

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 3 March 2014 held in the WI Hut, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the April 2014 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)  
Cllr. Julia Ambler  
Cllr. Peter Crawley  
Cllr. David Jackson  
Cllr. Judy Johnson  
Cllr. Wendy Makepeace-Browne  
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Tony Clarke, Mr. Richard Eastment and Mr & Mrs Michael White and two NW residents who arrived after the start of the meeting.

**MIN.032/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Ward Cllrs. Chris Simmons and Jenny Radley.

**MIN.033/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**MIN.034/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 FEBRUARY 2014**

Min. 025/14(v) delete "in order to produce a neighbourhood plan". With this amendment the Minutes were agreed.

**RESOLVED: Mins. 0018/14 to 031/14 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.**

**MIN.035/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA & DELEGATION OF DISPENSATION TO THE PROPER OFFICER (CLERK)**

The Chairman advised Members to consider whether they had any disclosable interest in matters on the Agenda and if so to declare them now or at the appropriate point on the Agenda.

**MIN.036/14 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.037/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).**

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. No one present wished to speak. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

**MIN.038/14 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR ZEBON WARD**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Richard Eastment to the meeting and confirmed that all Members had received his CV. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne proposed and Cllr. David Jackson seconded the proposal to co-opt Mr. Eastment and a vote was taken.

**RESOLVED: Mr. Richard Eastment was co-opted to the Council and signed his Declaration of Acceptance form.**

**MIN. 039/14 REPORT FROM PCSO CLAYTON FRENCH**

PCSO Clayton French & Nick Greenwood both spoke in relation to the amount of activity happening in the area. There are covert operations – plain clothes officers as well as high visibility operations to try to deter the culprits. Beat surgeries have been set up and officers are educating and warning local residents of what is happening and offering tailored crime prevention advice. Officers are doing their best to try to combat this and want residents to advise them of suspicious vehicles. Cllr. Ashton asked about the Fleet Police Station and was advised that currently they are operating from the station but will be moving to the Council offices but were unsure of a date. PCSO French takes immobilizers to the beat surgeries so he can mark resident's property. The question was raised as to how the surgeries

are advertised. Cllr. Jackson said the local police website used to have a list of surgeries and this is no longer happening – can they be reinstated? PCSO French said he would advise Cllr. Jackson of when and where he would be doing his beat surgeries – he also uses the parish notice boards to advertise the surgeries, which have been attracting around 15 people recently but sometimes in the past there has been no one. The Spar shop was a good site as he (PCSO French) was able to engage with the customer footfall. At the moment he is doing 5 or 6 surgeries a month because of the current spate of crimes. There is a need to improve communication between police and residents and he is open to suggestions and will put these forward to his Sergeant. There is “crime prevention” within the Neighbourhood Watch (NW) information. There was a question as to how many NW groups there were in the parish and it was thought we should be able to identify them. PCSO French said a lot of officers had changed their shifts so they could cover the time when crimes are taking place (overnight).

**MIN. 040/14 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY (Draft)**

All Members had received the report from Mags Wylie (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) in relation to the Survey she had carried out in the parish. The Chairman said his first comment was that we should pass on our thanks to Mags Wylie on such a well written document which was very easy to understand. After further debate it was agreed to support the recommendations from the document.

**RESOLVED: Members accepted the findings of the Report and will engage with the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH) to explore the potential for programming such a scheme and its funding by the Homes and Communities Agency and explore potential locations and availability of any sites thought appropriate.**

**MIN. 041/14 FINANCE**

**Report of Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)**

Cheques were presented for signature and the RFO informed members that we are close to year end again and she will be getting all the figures collated.

**RESOLVED: Cheques were agreed for signature.**

**MIN.042/14 PLANNING**

**(i) Trees Report**

Cllr. Crawley informed members of a proposal to cut down two hawthorns at the back of the Exchequer public house and replace with new planting. Also the tips to be reduced on two maples in front of Blue Pryor Court and he had no problems with either proposal.

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

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and invited questions.

**Report of the Planning Committee was accepted.**

Cllr. Jackson advised that the Watery Lane (Albany Park) application would probably be dealt with by Hart at the beginning of April. In view of the known public interest we need to ensure that we can have a hall at the Centre to debate the application. Cllr. Jackson said he was concerned about the possible leisure facilities being put forward by the applicants and the impact these would have on our existing facilities. He wishes to employ one of the team which had recently hosted a seminar (at Hart) on the Planning Framework to go through the application and get some “wriggle room” to advise us. He proposed that we budget a spend for professional advice and this was seconded by Cllr. Makepeace-Browne. The Chairman said that Hart had had no communication from the applicants since the pre-application meeting whereas this Council had had a further meeting with the applicants. It was agreed that a Hall be booked for a Saturday afternoon (outside of football use) as a matter of urgency. The Clerk will make contact with the company mentioned earlier. Once the application goes

“live” she will share with the company the notes of meetings with the applicant and the recent letter from the applicants. Cllr. Jackson requested that the Chairman act on his behalf whilst he is away and this was agreed.

**RESOLVED: Funding be budgeted to pay for professional advice and in view of the urgency only one company be approached.**

**(Post Meeting Note: The Consultant approached was no longer practising. The Clerk therefore approached a previous Consultant who had advised this Council on planning matters over a long period of time.)**

**(iii) Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne said there had been a working group meeting and they intend to set up a meeting with Hart Planning and are aiming for the 28 March and this would be open to any Member wishing to attend. There was a vacancy for a representative from Zebon and she hoped that Cllr. Eastment would be willing to join the working group. She is also getting Stephen Lugg to present to the working group (and if anyone else wishes to come) and advise them. It is a requirement to identify the geographical area and obviously the group need to consult adjacent parishes. There was a need to advise neighbouring parishes of what was proposed and she will send the Clerk a covering letter to go to those parishes. It was agreed that an article should go into a newsletter but the next newsletter will be specifically to advertise the Watery Lane (Albany Farm) application and the date of the APM.

**RESOLVED: Cllr. Eastment will become a member of the working group.**

**MIN.043/14 WEBSITE UPDATE**

Cllr. Jackson advised Members that he has not yet reached the point that he has a specification for tendering and he and Cllr. Johnson have looked at other websites and have found 4 which they will use to go out for a specification.

**MIN.044/14 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA**

Due to the extreme weather conditions no work has yet started on the new play area. In addition the contractor for the tarmac path has pulled out stating he has lost his sub-contractor. The Clerk will seek other contractors. The RFO requested that payment for any work done should now come forward in the new financial year as otherwise it creates a huge amount of administrative work.

**RESOLVED: Payment for the play area equipment and the tarmac path will be delayed until after the start of the next financial year (1 April 2014).**

**MIN.045/14 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN**

The Lease has to be advertised under new legislation and until this has been completed it cannot be signed.

**RESOLVED: Lease to be signed after the start of the new financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2014).**

**MIN.046/14 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

**(i) SID Data & Speed watch**

Cllr. Jackson said he had looked at the data for The Street and quite a large number of vehicles were doing 50mph early in the day and late at night. Clerk to request that Speedwatch target that area and at the relevant times 6 am till 7 am and early evening.

**(ii) Crondall Road**

Greg Churcher (HCC Officer) is endeavouring to get the 40mph limit moved further out and Helen Merrills (HCC Officer) is again in charge of the project.

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

The Chairman advised members that we were awaiting submission of a planning application for development at Watery Lane.

**(iv) Pilcot Road**

Members were advised that there was a problem with some of the ditch and this has lead to delays.

**(v) Parish Lengthsman scheme**

The Chairman advised members that Dean Cronk (HCC Officer) was dealing with our request and CVPC had been added to the list of parishes to be considered. Cllr. Jackson said we should separate the two issues as there was a backlog of work. Cllr. Jackson asked that we get the admin done before the funding.

**MIN.047/14 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

**(i) Report from Centre Manager**

Report received.

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

None. This will be removed as an item since it is covered under the Mgrs report.

**MIN.048/14 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Cllr. Eastment gave his apologies for the next meeting as his diary is already committed.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm

**Dates for 2014 meetings:**

Please note that due to the unavailability of the ZCC to deal with the Albany Park Planning Application the date for the APM has been deferred to the 12 May and will take place before the AGM.

WI Hall

ZCC

7 April

14 April – Albany Park Planning Application

12 May (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting)

2 June

7 July

1 September

6 October

3 November

1 December