

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 5 November 2012 held in the WI HALL, THE STREET, CROOKHAM VILLAGE. Please refer to the Minutes of the December 2012 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Robert Ney
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance: HCC & Ward Cllr. Jenny Radley, Ward Cllrs. Tony Clarke, Richard Appleton, Mr. Richard Hellier (Hon Env. Consultant) and Claire Bourke wishing to address the meeting regarding provision of play equipment on Lea Green.

Min. 149/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Peter Crawley, David Jackson and Brian Watt, Colin Lethbridge and Ward Cllr. Chris Simmons. Cllr. Appleton has advised he will be late.

Min. 150/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Claire Bourke, who is setting up a group called "Friends of Lea Green" to support the provision of improved play facilities for young children at Lea Green.

Min. 151/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 OCTOBER 2012

For clarity it was agreed to amend Min. 146/12 change "hill" to "hump at the bottom of the hill".
RESOLVED: Mins 129/12 to 148/12 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 152/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

None.

Min. 153/12 CONSIDER CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Chairman reminded Members of their duty to consider crime and disorder implications of any decisions they might make at this meeting.

Min. 154/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. He invited Mrs. Claire Bourke to speak. Claire said she had used the Lea Green Play area for sometime and because of the lack of facilities now she had thought that she would try to help get it revamped "in a moment of madness". She has spoken to lots of friends on Netherhouse Moor and The Lea and there are many friends from Zebon who walk through Lea Green to All Saints etc. They are not looking for an all singing all dancing facility but would like something for children up to whatever age is normal. She will be on the estate for the foreseeable future and would like to see it (the play area) jazzed up a bit. The Chairman said he believed the Clerk had updated her that the Council had already decided that the play area needed to be revamped. To this end the Council are seeking to acquire Lea Green and then can put in facilities to cover several age groups. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

Min. 155/12 FINANCE

The Responsible Finance Officer presented cheques for signature and the accounts had been emailed to all Members. The RFO said she is already working up budgets and would be grateful to know of anything which Members wish considered. She needs notice as being advised a week before the meeting puts too much pressure in endeavouring to get quotations. The Chairman advised that the outcome of public speaking at a recent Finance Cttee meeting was a request for the Council to consider funding the Community Speedwatch. Cllr. Radley advised that PC Griffiths of Fleet was keen to get some groups started and she saw this as an opportunity for Crookham Village. There is to be a 20mph speed restriction in Fleet and it would be good to share between both locations and in addition she would be willing to use some of her Devolved Budget to assist. The RFO advised that ownership of the equipment must rest with CVPC and the other parishes can "rent" it as required.

Min. 156/12 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

No report from Cllr. Crawley.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Ashton advised he had nothing to report. Cllr. Radley has asked for the Elmfield application to go before the Development Control Committee as the parking is going to be a serious issue.

- Min. 157/12 REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**
- (i) Finance & Human Resources Committee**
Some changes were suggested to the paper presented and it will be brought back to the December meeting.
 - (ii) Planning Committee**
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- Min. 158/12 REFRESH OF RISK ASSESSMENT**
Cllrs. Watt and Jackson had agreed to update this. Members had received a copy of the existing document and were invited to put identify further risks.
- Min. 159/12 REFRESH OF PARISH PLAN**
Cllrs. Jackson and Watt are working on the questionnaire. The Chairman said if the questionnaire gives us much the same answers as we received last time then we have the evidence base to put into our refresh.
- Min. 160/12 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**
The Chairman said that only the village ward is classed as part of the rural allocation. Cllr. Radley said a special edition of the Hart News is going out for a final opportunity to comment on the final draft of the Local Development Plan.
- Min. 161/12 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA**
Cllr. Julia Ambler said that the F&HR Cttee will do a preliminary outline of requirements and then seek financial support from wherever. It would be useful if Claire could get her friends to look at what is at the ZCC. The Chairman said we wanted to progress this and would be putting something in the next Newsletter which should go out before Christmas. Claire said she had told the other mothers that this would not be a quick fix and certainly not to expect something like Azalea Park. It was thought that Members should probably meet with the Friends of Lea Green outside of a Parish Council meeting.
- Min. 162/12 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN**
The Clerk has written to Hart asking for it to consider transferring ownership of Lea Green to this Council. Email received saying awaiting decision of Hart District Council Capital Committee before recommendation to Hart Full Council.
- Min. 163/12 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**
- (i) SID Data**
The Chairman had sent updated information to Mr. Brian Whyatt as requested.
 - (ii) Pilcot Road (Footway)**
The Chairman read to the meeting the most recent correspondence from HCC in respect of the consultation exercise. Cllr. Radley had received a further update at 6.30 pm this evening of the forms left at the village consultation event and there are also issues with the footway being in the Dogmersfield Conservation area and also some Dogmersfield Cllrs are very opposed to a footway. The Chairman said that Helen Merrills seemed keen to get a response from the Council but he believed we needed to know the outcome of the consultation in order to support the majority view.
 - (iii) Crondall Road (Safety Measures)**
Cllr. Radley said on the day it had been possible for the walkers to evidence the issues which need to be dealt with. The contractor has gone away to consider options. As Crondall Road gets busier it needs to be identified for a scheme to be brought forward to capture contributions. She will chase up officers to come forward with the draft plans. The Chairman said that this should be dealt with as a matter of urgency as when the last planning application went through Hart Development Control Cttee he had been unable to get a contribution towards highways as there was no specific costed scheme for this project. Cllr. Radley said some money had gone into the Fleet Town Access Plan and she had been advised by an officer that there should be a chance to recoup this.
 - (iv) A287/Redfields Lane junction**
Cllr. Radley said she would welcome a response from the Parish Council to the Redfield's Lane Study which had been sent out last year – response needed before Christmas.
 - (v) F/p 5 (Drainage Improvements)**
Nothing further heard from Mr. Hirst. The Clerk has sourced information about some matting which can be used for muddy areas such as this. Refer to the Finance & Human Resources Committee.

(vi) Report from Hon. Environmental Consultant

The Chairman welcomed Richard Hellier. Richard said he had covered all footpaths yesterday and he felt that the surfaces are in poor condition. Obviously the weather has been a contributor. There does not appear to have been much use of the paths this summer. The main issues are that a great many are impassable due to flooding. Footpaths 1 and 5 have deep rutting probably due to the tractor movement. Footpath 1 also goes down a slope which is tilting to one side and is treacherous. He thought that patches of gravel here and there would be low cost and effective at addressing these areas. Footpath 11 which goes to Dogmersfield from Crondall Road – the stile is in a sea of mud. The extension of footpaths 1 and 8 have been deeply puddled all summer. His report made suggestions for dealing with this. Footpath 14 – the bramble and vegetation is almost impassable the stile is hidden in brambles. A small work party is needed because once footpaths cease to be used it is self defeating. The website map is difficult to read – it is in 4 sections and it would be useful to have a simple sketch map which showed all the paths on one side of A4. Cllr. Julia Ambler asked Richard to do an article for the newsletter and to produce a “black spots” work sheet which might need to have a budget. He raised an issue about Goose Lane, he understands that a planning application has gone in for a cycleway and Cllr. Appleton confirmed that this was within Fleet Town Council boundary and permission had been granted. Richard wished to be involved in the Refresh of the Parish Plan he had concerns about where the additional dwellings might be located. There are open view “windows” in the parish and to lose any of these would impact on the rural feel of the village. The Chairman said in terms of the housing numbers that is why there is a refresh of the parish plan to go out to consultation to residents and his views would be welcomed at that time. With regard to Hillyburrow the plain wire has not worked and the landowner will not permit it to be replaced and will not permit barbed wire. The Chairman advised that the Council had gone to extra-ordinary lengths to stop people going onto this private land and could do no more. Richard had concerns about the park on the Edenbrook development which is within the Fleet Town Council parish. Cllr. Appleton advised that the area has been opened up for public use. The overhead cables are going to be buried but this will involve a lot of works ongoing for a length of time. He was happy for Richard to email his concerns which he would forward to the relevant officer. He intends to put forward the bank opposite 7 Steps as a “wildflower” site. He was also concerned about the amount of signage which degrades the rural element. Twenty per cent of the trees in the village are Ash and if the disease comes to this area it will take 20 years to lose them all.

Min. 164/12

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Report from Centre Manager

Reports for September and October received. The Chairman said the most significant items were the break-in in September. The FHRC are dealing with getting replacement fire doors – the existing doors have always caused problems. Whilst the cost will be high it is essential work in order to protect the building and improve heat retention. The new doors will be upvc which will be secure and draught proof. Funding is in the capital budget. Cllr. Ney asked that large signs be put on them to show that they are fire doors and the area must be kept clear in front of them. Congratulations were once again extended to the Centre Managers for gaining extra business in these present challenging financial times. In addition, the Managers do an exceptional job of checking all the play areas equipment and now these are being properly maintained “we are ahead of the game” in terms of maintenance requirements.

(ii) Play Areas (exception reports)

None.

Min. 165/12

INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Chairman said the latest revision of the Parliamentary Review affects us because we will be split for the Parliamentary boundary. Both wards of Church Crookham East and West are to be part of the Aldershot constituency. AGENDA ITEM.

Cllr. Ney said that his next meeting in December will be his last.

Cllr. Radley – the Have your Say grant is being dealt with by HVA as the conduit for bids for this funding.

Cllr. Appleton said there was a report to HDC Cabinet about Leisure Contributions and there was nothing from CVPC and he thought this was something which this Council might wish to address. He believes there will be a lot of challenges to the Local Plan because developers believe that the numbers are low.

DATES FOR 2012 MEETINGS

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

3 December

DATES FOR 2013 MEETINGS

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

7 January

4 February

4 March

8 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

15 April

13 May (Annual General Meeting)

3 June

1 July

2 September

7 October

4 November

2 December

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm