

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 3 June 2013 held in the ZEBON COPSE CENTRE, DANVERS DRIVE, ZEBON COPSE. Please refer to the Minutes of the July 2013 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)  
Cllr. Julia Ambler  
Cllr. Philip Ashton  
Cllr. Wendy Makepeace-Browne  
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)  
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance: County Cllr. John Bennison, Ward Cllr. Tony Clarke and PC William Jones.

**MIN. 097/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies from Cllrs. Crawley and Jackson.

**MIN. 098/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman had only one announcement – he had been approached in the light of the dissolution of the Fleet Festivities Cttee and asked if the Parish Council wished to send two representatives along to see if it can be resurrected with support from amongst the Parish Councils. The Chairman had agreed that correspondence would be funnelled through him. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne agreed to attend a preliminary meeting with the Chairman.

**MIN. 099/13 MINS OF THE 61st AGM OF 13 MAY 2013**

**RESOLVED: Mins. 071/13 to 096/13 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.**

**MIN. 100/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA**

None declared.

**MIN. 101/13 DELEGATION OF DISPENSATION TO THE PROPER OFFICER (CLERK)**

None required.

**MIN. 102/13 CONSIDER CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

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

**MIN. 103/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).**

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. PC Jones advised "incident wise" it was fairly quiet and he was here with particular regard to the Speedwatch item. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

**MIN. 104/13 CO-OPTION TO FILL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

These are advertised but there has been no interest shown.

**MIN. 105/13 SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk advised that she had done a free of charge twitter taster and would like permission to have one to one media training. This was agreed by all and she was asked to ensure that twitter rather than facebook should be the foremost issue. There was some debate regarding the use of both.

**RESOLVED: Permission for one to one training up to a maximum of 3 hours.**

**MIN. 106/13 REPORT FROM HON ENVIRONMENT & FOOTPATHS CONSULTANT**

No report received.

**MIN. 107/13 FINANCE**

The RFO presented cheques for signature. The Chairman of the HR & Finance Cttee asked permission to increase the Clerk's hours in order to actually pay her for the extra hours she has been working for some time now and to cover for the extra hours she is now being formally required to work to take up some of the issues which Members have led on in the past. After a short debate this was agreed.

**RESOLVED: Permission was given for the Clerk to be contracted to work for a further 5 hours per week.**

**MIN. 108/13 PLANNING**

**(i) Trees Report**

Cllr. Ashton raised the issue of the Oak tree at the corner of Daphne Drive and Brandon Road – this could really do with some pruning. HDC do come round every few years to work on it but the other problem is if it doesn't get pruned there is an accumulation of moss beneath it in the winter which is dangerous underfoot. Cllr. Julia Ambler said that there is tree right on the corner of Crookham Road and Malthouse Bridge which obscures sight lines for drivers. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne said as you come out of Hawkins Grove into Netherhouse Moor - the houses on the corner have massive bushes and you cannot see round them.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact HDC/HCC and request work be done on these asap.**

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

Cllr. Philip Ashton spoke to the Planning Cttee report and responded to questions.

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

**(iii) Enquiry into Local Plan**

The Pre-Hearing Meeting takes place on 11 June in the Civic Offices.

**MIN. 109/13 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA**

No progress until the Lease is sorted. Claire Bourke (resident of Netherhouse Moor) is going to hand over all her paperwork with regard to the play equipment and the Clerk and Cllr. Makepeace-Browne will progress the project in due course.

**MIN. 110/13 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN**

**(i) Request from HCC to incorporate into the Lease a Condition relating to a Shared Cycleway/Pedestrian Route**

Helen Merrills (HCC Officer) asked if the Council would consider having a condition relating to the cycleway/pedestrian footway crossing part of Lea Green as this would save a considerable amount of administration at a later date when funding is allocated.

**RESOLVED: Request HDC to make suitable amendment to the Lease.**

**(ii) Upgrade to path across Lea Green by HDC**

The Clerk had inspected the "upgrade" and found it to be unsatisfactory. She had checked with a builder's merchant on the sample she had spooned off the path and was informed that this was a mix designed to be added to cement and made into concrete. A meeting has been requested with an officer from Hart – he is presently on holiday. The RFO confirmed that she walks this path daily and all the mothers walk on the grass – they have walked on the grass all winter due to the flooding issues and now they walk on the path because they cannot walk on the sand surface. Cllr. Julia Ambler advised that Cllr. Appleton was going to raise this at Hart Full Council as it was done under a contract of shared services and if this was the standard of work he had serious concerns. The Chairman told the Clerk to contact Patricia Hughes (Corporate Director HDC).

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Patricia Hughes.**

**MIN. 111/13 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

**(i) SID Data**

Brian Whyatt wishes to alter the siting of the SID so that the Speedwatch initiative can get off the ground. Clerk has requested his alterations. PC Jones said he had received an email from Brian and he is looking at the last week June to the first week of July to start. The Chairman said if it goes out on the 11 June we will not get it back till the 25 June. PC Jones said it was most likely to be the first week in July for him to get together with the volunteers as his workload is very high at the end of June. It is to go in its normal location next time and when it is returned on the 25 June the Chairman will change the setting so that it shows speeds.

**(ii) Crondall Road**

Clerk has again requested a further meeting with HCC and CRAG and been advised that officers are first meeting with the new County Councillor to brief him. Cllr. Bennison said this was the project he had least knowledge of and he is having a briefing on Thursday at 12.30 before it goes out to the general public. The Clerk asked that he instruct officers to re-institute the meeting that was promised between CRAG and the Parish Council before it is opened to public consultation. Cllr. Bennison agreed to request this.

**(iii) Pilcot Road**

The HCC report and recommendation will go to the Decision Day of the Executive Member in June. Cllr. Bennison had had a meeting with Helen Merrills (HCC Officer) and there is going to be an email out tomorrow to this Council and Dogmersfield Parish Council. The cost of the project has now gone up to £315k – there have been problems with gas mains a high pressure one and a low pressure one. Within the £315k there is a contingency of £50k – officers are fully in favour of the scheme. Cllr. Woodward had visited the site last Thursday and seemed sympathetic to the scheme. If need be Cllr. Bennison said he could go to the Decision Day in case anyone wishes to speak against this particular project. Cllr. Bennison said HCC were also going to put a TRO (traffic regulation order) in for a 30mph speed reduction as well. Cllr. Bennison was urged to attend the Decision Day and support this going forward. The Clerk was asked to get a breakdown of the actual costs and if it is not forthcoming then to go the Freedom of Information route.

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

Clerk has still to follow up on the left lane filter suggestion.

(v) **F/p 5**

The Clerk will approach HCC to upgrade the boggy section of this footpath.

(vi) **Speedwatch**

Covered under the SID item.

**MIN. 112/13 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

(i) **Report from Centre Manager**

Report received. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne asked about several items on the report.

- a) Pitch maintenance – how regularly would the landscape company attend to maintain it. The RFO said that Finance Cttee had agreed that end of season pitch repairs would be watered by the company on an ad hoc basis as required.
- b) Signage advising of ownership of the land etc – this is with the Clerk as to the wording and it will then go back to Finance Cttee to agree.
- c) Decorating – deposits are taken from ad hoc users and have been withheld in the past if there has been damage. However, for regular bookings it is difficult to pinpoint which user may have caused damage but decorating is something which is done on a regular basis anyway.
- d) With regard to bookings it would be nice to see what the projected revenue is – RFO said the accounts would have the physical money in – Cllr. Makepeace-Browne wants to see income per month from bookings and this was supported by other Members.
- e) Request from some of the users to have a fenced off area just outside the door and there is a lot of debate as to whether we would progress the fencing requested. More work is required before we reach a decision point.

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

None.

(iii) **Working Group & Hart Football Club update**

The Clerk requested dates from Mr. Taylor for a further meeting but has not had a response yet.

**MIN. 113/13 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne advised she has made contact with both the Trusts to which she has been appointed and will be getting briefings on them. She had attended the RAF Odiham Presentation and gave Members a quick update on what had transpired. She intends to attend the Village Agent drop-in session. With regarding to training on Planning, the Clerk had contacted HDC asking about future training sessions and an officer had said he would raise the matter. HDC have in the past offered training sessions to new HDC Councillors and have always invited along Parish Councillors too. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne said she had a friend who is an experienced planning officer who has offered to come along and do a session for the Parish Council – it was thought we would wait and see what HDC offer. Cllrs. Ashton and Makepeace-Browne raised concerns about accessing the “drop box”. Cllr. Bennison said he would endeavour to attend this Council’s meetings every other month as he would alternate between parish councils. Cllr. Tony Clarke advised that the new street lighting was being rolled out across the parishes and if not already installed would be in the near future.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.