

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 4 March 2013 held in the WI HALL, THE STREET, CROOKHAM VILLAGE. Please refer to the Minutes of the April 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. Tony Clarke, Mr. Brian Whyatt, Mr. & Mrs. Michael White,

**Min. 036/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**Min. 037/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**Min. 038/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4 FEBRUARY 2013**

Minute 024/13 delete "Leisure Centre" insert "Courtmoor School". Members requested Minute 033/13 is rewritten here in full, for clarity, with the new wording in red "Mr. John Hirst has sent an email indicating that work is planned on the E/W stretch of f/p 8 up to its junction with f/p 5, when weather permits, after which he will advise the Council of the materials cost in due course for a possible drainage solution on f/p5. Mr Hirst stated stated a leak from the canal is causing this particular ponding but Members thought this was not thought to be the cause in view of the distance involved – it was more likely to be a spring."

**RESOLVED: Mins 018/13 to 035/13 (with the alterations to Mins 024 and 033) were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**

**Min. 039/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA**

None made.

**Min. 040/13 DELEGATION OF DISPENSATION TO THE PROPER OFFICER (CLERK)**

None required.

**Min. 041/13 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. 042/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).**

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mr. Michael White referred to the Fleet News article of last Friday which reported sewage flooding which had never happened on Grove Farm. He had spoken to the reporter and asked where he had sourced his misinformation – the reporter believed he had seen it in a report but could not remember where. Mr. White had then had spoken to an officer of Hart Council endeavouring to find out where this misinformation had originated from. He pointed out that the majority of the new housing developments in the area owe their sewerage connections to the infrastructure carried under Grove Farm. He requested Cllr. Tony Clarke to assist in correcting this misinformation. Cllr. Clarke said he was attending a meeting this week and would raise it there. Mr. Brian Whyatt advised he was present as a CRAG representative this evening and wished to thank the Councillors for all their hard work in progressing the Crondall Road issue and Richard Gwynne hopes to support the amended suggestions under option 1. Cllr. Radley asked for confirmation that Members had been notified of the pre-application information for development of the land behind Redfields Garden Centre, which Members had received. Cllr. Clarke said the Local Plan steering group meeting is going to add a couple of new policies as a result of feedback from the consultation and these are the only major changes to the plan that he is aware of. There is a new traffic assessment which is due in next week. The Plan is on track for submission this month. There is a meeting on Wednesday for the proposed changes to Calthorpe School and he understands that there is £12m being spent. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

**Min. 043/13 CO-OPTION TO FILL COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The Clerk confirmed that no interest in filling the vacancy has been received as yet.

**Min. 044/13 UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT**

The RFO presented the final document for adoption at this meeting – it had been circulated to all Members and had been supported by the Finance Cttee. It is a living document and changes can be made as and when required.

**RESOLVED: Risk Assessment Policy adopted by CVPC and to be reviewed annually.**

**Min. 045/13 FINANCE**

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

The Responsible Finance Officer presented cheques for signature. The February accounts had been circulated to all Members. Cllr.Ashton asked why the water rate bill was low and it was thought that because of the wet summer pitch maintenance had not required any watering over the summer months – thus reducing the expected water bill.

**RESOLVED: Provide a grant to the WI which also pays for the Parish Council hall hire as and when required.**

Hampshire Wildlife Trust had written asking for financial assistance for a project – Cllr Crawley said they seemed very remote from us and have not kept us informed as to what is going on. Members declined the request..

**(ii) Request from Community Safety Team for use of ZCC pitch**

Members had looked at the financial loss at the Finance Cttee meeting and recommended to Full Council that the pitches are fully booked by paying clients and the Centre would lose income if Full Council decided to grant this request.

**RESOLVED: Request declined for the above reasons.**

**Min. 046/13 PLANNING**

**(i) Trees Report**

Cllr. Crawley advised that a lot of ash trees are being removed where they interfered with shrubbery and Cllr. Jackson said the tree work at Zephon House has been agreed by HDC.

**(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. 047/13 QUESTIONNAIRE RETURNS**

The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to Cllr. Jackson for all his hard work on this project. Cllr. Jackson said there had been around 350 questionnaires completed roughly half from Zebon Copse and half from the village (roughly around 1700 dwellings were targeted). He then gave a quick resume of some of the responses. He advised that we will need to revisit how we disseminate information as a result of responses received so far.

**Min. 048/13 REFRESH OF PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Jackson said he had seen nothing yet from the returned questionnaires which would justify a major refresh of the plan and it is his intention to give a presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting on 8 April 2013 if he completes the work in time.

**Min. 049/13 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA**

A meeting has been agreed with Fleet Town Council Clerk and Cllr. Paul Einchomb (Leisure Member) for 11 March and the Clerk, Cllr. Julia Ambler, Cllr. David Jackson and Claire Bourke will be attending to explore ways of enhancing the play area(s) for residents from both parishes. In the absence of a Ward Councillor for Netherhouse Moor the Clerk and RFO volunteered to carry this project to fruition.

**Min. 050/12 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN**

Nothing further to report. The cycleway across Lea Green was raised again and the Clerk advised she had been unable to get any answers from Officers and wondered whether the Fleet Town Access Plan cycleway within the Fleet parish has superseded it. Cllr.Radley said she would bring this up at the meeting on Wednesday and find out where it is actually supposed to go.

**Min. 051/13 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

**(i) SID Data**

The Chairman asked what were Members view on the SID continuing to be used around the parish. Members said they wish to retain its use as it is a good record of traffic volume as well as speeds and will assist in evidencing traffic volumes increasing as a result of development.

Cllr. Radley said the information the parish had would supplement the information on Pilcot Road speeds.

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

The Chairman and Cllr. Watt updated Members on the outcome of their meeting with Highway officers earlier today. What is proposed is a detailed and complex set of options. Those options could cost a significant amount of money if we did everything in them. Speed tables, footpaths,

street lighting where there could be speed tables. Having gone through these options it was recommended to go to public consultation on option 1 – extend the 30mph limit to the 40 mph gateway and then a 50mph speed limit to the A287. Also cosmetic narrowing of the highway and a series of build outs. At the beginning these were suggested as give way build outs and CRAG said this leads to competition to get through before someone coming the other way. They suggested that the build outs be smaller and be more rustic and rural in nature. HCC have gone away to consider this and the extension of the 30mph limit. Overall the scheme would cost £52k and they have also potentially put forward one piece of footway from the Canal car park to the Exchequer – they are also considering options for a footpath on Brook Hill but they have no lead contact on this. Public consultation will take place immediately after the County elections but this Council needs to push them for their revisions before our next meeting in April. Cllr. Watt said he thought they were looking for a view from this meeting as to which options to pursue. Cllr. Jackson said from the questionnaires he believes there is a strong desire for a footway down Crondall Road. Cllr. Crawley said from what he hears it seems they have arrived back at where we were some 5 years ago. Further debate took place. Cllr. Radley said it had been useful as there were new options brought forward which she had not seen. They were keen to get a view from the Council tonight for option A – 4 build outs with coloured surface marking. Vertical traffic calming was a problem as it would need street lighting. Build outs are give way – one way only. The footways scheme will not fit into the costs at the moment. However, the footways will go into the traffic assessment and can be used to try to get funding from future development. The canal car park to the pub footway would be around £30k - to do the whole length is £237k excluding Brook Hill. Brook Hill was costed at £200k if they were unable to get landowner support. There is enough highways land to do a footpath from Zephon Common Lane to Brook Hill for £227k. Technically it could be done but financially it is not on the table at the moment. The Chairman summed up and said we want the footway as an option but will certainly be a longer term project to go all the way. The Chairman will put the documents into a drop box for all Members.

**(iii) Pilcot Road – footway**

The Chairman asked Cllr. Radley for an update. She advised that the lead officer has now compiled her report and she expects to present it for HCC Executive Member approval. She understands that residents have also contacted their MP asking him to support this footway and Cllr. Radley has asked for a meeting with the Director of Environment as a result of comments made by the County Councillor for Dogmersfield.

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

Cllr. Radley had nothing further to add other than that the comments made by the four parish councils were taken on board and would we please check the report.

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

Richard Hellier said the approach of the tree officer of HDC is that he wants to work with people and does not want to put TPOs on trees. Mr. Toll (tree officer) assures him he will visit the site when the ditches are dug and will ensure that the tree he and Members are concerned about is not damaged.

**(vi) Speedwatch Update**

The Police confirmed that the Safety Audit of Brian Whyatt's driveway for Speedwatch to operate in Crondall Road was approved.

**Min. 052/13 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

**(i) Report from Centre Manager**

Report for February tabled and noted.

Clerk to progress the additional car park spaces and get a quote for the movement of the Bin.

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

Nothing to report.

**Min. 053/13 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**DATES FOR 2013 MEETINGS**

WI HALL	ZEBON COPSE CENTRE
15 April (RFO will Clerk at the beginning)	
13 May (Annual General Meeting)	3 June
1 July	2 September
7 October	4 November
2 December	

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm