

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the 5 MARCH 2012 held in the Zebon Copse Centre, Danvers Drive, Zebon Copse. Please refer to the Minutes of the April 2012 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Robert Ney
Cllr. Lee Randall
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)
Mrs. Claire Rowe (Senior Centre Administrator)
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

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

Min. 032/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllr. Colin Lethbridge and Ward Cllr. Chris Simmons.

Min. 033/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that he would introduce "matters arising" on the Minutes after they were agreed.

Min. 034/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6 FEBRUARY 2012

The following amendments/corrections were made: Min. 025/12 – add "from HCC" after "a letter is coming". Min 026/12 (i) – delete "West Glen" insert "Kiln House", after "movement" insert "of the foundations." Min. 026/12 (ii) after "relaxation of" delete "planning in that" and after "permitted development" delete "no longer required permission". Min.027/12 delete "advises" insert "advertises". Min 029/12 (ii) delete "chased" insert "contacted". Min 029/12 (iv) after "Crandall Road" insert "to Crookham Place".

RESOLVED: Minutes 019/12 to 031/12 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 035/12 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. 036/12 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. 036/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. He invited Cllr. Radley and Cllr. Davies to speak if they so chose but Cllr. Radley preferred to wait until the relevant agenda item. The Chairman then resumed the meeting.

Min. 037/12 FINANCE

(i) Minutes of the Finance Cttee Meeting of 31 January 2012

The Finance Cttee Chairman asked for permission to sign the Finance Cttee Minutes.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Finance Cttee Meeting of 31 January 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Finance Cttee Chairman.

(ii) January 2012 Accounts.

RESOLVED the January Accounts were approved by the Finance Cttee Members.

(iii) Cheques for signature

Cheques were presented for signature and agreed.

Min. 038/12 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

No progress with regard to the Kiln House trees and nothing new has come in. Cllr. Jackson asked about the property at the corner of Crondall Road and The Street where a large tree had been cut down to permit a new fence to be erected. Cllr. Crawley said he had not been notified of anything in relation to this.

(ii) Report of the Planning Cttee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries. He said his comment at the last meeting about the workload plummeting had been overtaken by the number of applications this month.

RESOLVED: The report of the planning committee was accepted.

Min. 039/12 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY MATTERS

(i) SPEED INFORMATION DEVICE DEPLOYMENT

The Chairman had sent out a short version of SID data. Members commented that the way the figures were shown appeared to be "back to front" the Chairman said he would investigate this. Cllr. Jackson raised the matter of Speedwatch and wondered whether CRAG had shown any interest. The Clerk advised she had sent the information to a CRAG member.

(ii) CRONDALL ROAD

Cllr. Radley advised that Officers have a scheme which they wish to present to the Parish Council and residents. Two reports are being finalised for the Pilcot Footway and Crondall Road schemes. David Ryder is the lead officer for Crondall Road. There is more work to be done on the Crondall Road design and ideas would be welcomed. The present design has 6 pinch points, one rumble strip, white lining and a gateway. Cllr. Radley has asked that the two reports be sent to the Clerk so that Members have advance notice.

(iii) PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY

Tais Retore is the lead officer for Pilcot Road footway. That scheme looks as though it is pretty much there. She advised that it was hoped it could be achieved within the next financial year. Members said they would wish both schemes to be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting on 16 April 2012 and they would alter the timings so that the officers could present, answer questions and then leave whilst the meeting continued.

(Post Meeting Note; Officers were unable to attend the 16 April meeting).

(iv) A287/REDFIELDS LANE JUNCTION

Cllr. Radley said the officers are keen to have a meeting with representatives of Parish Councils and Church Crookham, Crondall & Ewshot will be invited along with CVPC. At the moment there is £1m set aside for work here. Any major change will probably cost over £5m and would probably be based on the options from the recent consultant's report. Their main recommendation is to ban right hand turns and she believes this will not get support from the Parishes. That meeting will take place in April with Helen Merrills and Dominic McGrath of HCC. She will advise as soon as dates are known.

(v) F/p5 Progress

Mr. Hirst has kindly agreed that he will ask his staff to revisit the suggested drainage works he had originally proposed to remedy the excessive muddy condition (in the winter) of this path. He will advise the Clerk in due course. Members expressed their appreciation for his offer.

Min. 040/12 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Centre Administrators Report

Report tabled – The Senior Administrator advised it has been a relatively incident free month and all is contained within her report. Bookings are still coming in thick and fast but some regular users have had to stop as numbers of their clients have fallen. The Centre staff have been actively seeking to fill those vacancies.

(ii) Play Areas – Exception Reports

Both Administrators had done a very thorough check of the play areas. Whilst they are both looking good on the junior playground the Klondike has a split in it and they would like to have it replaced. A list has been compiled with a forecast of wear and tear and projected possible timescales for replacement. Items will be brought forward in due course.

RESOLVED: Permission to replace worn part at the figure quoted.

(iii) Parking Issues in Access Road

The Clerk advised that PCSO Merrick has agreed to ask a colleague to do spot checks at weekends and issue Fixed Penalty Notices for obstructive Parking. The Centre staff have been advised to warn weekend users of this probability and have also been asked to advise PCSO Merrick of weekends when the Centre is likely to have overspill parking. Cllr. Ney asked what had happened about the extension to the car park. He was advised that this had had to be foregone due to all of the available funding having to be spent on the refurbishment of the Centre. However, a figure had been included in this years budget for the extension and the Clerk had this as an action against her. Cllr. Ney asked that it be brought to the next Council meeting and the Clerk advised she would endeavour to do so.

(iv) Playgroup request for external fenced area

The Playgroup provider has requested that the Parish Council consider fencing off an area for the Playgroup children to play in. Members were not prepared to supply a permanent fenced area as it would block off the fire exit. Cllr. Jackson said there is no issue with them using the fire door as an exit onto the field so long as nothing blocked egress onto the open area. Cllr. Ney said the signs outside the fire doors no longer had “keep clear – fire doors” – Centre staff to rectify.

After further debate the Chairman proposed that permission to erect a temporary fence be given but with the proviso that it must not block the fire exit nor impede free escape from the immediate vicinity of the building and must be removed and stored away after every use.

RESOLVED: Administrators to advise Playgroup staff that a temporary fence may be erected but it must not block the fire exit nor impede free escape from the immediate vicinity of the building and must be removed and stored away after every use.

Min.031/12 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Add matters arising to the Minutes Agenda item.

Cllr. Jackson said the residents of Brokle close are negotiating with HDC grounds management to have an open space fenced as a play area for their children. The ward councillors and parish councillors have not been advised.

Cllr. Ashton advised that on 11 March the Friends of Zebon Copse working party are meeting at Londlandes at 10 am.

Cllr. Jackson asked for the Copse Ranger to present to the Annual Parish Meeting and this was agreed.

Cllr. Davies spoke about the Almshouse Charity – he had attended a meeting two weeks ago. There was a new Clerk and the Deed which governs who may be eligible to apply for accommodation is going to be amended in that it will be changed from the old wards to the all the parish councils. Cllr. Davies is endeavouring to get the rate of interest in mortgage reduced from 9.5%.

DATES FOR 2012 MEETINGS

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ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

2 April

16 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

14 May (Annual General Meeting)

11 June

2 July

3 September

1 October

5 November

3 December