summer.
Cllr. Jackson said the point at the end of the report is the most telling – the need for additional car parking for which we have planning permission. After further debate it was agreed the RFO would contact Andrew McCallan (original architect) and instruct him appropriately.

RESOLVED: Use our original architect (Andrew McCallan) and start getting things moving. Get a quote from him for project managing the car park and getting quotations.

(ii) Play Areas – Exception Reports

No further problems to report.

(iii) Use of ZCC & Adjacent Amenities

Cllr. Jackson had declared an interest in this item as he is Chairman of the ZCRA which runs a parish wide fete between ZCRA and CVA on Sunday 1 July and he left the meeting whilst the matter was debated.

ZCRA were requesting free use of the Centre for its Community Fete on 1 July. There was also a suggestion that the PC might want to sponsor something to celebrate Jubilee year.

The Chairman said funding a feature at the event needed to be discussed separately – Chairman asked for Members to think about something for the next meeting.

After a short debate on the request the Chairman asked for a vote which was unanimous in supporting Free of Charge use of the Centre and Adjacent Amenities for the 1 July Fete.

RESOLVED: The use of the Centre and Adjacent Amenities be FOC for the 1 July 2012 joint CVA & ZCRA Summer Fete.

Min. 017/12

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

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

Min.018/12

INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ZCRA AGM is 22 February 8.15 start in the main hall.

Cllr. Lethbridge asked to join the Finance Committee and it was suggested he also become a Planning Committee member.

Cllr. Crawley asked if the parish council would be thinking about caravan sites as requested by HDC.

INVITE CAB TO THE APM.

Cllr. Davies – various sections to the localism act coming into force soon. No need to repeat declarations of interest. The model Code is about to be revoked.

Cottrell's Almshouses annual inspection is being held Wednesday. His appointment is for 4 years and he wished to know whether the Council wished him to serve this length of term. Members confirmed that this was the expectation.

DATES FOR 2012 MEETINGS

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

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

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

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.