

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 15 April 2013 held in the WI HALL, THE STREET, CROOKHAM VILLAGE. Please refer to the Minutes of the May 2013 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Richard Appleton and approximately 17 members of the public of whom 5 were residents of the parish.

Min. 054/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Philip Ashton and County Cllr. Jenny Radley and Ward Cllr. Tony Clarke and Angela Sayers (Responsible Finance Officer).

Min. 055/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In view of the numbers of public present for agenda item 16(iii) he advised the meeting he would be happy to bring this item forward and deal with it after agenda item 8.

Min. 056/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4 MARCH 2013

RESOLVED: Mins 036/13 to 053/13 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Min. 057/13 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 8 APRIL 2013

Cllr. David Jackson asked that page 6 – para. 6 be amended to include a key point in that the Community Led Development (CLD) allows us to retain developer's contributions for use within the parish (unlike S106) which makes it much more attractive.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the APM 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

(Post Meeting Note: Cllr. Jackson's amendment and a correction of fact by Mr Michael White will be made to page 6 of the APM Minutes.)

Min. 058/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA

None made.

Min. 059/13 DELEGATION OF DISPENSATION TO THE PROPER OFFICER (CLERK)

None required.

Min. 060/13 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. 061/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mr. Darryl Taylor wished to address agenda item 16(iii) and this will be Minuted under that item. Mr. Brian Whyatt asked whether the SID batteries were ordered and was advised that they have been but that the current batteries still have some working life left in them. He also asked about reparation for the vandalism at the Centre and was advised that due to the age of the culprits there would be no compensation forthcoming. Mr. White queried Minute 6 – about security of tenure for the WI group of the WI Hall and asked where had that view come from? Mr. White said they did have security of tenure and had had the hall for over 50 years.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting. He then stated that he would be bringing forward agenda item 16(iii) at this point in time for consideration and for the benefit of those present. The debate will be Minuted under agenda item 16(iii)

Min. 062/13 CO-OPTION TO FILL COUNCILLOR VACANCY

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

Min. 063/13 FINANCE

(i) Cheques for signature.

Cheques presented for signature. All electronic submissions have been successfully made on time and receipt confirmed - despite the new computer and its glitches.

RESOLVED: Cheques approved and signed.

Min. 064/13 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

The tree on f/p 5 was declined for a TPO but the Tree Officer made a site visit to confirm that none of the drainage works compromised its safety. Cllr. Crawley said there had been several minor applications most of which had been done before he had been notified. There is a Horse chestnut tree which has to be pruned down 4 feet and it seems to him that this is sensible.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries. Cllr. Jackson requested that Members of the Planning Committee arranged and notified stand-ins for periods when they would be unable to respond to applications.

RESOLVED: The report of the Planning Committee was accepted.

Min. 065/13 REFRESH OF PARISH PLAN

The Chairman and Members wished to put on record their sincere thanks to Cllr. Jackson for the huge amount of work he had done in producing the document. It has involved an enormous number of hours of work to reach the document before the meeting this evening.

The Chairman said he understood now how other questionnaires seemed not to allow much space for comments and lessons should be learnt for next time.

Cllr. Jackson said there are 197 pages and what he would like to put the document on the internet and that way the results are available for everyone. He had put in his summary that there was not much difference between the results of 2005 and those of 2013 (football excepted).

Cllr. Watt said this is very credible and powerful evidence of the facilities of the parish and is powerful with the Examination in Public of the Local Development Plan coming soon

Cllr. Crawley said we need to take this marvellous piece of work and think about the actions we need to take. He had 16 headings which he hopes will be shared out, at our June meeting, so that we have a paper in front of us on what we wish to do. This will show the Inspector at the Examination in Public what people think and what we intend to do about it. He will do a short paper on the housing in terms of what we need to do. The Chairman asked Cllr. Crawley to circulate his 16 headings to all Members.

RESOLVED: The Parish Plan will be put on to the internet. Cllr. Julia Ambler said there might be a need for a disclaimer to say that these are the views of the respondents and not of the parish council.

Two significant issues which could be addressed are vegetation encroaching onto pavements – he has raised this with HCC and cars parking on pavements and he has spoken to the police. He also believes we need to have a good look around the pavements in the village.

Cllr. Appleton said since the Hart Local Plan had been issued there might be some sort of context which the Council might wish to address which are outside of the parish.

Cllr. Jackson asked for permission to pass the Law and Order extract to the Police and the Highways issues to HCC – permission was granted.

Min. 066/13 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA

Cllr. Appleton said he believed that Fleet Town Council would be reluctant to release money at this stage until CVPC acquire the lease.

Min. 067/12 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN

Nothing further to report.

Min. 068/13 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) SID Data

The Chairman said the batteries are still okay and working at the moment. They have enough life to work for the one day period that the Speedwatch volunteers require when we know their requirements. Mr. Brian Wyhatt said that the delay in getting a date had been down to the constable being injured in an incident and latterly being on honeymoon.

(ii) Crondall Road – traffic speed

Email updates received from Cllr. Radley on progress – should be costed proposals by next week.

(iii) Pilcot Road – footway

Awaiting confirmation that this has been agreed by the HCC Executive Member at his Decision Day.

(iv) A287/Redfields Lane junction

Cllr. Jackson said there had been a suggestion in the questionnaire responses for an acceleration lane when turning left out of Redfields Lane onto the A287. Could we ask that question of Hampshire County Council?

RESOLVED: Request HCC to consider this possibility.

Cllr. Appleton said he recollected that this was not on the list of evidence base for the Local Plan and the CVPC should ensure it is on the CIL list. Several roads and junctions were left off and the working group had asked them to go away and look at it again. The Chairman said money is not the problem at this junction - it is solutions.

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

Awaiting Mr. Hirst's decision on the drainage works.

(vi) **Speedwatch Update**

Mr. Whyatt is awaiting the return of the police officer (as mentioned earlier) to follow this through.

Min. 069/13 **ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

(i) **Report from Centre Manager**

Report for March tabled and noted. The Centre Manager asked permission to accept a booking on Saturday which would use a coned off area of the car park for the users. This was refused due to Members desire to support the football usage on a Saturday and due to past experience with drivers ignoring segregation of parking..

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

Nothing to report.

(iii) **Request from Hart Football Club for use of pitches midweek
Public participation in relation to agenda item 16(iii)**

Appendix A is statement made by Mr. Darryl Taylor. Mr. Darryl Taylor of Hart Football Club spoke to his paper and he read verbatim from that paper which he agreed he would leave for the Clerk to minute accurately.

Further comments on this item from Darryl Taylor and others present.

Darryl Taylor said with regard to the Parish Council background paper (Appendix B) it was a reasonably fair note but challenged that there was no rental to non-parish users because the Plough & Horses team is from outside the parish. He said there was a catalogue of concerns towards his football club.

Cllr.Appleton asked in relationship to Mr. Taylor's comments - the Centre would have more bookings if there was more parking - did the Council have any idea of how much more bookings it might gain.

Philip Rose speaks as a parent of child who plays for HFC and a parent who lives within walking distance of the facility but has to drive to Odiham for his son to play there - why is this so? Other parents are in the same situation he feels from the last meeting there is a proactive making solution – he wants solutions tonight - a short term solution which allows immediate access to the club – some arrangements must be made for the car parking. Requires a longer term solution to release the funds for the extra parking

Robert Selman walks to HFC for 3 years and he is one of the coaches and now he will have to drive if this goes through. His son also goes to cubs on a different day. Yes we will have to go elsewhere rather than walk to their local facility.

Carole Barow reminded the meeting that she had only heard of this 10 days ago and it seems to her that the bottom line is that the Members have an obligation to serve its residents and equally HFC has a duty to find a solution with the Parish. They want the pitch so please sort a solution instead of all this anger that is going on.

Dawn Harrison thinks a working group is a great idea but that is a long term solution. We need to look at something in the shorter term – car share would be a good idea.

Marie House has a son who has trained on the pitch for 6 years. If she can help with funding she would be willing – if we all group together everyone would be able to help.

Cllr. Jackson said we had a challenge – not least not very much data – we have no idea how many spaces HFC need nor what compromises HFC might offer to reduce the car parking problem – the Chairman said that he felt that this was something which could be addressed by the working group. Cllr. Jackson said that the pressure from around the room is strong for an immediate answer but what compromises are available?

Darryl Taylor stated that:

Tuesdays – 50 children under 9 and under 11 use the pitches

Wednesday – 15 to 18 under 14s

Thursday – probably 20 under 8s

The problem as he sees it is that Tuesdays are busy and that is the pinch point. His observations are that there are more cars there on a Tuesday but Wednesday and Thursday have capacity. He stated the club could not get engagement a month ago, two months ago, 12 months ago it found itself having to go to Odiham and Church Crookham. At this time of year the club needs

grass facility to finish off the season. He is happy with the weekend slots but might rent mini pitches and perhaps 9 x 9 – the car parking at the weekend is driven by the FA. He thinks it is beyond his remit to police the parking – the pinch points are the swap overs between the games. We need a link into you guys – we are not wrapped up in the bureaucracy and the 3 minute speeches. He said they could investigate exploring funding as they have done at other places. The HFC has done 50 hours of work at Ancells to help them out. Whether we like it or not there are certain bodies across the parish that grate.

Philip Rose asked how many spare parking spaces are available on a Tuesday evening and Cllr. Julia Ambler said there are none – all are community users.

Brian Whyatt complained about the procedure followed this evening during public participation. He had addressed the Parish Council several times and he has never been allowed to respond or had any immediate feed back This public session should have been finished a lot sooner. He was pleased to see that parents want to raise funds to reduce the £15k being spent on pitch maintenance and to help find funding for the car park spaces.

Close of the public participation comments.

The Chairman advised that the comment about the Plough & Horses during public participation did not form part of this item – what the paper specifically was looking at was usage on weekday evenings. He also reiterated that Members were not prepared to accept a request from the ZCC Manager for a dog class on Saturdays, because of our ongoing commitment to supporting and giving priority to our football users.

Cllr. Watt asked where we were with the incremental car parking spaces. Cllr. Julia Ambler said planning permission was still relevant for 14 spaces but these will not be sufficient. Cllr. Watt asked for the timeline and number of spaces. Cllr. Julia Ambler said ideally we wanted 30 spaces without compromising the pitch usage. If it was affordable and doable we would need planning permission etc this is not a short term solution. Therefore we need to find a short term solution while this is considered. We need to have a team looking at the short term solution and then we need real focus and a tough timeline for the incremental spaces that we can do, with all the costings. We need to work closely with the football club to understand their needs to find a solution that both sides can live with and use data to find the answers we need. Cllr. Jackson said we had a challenge because we had no data from HFC on which to judge its demand for extra parking, nor what compromises HFC might offer to reduce the car parking problem it poses to other users of the centre. Cllr. Jackson said we need to be careful about banding numbers around and the problem is that if we were to move beyond the area for the 14 spaces we leave cars open to damage from balls. The geometry of the ground is a major constraint as to what we can provide. In the short term we have a significant issue which does not give us easy answers. The requirement for the HFC is for only 6 or 7 weeks mid term – this Council was handed this facility because Hart District Council did not believe it was a district facility as they thought it was a parish facility. It feels to him that we are being asked to provide car parking spaces for people not within our parish. We need to find out where people come from and see if other Parish Councils can help with funding where we are supporting their parishioners.

The Chairman said people do not stop at parish boundaries and children from our parish probably play at other parish's facilities. One of the factors he did not mention was funding – when looking at funding if you are trying to look at facilities from development out of the parish, as is done with S106 – then asking for a share of that is difficult.

Cllr. Julia Ambler said the makeup of the users of the hall was not exclusively from the parish. A good proportion come from outside of the parish but this is only in relation to the days of the week under discussion this evening. We have to accept that this facility has to be available to users outside of the parish.

Cllr. Watt said he was concerned we are talking about hypothetical things we need to get back to the practical.

Cllr. Crawley said we hear that there might be funds from Sports Bodies – have we done research – we would welcome any suggestions from anyone who knows who these potential benefactors are.

Cllr. Watt said we should be seeing how many parking spaces we can put in and then get it costed and what our funds are we can then go looking for that funding, perhaps with the football club.

The Chairman said what was suggested earlier was a phased approach. Phase one to find a short term solution – there has been talk of travel plans – it is not a simple answer as to how many spaces we need because it is not just evenings - it is times of arriving and departing.

Phase 2 – can we get more parking. At the end of the day it is a community centre and Cllr. Jackson said in order that the whole facility can continue to operate during the installation of the any car park extension the works would have to be timed carefully. This could impose additional delays over those already mentioned. The Chairman reminded Members of the conditions which apply to the existing planning permission which are onerous. Therefore we cannot assume that if we come up with a plan it will get permission. Therefore we need short term to come up with a solution for the HFC to manage its car users.

Cllr. Crawley said that the suggestion of a joint working group had been raised and he thought this was a good idea. The Chairman said he agreed with this and that group should be tasked with carrying on with that solution.

Cllr. Lethbridge volunteered and this was supported by the Chairman and Cllr. Julia Ambler said she would attend whenever she could.

RESOLVED: Cllrs. Colin Lethbridge, Cllr. Julia Ambler and the Chairman will form the working group. The objective is to try and come up with solutions that work within the operational management of the centre.

Clerk to organise dates with HFC – Cllr. Watt said it should be fully focussed on the short term action plan.

Cllr. Appleton asked what was the timeline for coming back to the Council for a decision. The Chairman hopes that we would meet within the next week. Darryl Taylor said we needed to find a solution for the 2nd week in August as the Club have made alternative arrangements for the remainder of the season. Cllr. Radley said she had been involved in several travel plans and these are not a quick solution. It will take time to put it together.

Min. 070/13 INFORMATION SHARING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Jackson said we have had no contact from the police for a considerable amount of time and we should invite an officer along to a meeting later.

Two bus shelters at either end of Brandon Road have been vandalised.

Noticeboards – the new ones inner surface is not good and notices do not look professional.

Members agreed to purchase new surfacing – finance agenda.

Cllr. Crawley asked about the Vortel emails – Cllr. Jackson said as far as he knew they had gone away to do a new layout and we awaited sight of that – it was very speculative at the moment.

Cllr. Appleton said the cycleway is supposed to go through the end of Netherhouse Moor and out through the tree line at the other end of the green. Go to Helen Merrils for the Ftap plans.

DATES FOR 2013 MEETINGS

WI HALL

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

13 May (Annual General Meeting)

3 June

1 July

2 September

7 October

4 November

2 December

The meeting closed at approximately 10 pm