

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the 2 APRIL 2012 held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the May 2012 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. Colin Lethbridge
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Robert Ney
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

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

Min. 042/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllrs. Ashton and Randall and Ward Cllr. Chris Simmons.

Min. 043/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that he would bring forward Item 7 and then Public Participation immediately afterwards – however these will be reported in Agenda order.

Min. 044/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 MARCH 2012

The following amendments/corrections were made: Public Participation Minute amended to 036(a) and final Minute to read 041/12.

RESOLVED: Minutes 032/12 to 041/12 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 045/12 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. 046/12 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. 047/12 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. 048/12 PILCOT ROAD FOOTWAY – UPDATE FROM HCC OFFICERS

Helen Merrills introduced Tais Retore and David Ryder(HCC Officers). Tais then gave a slide show presentation giving the background to the need for the pathway. Twelve Pilcot Road & some Dogmersfield Village residents were present. There were highway issues which needed to be resolved. Utilities in the verge may also need to be re-located. Some of the ditch will need to be culverted and there may need to be work done on some of the drives. Also some of the trees might need to be removed. They are proposing 1.8m footway and the narrow bits will be 1.5m where trees impede. The estimate of pre-feasibility is £232,400. Excludes drainage, utilities land and legal costs ecological mitigations (protected species living on the verge or in the ditch) and detailed design costs. She then set out the timescales.

Cllr. Ney said we wanted a rural footway and 1.8m is urban not rural we wanted a 1m footway. Cllr. Jackson asked if £1m a mile was the going rate for a footway. There followed a question and answer session. A countryside kerb would be the edge. The finish would be the same as elsewhere – blacktop. They had looked at unbound gravel but this becomes a maintenance issue and was not supported by Safety Engineering. Bound surfaces were slippery and would cost an extra £15k – but the main concern was safety because it would not be suitable for winter use. When asked why were they not following the highway boundary – they said because they

did not want to get too close to the trees, also pedestrians would follow the design line. A question was asked about footfall – which is low. Helen Mirrell said they were looking at a rural footway but were not being supported by other departments. Cllr. Jackson said this path had been supported by Dogmersfield School and its travel plan which identified a latent wish to actually use a safe path. A pinch point was where the path would need to be reduced to 1.2m. Cllr. Clark (Dogmersfield PC) asked whether the path was to continue along towards the school. He was advised there was no suitable land between the Dogmersfield boundary and the Queens Head to continue the path. Traffic speeds are low at the Queens Head bridge and Safety Engineering was content with its use. Cllr. Radley said if a scheme like this does not start it further reduces the likelihood of ever getting anything further. She hopes that Dogmersfield PC will pursue its side of the boundary. The Chairman thanked the officers and said CVPC would assist in every possible way with the consultation exercise; public exhibition etc and dialogue with Dogmersfield PC. Cllr. Jackson asked about surfaces – what about scalplings for a surface. David Ryder said it was the level of traffic and the type of surface and the need for maintenance. Cllr. Jackson said the Council would like to see a list of the possibilities and costs. Tais said the cost of maintaining one off surfaces is often 3 or 4 times that of the regular maintenance costs. HCC officers were asked to produce a list of alternative surfaces and pros/cons of each. The Chairman said two issues we need to consider are how we participate in the Consultation and he believes we need a site meeting with the plans in hand and some tape measures – provisionally we should meet up around 11 am on Sunday at Knight Close to arrive at the Queens Head for noon. The format of the APM is a bigger forum for the public to make their feelings known and not for the Parish Council to express a view. He believes the Parish Council have clearly stated its views and that we are pressing HCC to make it as rural as possible. Cllr. Crawley said we should put our views on what we wanted them to look at and Cllr. Julia Ambler said she would prefer to walk the route before we formally summarise the questions which Cllr. Jackson asked and which we would like HCC to expand on the potential for alternative surfaces and the reasons why they have discounted them. Cllr. Crawley said he believed there was not a need for kerbing the whole length of the path – where the path is wide it would be possible to keep a verge and have the path just inside it. Members do not want a footpath which runs right along the road as it does in a town – we would prefer it to meander. Fleet pond paths are rural and we should ask what the cost of these was and how maintainable they are. Cllr. Julia Ambler said piping the culvert concerned her as she did not think it needed to go as far as it did.

Min. 049/12 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Crawley – no applications received this month.

(ii) Report of the Planning Cttee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries.

RESOLVED: The report of the planning committee was accepted.

Cllr. Jackson said as one goes towards Malthouse Bridge a change to the frontage has occurred where new white gates have been installed within the Canal Conservation area and which he was surprised had not required planning permission. The NPPF has now been published and he gave a briefing on what it contained. He was delighted that one matter we had raised was the retention of Rural Exception Schemes which had now been included as part of the NPPF. Cllr. Simon Ambler said Hart Policy Team are considering this and looking to work out the numbers and are proposing a Members meeting on 23 April. They are pushing ahead with the timetable for the LDF. Cllr. Jackson said when it comes to the Inspectors Inquiry then CVPC will need to consider whether it wishes to make a stand against Grove Farm and urban sprawl. Things will be clearer by the time of our next meeting. Daryl Phillips will be presenting to the next HDAPC meeting on 10 April.

Min. 050/12 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY MATTERS

(i) Speed Information Devise

The Chairman said there are couple of more sites he needs to download and he corrected the mistakes in the previous graphs. Following suggestions from Cllr. Jackson he will re-jig them so they are easier for the public to understand.

(ii) Crondall Road

Cllr. Radley advised David Ryder is the lead officer for Crondall Road and he wished to give a quick update on where they are with this. The proposed scheme is specifically around the CRAG scheme. They had looked at the suggestions and had discounted some because of safety issues. The possible scheme is £41,000 with design fees of £20,000. Footway costs would be around £100 a metre but does not include drainage, utilities or any other issues. 6 pinch points/1 rumble pad and an enhanced gateway with some additional lining are proposed.

(iii) 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. This should take place in May at the same time as the Crondall Road scheme.

(iv) F/p5 Progress

Mr. Hirst has not yet advised as to whether his staff has had an opportunity to look at this project yet.

Min. 051/12 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Centre Administrators Report

Report Tabled – the car park extension needs some more work; and a report has to come from Claire as to the outcome of the FA meeting.

The Chairman said we need to take both projects together.

We need to work up where we are with new bookings so that we can get a grasp of the figures.

(ii) Play Areas – Exception Reports

There are no problems.

Min.052/12 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

HDAPC Meeting 10 April at Elvetham Heath – four Members will attend.

Cllr. Jackson said the workshop which the Council are sponsoring at the Fete has offered two suggestions Fish or Olympics. Olympics is the preferred option.

Chairman has received an invitation to a Service in Winchester on 23 May and he will pass this on to the next Chairman.

Cllr. Ney asked that the car park extension be shown as (iii) under ZCC.

Cllr. Julia Ambler said she would welcome some help with delivering the Parish Newsletter. Netherhouse Moor – Clerk. Cllr. Ney part of Zebon Copse and Cllr. Crawley the village.

Cllr. Davies thanked the Council for its courtesy over the past 6 years and hoped he would be in a position to attend the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Clark asked if we would have a councillor with a portfolio for footpaths and rights of way. He will email the Clerk details. He also advised that the Four Seasons Hotel is having main drains installed and Church Lane will be shut for 3 months.

DATES FOR 2012 MEETINGS

WI HALL

11 June

3 September

5 November

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

14 May (Annual General Meeting)

2 July

1 October

3 December

The meeting ended at 10.22pm