

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 4 February 2013 held in the ZEBON COPSE CENTRE, DANVERS DRIVE, ZEBON COPSE.. Please refer to the Minutes of the March 2013 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: County Cllr & Ward Cllr Jenny Radley, Ward Cllr. Chris Simmons and Brian Whyatt.

Min. 018/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Tony Clarke.

Min. 019/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Min. 020/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 JANUARY 2013

RESOLVED: Mins 001/13 to 017/13 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 021/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

Cllr. Jackson declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 10(iv). Cllrs. Lethbridge and Ashton declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 8(iii).

Min. 022/13 DELEGATION OF DISPENSATION TO THE PROPER OFFICER (CLERK)

The Chairman explained that under the new standards it rested with Town and Parish Councils to agree whether to grant dispensations to deal with Council business. Cllr. Jackson, the Clerk and Chairman had all received a briefing from the Monitoring Officer of Hart Council on this subject. Some dispensations could run the term of the Council e.g. setting of the precept. For ad hoc declarations and in the interest of good practice he proposed that such dispensations be delegated to the Proper Officer of the Council (the Clerk) to deal with. All dispensations will be properly recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting.

RESOLVED: Delegation of Dispensation rests with the Proper Officer of the Council (Clerk) until the next Parish Council election.

The Clerk granted Dispensation to Cllrs. Ashton and Lethbridge with regard to the setting of the Precept.

The Clerk granted Dispensation to Cllr. Jackson with regard to the use of the Zebon Copse Centre and playing fields for the annual Zebon Copse Residents Association Fete.

Min. 023/13 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. 024/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Cllr. Radley spoke about the "Have Your Say Grant" which will have applicants making bids on 27 Feb 6.30 till 8.30 in the Leisure Centre and to which all Parish Councils will be invited. Hart Voluntary Action have organised this. Mr. Brian Whyatt updated the Council on progress with regard to the Speedwatch scheme. He requested the use of a walkie talkie kit and was told that he could use the Parish Council unit. He wished to advise the Police of the Speed Information Device (SID) sites for the next 12 months so that volunteers could be organised. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

Min. 025/13 CO-OPTION TO FILL COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy would now be filled by co-option as no persons have petitioned for an election. Notice of the vacancy has been advertised but no interest has been received as yet.

Min. 026/13 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) LETTER

The Chairman reminded Members that all had received a letter (last month) from CAB requesting financial assistance. Cllr. Crawley said he was unhappy that yet again Hart Council were looking to the parishes to help fund organisations such as this. The Chairman said, in fairness to Hart

Council, that they were under no obligation to fund the CAB, the Grant given is discretionary and has not been cut this financial year. CAB are seeking additional funds for increased administration costs. A decision on this will be made under Finance on the agenda.

Min. 027/13 FINANCE

(i) Report from Responsible Finance Officer

The Responsible Finance Officer presented cheques for signature. A request had been received from the Dogmersfield, Winchfield and Crookham Village Horticultural Society as to whether the Parish Council wished to continue with its advertisement of the ZCC in the Society magazine for this coming year. The cost is £50 for a full page and Cllr. Jackson confirmed he had looked at the advertisement and was satisfied with the content.

Cllrs. Amblers, Ashton, Crawley, Jackson, and Watt declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as they were Members of the DWCVH Society.

RESOLVED: Continue with advertising in the Society Magazine.

(ii) Budget for 2013/14

Due to the late announcement of "Grant" it had been decided at the January meeting 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. The Chairman had produced a paper setting out the implications and there being no dissent his recommendations were accepted. Cllr. Jackson said a future risk was that more households would fall into the default position and we would have less funding for future years, there was also the threat of "capping". For these further reasons he proposed we accept the recommendation of the Chairman. The Chairman said that the RFO had would adjust the budget figures which were presented here tonight to accommodate the changes.

RESOLVED: That the £3,763 Grant from Hart be accepted.

RESOLVED: That £1,154 grant for this financial year be given to CAB but they should understand that this may not be available in future years. The balance of the grant to be added to the Lea Green Playground budget.

(iii) Precept for 2013/14

Hart Council have agreed that the submission of the Precept can be delayed pending a final figure coming forward from the 4 February meeting of this Council. Members agreed the rationale behind the Chairman's proposals.

Cllrs. Ashton and Lethbridge declared a pecuniary interest in this item and the Clerk signed their letters requesting dispensation for the setting of the Precept for the length of this administration.

RESOLVED: The Precept of 2013/14 be set at £95,000, the form was duly signed by the required signatories and will be returned to Hart Council by the Responsible Finance Officer.

(iv) Request to waive fees for the Zebon Copse Fete 2013

Cllr. Jackson advised that this is a joint event between the Crookham Village Association (CVA) and Zebon Copse Residents Association (ZCRA) and he then left the meeting at this point having declared a pecuniary interest as Chairman of the Zebon Copse Residents Association. Those Members who were members of CVA and/or ZCRA were granted dispensation to deal with this item.

RESOLVED: No charge to ZCRA for the use of the Zebon Copse Centre and associated facilities for its Fete on 30 June 2013.

Min. 028/13 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Crawley said nothing to report. Members raised concerns about the Oak tree on footpath 5 which the Hart officer was not intending to put a Tree Preservation Order on.

RESOLVED: District Councillors to be lobbied to have this tree covered under a TPO.

(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.

Min. 029/13 REGISTRATION OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Members debated this at length and understood that whilst the Parish Council may put such assets forward for registration, Hart Council will be the Authority with the decision making powers. There is also no obligation on the part of the Parish Council to bid for these assets should they ever come forward for disposal. Cllr. Jackson proposed that Zebon Copse Reserve and Lea Green Open Space be put forward – both are leasehold properties. The Chairman suggested the land on which the WI Hut stands and the Social Club. In addition the Crescent Green and Zephon

Common (CL 131) (both parts) were proposed.. Other assets were discussed but not put forward at this time.

RESOLVED: The above assets be put forward to Hart Council for consideration of registration as Community Assets.

Min. 030/13 REFRESH OF PARISH PLAN

The questionnaire to inform the Parish Plan has now been agreed. The Chairman said the newsletter and new questionnaire went to the printers last week and it was hoped would be ready for collection this week. It had been decided the questionnaire would be in an envelope and would have an addressed envelope for its return (Spar Shop and Post Office). Both the owners of the shops have agreed to accept the return of the questionnaires. Closing date for return of the questionnaires is the 28 February.

NB All the questionnaires and newsletters need to go out by this weekend.

Min. 031/13 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA

Claire Bourke is progressing with suppliers and members of her group. Clerk to advise FTC that we have £36,923 and ask for an informal meeting between the 3 parties to progress.

Min. 032/12 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN

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

Min. 033/13 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. Members had all received an updated email from Cllr. Radley. Two Parish Council Members (Cllr. Watt and Chairman) and one CRAG member are invited to look at the 3 options before it goes out to consultation. Members insist on seeing the options and potential costs BEFORE the meeting.

(iii) Pilcot Road – footway

The Chairman had written to Dogmersfield PC as requested. Dogmersfield still have a few queries and will be debating this again at a further meeting on 11 February.

(iv) A287/Redfields Lane junction

Cllr. Radley said all PCs had responded with views and she has a meeting next week with Dominic McGrath the officer dealing with this project. The Chairman found it interesting that the Clerk of Ewshot and CVPC Clerk had both come up with the idea of opening the old highway opposite Crondall Road. This could be used as a one way system – as is done at the Farnham Shepherd and Flock roundabout. Members thought this was something worth exploring. Clerk to advise Dominic McGrath.

(v) F/p 5 (Drainage Improvements)

The Clerk advised that the Rights of Way Officer (Rob Thompson) has left HCC. However, Mr. John Hirst has sent an email indicating that work is planned on the footpath when the weather permits and has also confirmed that he will advise the Council of the materials cost in due course. Mr. Hirst thought there might be a leak from the canal causing this particular ponding but this was not thought to be the cause in view of the distance involved – it was more likely to be a spring.

(vi) Speedwatch Update

Brian Whyatt had updated Members under Public Participation. The safety audit has taken place and Crondall Road cannot be used for this scheme unless suitable driveways are identified and permission of the householders granted for the drives to be used. Brian Whyatt is happy for his drive to be used and the Clerk will ask the police to “safety audit” this.

Min. 034/13 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Report from Centre Manager

Report for January tabled and noted.

Clerk to progress the additional car park spaces and get a quote for the movement of the Bin. RFO is asking SSE to see if they will fix the faulty lights.

(ii) Play Areas (exception reports)

Lea Green play equipment was de-commissioned and items worth saving have been stored.

Min. 035/13 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Post Meeting: HALC Annual Conference – 7 March 9.30 to 3pm at Sparsholt College.

DATES FOR 2013 MEETINGS

WI HALL

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

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

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

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm