

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the 6 February 2012 held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the March 2012 meeting for any amendments.

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

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

Min. 019/12

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Ward Cllr. Chris Simmons.

Min. 020/12

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Robert Ney on his third return to the Parish Council.

Min. 021/12

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 JANUARY 2012

RESOLVED: Minutes 001/12 to 018/12 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 022/12

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.

Min. 023/12

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. 024/13

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. PC Derek Morrow introduced himself to the meeting. He has a strange geographical beat and CV rarely requires his attention as there is very little crime around – the only issues seem to be speeding traffic. There is a Beat Surgery at the Village Shop once a month for an hour in the morning - dates on the website. He wondered whether there was a Neighbourhood Watch set up in the village and he has his eye on a couple of residents. Cllr. Jackson asked if he was aware that his colleagues were setting up a NW recruitment event in the Zebon Copse Centre and he might wish to co-ordinate something with them. PC Morrow handed out contact cards and invited Members to email him with any issues. Cllr. Jackson said his predecessor was good at sending out a situation report on what was happening and he wondered whether this could be resurrected. PC Morrow will pass information on to the Clerk and see how it goes. The Chairman then resumed the meeting.

Min. 025/12

FINANCE UPDATE

The RFO spoke to her notes which had been circulated to all Members. The RFO had received an electricity bill which was exorbitant and when she challenged she had got the invoice halved. HCC control our electricity and the bill came in higher and again she had challenged and had been told that there were issues which should have been explained to the Parish Council and a letter is coming. Members ratified the cost for the snow clearance work undertaken by our contractor. Cheques were presented for signature and agreed.

Min. 026/12

PLANNING

(i) **Trees Report**

Jubilee Oak – it was agreed that Cllr. Crawley would chose a suitable site. Cllr. Crawley advised that an application had been made to fell 2 oak trees and a silver birch on West Glen in Pilcot Road and this is because the insurers of the new owners are saying they may be the cause of movement. He has responded saying no problem with the silver birch but a pity to lose the two oaks and he has asked the applicant to go back to the insurers to see if they would review.

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

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries. He stated that the workload had plummeted and he believed it might be as a result of the relaxation of planning in that permitted development no longer required permission.

Min. 027/12

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Cllr. Jackson suggested that we sponsor an Art Instructor person and children would be able to make something for the afternoon. Last year the fete had hosted a Kite Making Instructor which had proved extremely popular.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will sponsor an Art Instructor to mark the Jubilee Celebration and purchase a banner which advises the same.

Min. 028/12

PARISH COUNCIL APM NEWSLETTER

Cllr. Jackson will produce, Cllr. Julia Ambler agreed to edit. Suggestions were articles on ZCC Centre, street lights, SID, Fete sponsorship, our two new councillors – some editorial from them and sponsorship of the softball use by toddlers. Members to chose a subject and submit editorial.

Min. 029/12

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 – there would be 3 lots of information being sent shortly. With regard to the Speed Watch information – Clerk to send to Brian Whyatt. .

(ii) CRONDALL ROAD

Cllr. Radley advised she has again chased the Highway Officers and was told that a draft report goes forward this week on Crondall Road and Pilcot Road and she has asked it be sent to the Clerk.

(iii) PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY

Ditto

(iv) A287/REDFIELDS LANE JUNCTION

Cllr. Radley said signs had been erected on the A287 which were directing traffic down Crondall Road and she has alerted Highways to get them removed.

(v) F/p5 Progress

The meeting was advised that Mr. Needham had confirmed he would not permit the use of his lane for access to the section of f/p 5 which was to have been improved with funding from the Countryside Access Forum Grants Scheme and the Parish Council. Cllr. Jackson reiterated the history behind the rationale for regrading the footpath. As a result of a failure to negotiate a way forward it was thought that the offer made by Mr. Hirst, when he first stated he did not think the CVPC proposal would work, had suggested that drainage would work. As we now lose the HCC grant we still have funding in the budget for work on this path and it is proposed that we offer to fund the cost of materials.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Mr. Hirst if he would reiterate his offer and that the Council would be willing to pay for materials direct against invoices up to a reasonable figure (within the Matched funding sum.)

Min. 030/12

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Centre Administrators Report

Report tabled – Two major items of expenditure which need to come to Full Council.

Detailed information will be presented for (i) redecoration and the other is the car park extension.

Both of these we need to make sure everybody has sufficient information.

At least one of us sits down with Claire, Angela and Carol and draw a bullet point list of proposals and benefits – we have rough costs on both.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange a meeting with Chairman of Council and/or Chairman of Finance Cttee.

Members again reiterated their pleasure with the way the Centre is run by the Administrators and by the level of income generated as a result of increased bookings.

(ii) Play Areas – Exception Reports

Update to come from Centre Administrators or refurbishment/replacement of some items of equipment.

Min.031/12

INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Members requested that the Clerk address the following issues and report back to a Council meeting in due course. (i) Finance Meeting - dedicated signatures to cover dedicated expenditure. (ii) Look at Standing Orders and initiate a revision to permit RFO to sign off “delegated” matters. (iii) Code of Conduct to be revisited and obsolete wording removed when legislation invoked.

Members had all had a copy of the HDC CORPORATE PLAN and it was noted that there was no mention of funding within it for the Basingstoke Canal.

DATES FOR 2012 MEETINGS

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

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 9.35 pm.