

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 7 January 2013 held in the WI HALL, THE STREET, CROOKHAM VILLAGE. Please refer to the Minutes of the February 2013 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: County Cllr & Ward Cllr Jenny Radley, Ward Cllr. Tony Clarke, Brian Whyatt, Brian White, and Mr & Mrs M.White.

**Min. 001/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Philip Ashton, Colin Lethbridge and Ward Cllr. Chris Simmons.

**Min. 002/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**Min. 003/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 DECEMBER 2012**

Min. 183/12 Show "RoW" as "Rights of Way".

**RESOLVED: Mins 166/12 to 185/12 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**

**Min. 004/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA**

All Members present declared a pecuniary interest in the setting of the Parish Precept.

**Min. 005/13 DISPENSATION TO DEAL WITH SETTING THE PARISH PRECEPT FOR 2013/14**

All Members each presented a letter requesting dispensation to deal with setting the parish precept and this was agreed by the Clerk and countersigned by the Chairman with the Vice-Chairman countersigning the Chairman's and Cllr. Julia Ambler's requests.

**RESOLVED: Dispensation granted.**

**Min. 006/13 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. 007/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).**

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

Cllr. Radley said she had some items on highways issues and thought it might be more appropriate to speak on them when they were arrived at on the agenda. Cllr. Clarke asked if the Parish had a note of the Grant to come from Hart District Council and the Chairman confirmed that Members were aware of the Cabinet decision last week.

Brian Whyatt asked what had happened about the vandalism at the Zebon Copse Centre – when the culprit was spotted on CCTV - "Had a prosecution happened? Was compensation being sought from the culprit?" The Chairman confirmed that proceedings were ongoing with the police. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

**Min. 008/13 FINANCE**

**(i) Report from Responsible Finance Officer**

The Responsible Finance Officer presented cheques for signature and presented a quotation which required permission from this meeting.

**RESOLVED: Removal of the play area equipment and fencing at Lea Green pending installation of new and refurbished equipment.**

**(ii) Budget for 2013/14**

Due to the late announcement of "Grant" it was decided to delay the approval of the Budget and Precept to the February meeting so that Members could understand the implications and how these would impact on the precept for next year.

It was agreed that the RFO would email round the latest draft budget and Members were asked to consider this and raise concerns outside of the meeting so that these concerns be addressed and it could be agreed for the February meeting.

**(iii) Precept for 2013/14**

Hart Council have agreed that the submission of the Precept can be delayed pending a final figure coming forward at the 4 February meeting of this Council

**Min. 009/13 PLANNING**

**(i) Trees Report**

Cllr. Crawley said he had only had one application for a “crowning” which had not raised concerns.

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

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

**RESOLVED: The report of the Planning Committee was accepted.**

**(iii) Name for road within Elmfield development**

After a very brief debate Elmfield Close was proposed.

**RESOLVED: Advise Hart Council that Elmfield Close was chosen.**

**Min. 010/13 REGISTRATION OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

Cllr. Jackson said he had noted this in the detail of the Localism Act and he wondered whether we should register our community assets. Members were asked to use the website link and read the background to this subject. It was agreed that this would be debated at the February meeting.

**Min. 011/13 REFRESH OF PARISH PLAN**

The Chairman advised that it had been intended to refresh the plan to show whether there were any substantial changes needed from the first version. Cllr. Jackson said it had been hoped to use this evidence at the Local Plan Inquiry and we would need a month for people to respond in order to arrive at up to date information. Debate took place on whether a web consultation could work – it was thought that it could be put on the parish website as a word document so that residents could email it back. An introduction was needed – there should be something in the newsletter and a further paragraph on the actual document. It was felt that the Parish Logo should go on the cover.

**RESOLVED:** Final questionnaire agreed and Parish Plan already budgeted for.

**Min. 012/13 THE LOCAL PLAN (formerly the LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK)**

The Chairman said everyone has spent a huge amount of time looking at this and a response had had to be lodged by 5pm this evening. Cllr. Jackson had drawn together all the comments from Members and had produced an “in principle” response which had been submitted before the deadline. Cllr. Jackson read to the meeting the wording which had been submitted; “Q7.

Crookham Village Parish Council believes that the broad thrust of the Hart core strategy is sound and appropriate, although some of the detail deserves comment as below, in respect of Policies CS2 (Location of Development) and CS3 (Housing Provision).

Abandonment of earlier proposals to build additional housing around the periphery of West Fleet and Church Crookham avoids further piecemeal urban development into the countryside, which not only would threaten the rural setting of Crookham Village, but also add yet more traffic to inadequate country roads which already have capacity and safety problems, especially at peak times. Furthermore, such small-scale developments would add further pressure to other stressed infrastructure without generating sufficient developer contributions to rectify the shortfall.

Crookham Village parish has greatly expanded its housing stock from around 250 dwellings to over 1500 in the last 25 years and there is now little or no land for further development that meets the various policies for sustainability, integration with the existing settlement, coalescence of settlements and preservation of habitats. Crookham Village Parish Council is supported by strongly-expressed and widely-held local opinion in resisting any further encroachment into green-field sites in the remaining rural part of the parish.”

**RESOLVED: The response to Hart Council was accepted with no changes.**

**Min. 013/13 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA**

Claire Bourke was invited to speak as she has headed up the Friends of Lea Green. She is planning on doing a few “mothers” groups over the next couple of weeks. The Chairman said we would put an article into the news letter and would advise residents to contact Claire. There has been money put aside in the budget towards the play equipment. We will then seek some funding from Fleet Town Council and other bodies. Cllr. Jackson said the current idea was to have some equipment in an enclosure for younger children and to place other pieces of equipment around the whole site to cater for older age groups and we also wanted to know how much open space people wanted for kickabout etc.

**Min. 014/12 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN**

The solicitor of Hart has confirmed that this work is now progressing.

**Min. 015/13 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

**(i) SID Data**

The installation and removal is going smoothly around the parish.

**(ii) Crondall Road – traffic speed**

The Chairman invited Cllr. Radley to speak. She said for Crondall road there is a range of schemes and she believes these will have to be phased. She says there were things raised on the site visit which officers did take on board but at the moment there is not enough money to satisfy it in one go. Cllr. Jackson asked that the Parish Council be involved before the Consultation goes ahead and not just afterwards.

**(iii) Pilcot Road – footway**

There was a short debate and Members confirmed that they would accept the recommendation of the Hart Conservation Officer with regard to the footway edging whereby he detailed the reasons that conservation kerbing would be out of keeping. Members also confirmed that they would accept the recommendation of a tarmac small to medium aggregate surface and Members were delighted that the Conservation Officer supported the 1.2 width which had originally been rejected by HCC Officers and which had been the width Members originally requested. The Chairman read to Members a letter he had received from the Chairman of Dogmersfield Parish Council and to which he would respond. Cllr. Radley asked for a formal response from Crookham Village and said she would request that the white line be added to the edge.

**RESOLVED: Members fully support the recommendation of the Hart Conservation Officer for a footway of 1.2m width, with a tarmac surface of small to medium aggregate and ordinary edging of rounded bevel kerbs, said footway to run beside the road.**

**(iv) A287/Redfields Lane junction**

Cllr. Radley asked that the Clerk resend the Parish Council Resolution regarding the use of the S106 money to Dominic McGrath (HCC Highways).

**(v) F/p 5 (Drainage Improvements)**

The Clerk has asked the Rights of Way Officer (Rob Thompson) to consult with John Hirst asking him to co-operate with the Parish Council by permitting drainage works to take place. This particular stretch of path is the most waterlogged in the parish network. What needs to be borne in mind is that this is a new line of the footpath and it maybe necessary to revert to the original line of the footpath. Work required – can we do it without permission of landowner bearing in mind that the original path was moved.

**(vi) Speedwatch Update**

Members were advised that the village roads needed to be safety audited by the police – without the police support it is not possible to initiate a Speedwatch scheme. Therefore before becoming involved in either purchasing a new SID or investigating whether we can use our own SID we await the results of the safety audit of all the main village roads.

**Min. 016/13 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

**(i) Report from Centre Manager**

Report for December tabled and noted.

**(ii) Play Areas (exception reports)**

Nothing to report.

**Min. 017/13 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Members confirmed that they wish the new noticeboards to have the oak posts installed on long concrete posts.

Cllr. Watt asked that the CAB letter be on the next agenda.

Cllr. Crawley asked what was the issue on Wind Farms and Cllr. Jackson said it had apparently been reported on in 2010 and a report had dealt with all forms of green energy – Members could not recall having been notified of this.

Cllr. Jackson is attending HDAPTC tomorrow evening in the Harlington Centre - did Members have any matters they wished to raise. It was requested that the funding for CAB be raised with other parishes.

Cllr. Radley had received notice of a crossing at the Gables road end of Redfields Lane and the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) lady had been unhappy with the sightlines and she hoped that officers would take those concerns on board. There is to be a pedestrian refuge so the SCP officer has to do this in two steps. She would appreciate feedback if Members hear of any issues from residents.

## **DATES FOR 2013 MEETINGS**

### WI HALL

4 March  
15 April  
13 May (Annual General Meeting)  
1 July  
7 October  
2 December

### ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

4 February  
8 April (Annual Parish Meeting)  
3 June  
2 September  
4 November

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm