

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 7 April 2014 held in the WI Hut, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the May 2014 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Judy Johnson
Cllr. Wendy Makepeace-Browne
Mrs. Carol Leversha

In attendance: County Cllr. John Bennison, Ward Cllrs. Jenny Radley and Tony Clarke and Mr & Mrs Michael White, and PC Paul Franks.

MIN.049/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Richard Eastment and Ward Cllr. Chris Simmons.

MIN.050/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that in order to meet the deadline for responding to the Albany Farm Planning Application the booking of 14 April for the Annual Parish Meeting at Zebon Copse had to be deferred to Monday 12 May, in order to accommodate the Planning meeting.

MIN.051/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 MARCH 2014

Page 1 – add Cllr. Ashton to attendees. Min.039/14 delete “immobilizers” insert UV marker” with these changes the Minutes were agreed.

RESOLVED: Mins. 032/14 to 048/14 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.052/14 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.053/14 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.054/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman requested permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. PC Paul Franks introduced himself to Members. He advised that it was hoped that his attendance would be a continuation of working with us in the future. His team works out of Hook and will be working with the CVPC. For eight years he has been working in Fleet but now works rural. Crime for this area is quite low but there are one or two issues which the police address. Over a 90 day period there has been a non-dwelling incident on Grove Farm, criminal damage to trees and impairment (someone driving through drink or drugs). In relation to the Grove Farm, Mr. White asked if PC Franks would advise him of his findings when he investigated the tent which has been erected on its land and PC Franks agreed to do so via the Clerk. Crime reports are via internet access but he would still wish to address meetings to reassure residents. He works with PCSO Will James and both come under Sgt Rob Wallis. His role in the Safer Neighbourhood Team is the beat bobby. He would not be reporting on everything they cover. The Chairman asked if PC Franks just covered this part of the parish and he confirmed this was correct. He said if there issues please contact Sgt Rob Wallis who will redirect to the appropriate officer. PC Franks said he would send beat surgery dates and Neighbourhood Watch

updates to the Clerk and she could display these on the Post Office noticeboard. He also advertised both of these on twitter. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

MIN.055/14 FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT CONSULTATION

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllrs. Jackson and Eastment for making sense of the consultation proposals. Members had sight of the comments of Cllrs. Jackson and Eastment in relation to the changes for the parish area and were pleased to support the proposals. Cllr. Jackson said there were winners and losers but this parish was one of the winners.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council welcomes the proposed reduction in overflights of the parish both by aircraft operating from Farnborough and transits.

MIN. 056/14 HCC REVIEW OF BUS & COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Members had considered the possible options favoured by earlier feedback on ways to enable savings of £1.25m to £1.5m. There was a great deal of debate. Cllr. Jackson said if you have a shop and are not selling much what do you do - reduce your stock or advertise. Members felt that HCC and the bus company were not doing enough to promote what was on offer in an accessible format. They need to promote bus services much harder to increase passenger numbers. In the event that the bus service retracts that will drive a horse and coach through developers green transport credentials. Cllr. Bennison said he had been to many transport schemes over the past few weeks. HCC have a scheme which gives an up to date detail of what buses are operating from which bus stops – the parish has around 10 bus stops in total and HCC would like the parish to update the bus stops as and when details change. Real time advertising would be very costly for the 30 odd bus services in Fleet. Cllr. Radley said with all the road closures and bus diversions passenger's numbers had dropped off. Bus stops need a timetable, a map and a telephone number to contact for help – the bus service for QEB has S106 money for a marketing person but no appointment has yet been made. Route 77 is funded by S106 and is not fully utilised and will therefore cease when the money runs out. Cllr. Jackson said HCC should be using the local press to advertise bus routes. Cllr. Julia Ambler said there was still an issue with the trains arriving after the buses leave. The Chairman believed that the dismissal of the use of real time information at bus stops was very short sighted and this was something which should be invested in now. Cllr. Bennison said buses were now being serviced every 30 days thus cutting back on the breakdown time. Real time information would cost £100k for the 30 buses in this area. Cllr. Jackson said it would be helpful if you could ring up a number quoting the bus stop and the service you wished to enquire about.

RESOLVED: None of the above – more advertising from the bus companies and find a way for telephone access for real time bus information for those not on the internet. And provide a website so that people with smart phones can get real time access. Re-examine the attractiveness of the current bus services to commuters and look to enhance it.

MIN. 057/14 BUS USAGE OF CRONDALL ROAD

Cllr. Jackson said he had gone down Crondall Road and met a bus coming up Brook Hill and there were 6 cars trying to come down and both sets of vehicles were climbing the banks. He believes the buses are too big. Cllr. Johnson agreed with him. A buzz type bus would be more suited.

RESOLVED: Request a meeting with the Stagecoach Manager – Robert Vince is one of the manager's to contact.

MIN. 058/14 HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne will be attending this meeting tomorrow evening and wished to know if there were any issues Members wanted raised. All Members had received the Agenda and supporting information. Cllr. Johnson said her concern was the lack of ethical building. Cllr. Jackson said the opportunity to raise this was when the Hart Local Plan comes out. The Chairman said the point was covered in the NPPF but it was, as with everything in that document, woolly. Cllr. Jackson said CVPC was the lead parish in relation to pre-application discussions – he said it might be worth updating the meeting on the Pilcot Road footway and the footway on Crondall Road.

MIN. 059/14 FINANCE

(i) Annual Fete – Hire of Zebon Copse Centre

Cllr. Jackson declared an interest as Chairman of the Zebon Copse Residents Association which runs the Fete and left the room while the matter was debated.

RESOLVED: Use of the Centre and Associated Facilities for the Annual Fete be free of charge to ZCRA.

MIN.060/14 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Crawley – two trees of minor importance – one in the Oast House, Pilcot Road and they also wish to take down an evergreen hedge. Re-placement of a hawthorn tree in 23 Brandon Road. He noticed that there have been a number of trees on the Grove Farm cottage uprooted and we have lost a “gum” tree. It was decided that Cllr. Crawley should report this to HDC Enforcement as the site was within a Conversation area.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and invited questions.

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Committee was accepted.

Cllr. Jackson said that for the Planning Cttee meeting next Monday he suspects that we would wish to put the Members on stage and he suggested that the ladies wear trousers. He proposes to break the Albany Park application down into subjects and hopes to get something fairly pithy – “we think it is alright or we don’t think it is alright” and give the public an opportunity to speak. Cllr. Julia Ambler said there was a presumption on the addition of facilities – the applicants assume the new facilities will use the Zebon Copse Centre car park and changing facilities and she wondered whether there might be a decision in principle here tonight. The Chairman explained the rationale behind the comment in that the developer has stated that some of the parking and changing facilities to support the new leisure facilities they are providing will be from the Centre. Cllr. Jackson said Andrew McCallan and Paul Dickinson were working on evidence and costings in relation to these issues.

RESOLVED: Members confirmed that what has been put forward by the developer in the Albany Park planning application is incorrect in that this Council has never ever offered to make any Centre facilities available to support new pitches.

(iii) Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne advised that Cllrs. Johnson, Eastment and the Chairman had attended a meeting with Daryl Philips who was very supportive of the NP and has offered £2k to help as a start up fund. Clerk to write and request when confirmation is received from Full Council that this project will be embarked upon. There will be a quarterly meeting with him and the NP working group will give him an analysis of how the money has been spent. He expects that Hart will have to provide between 330/430 dwellings per year over the next 10 years – Hart’s 10 year plan should be in place by Christmas. Our NP can use the HDC research base to evidence our findings. In relation to getting a letter out to other adjacent

parishes to join with us – this has not been done as Cllr. Makepeace-Browne had been verbally advised that none were prepared to produce a NP. Fairly soon we should have £9k in our pot – and would present 3 consultants for the Council to chose from. The Chairman said in relation to us doing our plan before HDC had its own plan in situ – the view of Daryl Philips was that he would work in parallel with us and was prepared to support us as much as possible. It was agreed that when the consultant was chosen we would also formally resolve to produce the Plan.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan – setting of boundary areas

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne had presented a paper setting out the area to be covered and requested approval from the Council. The Chairman asked about the “full” word in the draft resolution – Cllr. Jackson said legal wording should be the area contained within the parish boundary of Crookham Village Civil Parish.

RESOLVED: CVPC Parish Neighbourhood Plan be based on the area contained within the parish boundary of Crookham Village Civil Parish.

MIN.061/14 WEBSITE UPDATE

Cllr. Jackson advised that due to other commitments he has made no progress.

MIN.062/14 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA

The site for the fenced play area is now dry enough for installation of the new play area. However, the proposed site for the older childrens play equipment is still extremely waterlogged. A drier site was suggested and accepted.

RESOLVED: New site for the 3 older childrens equipment was agreed.

The Clerk advised that the new play equipment had to be “signed off” by a qualified company and in this respect since the company installing the equipment is our annual inspection company for the Zebon equipment she requested permission to engage ROSPA for this initial inspection. This is a non-budgeted expense.

RESOLVED: Rospa will be invited to sign off the equipment

MIN.063/14 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN

Our Solicitor has had sight of the Lease document and has raised some issues which the Clerk has forwarded to HDC solicitor.

MIN.064/14 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) SID Data & Speed watch

New batteries have been received for the SID and it is now being sited to suit the Speedwatch team.

(ii) Crondall Road

Cllr. Bennison had emailed an update on Crondall Road. There is to be a meeting with Helen Merrills who wishes to meet with Members to finalise details and Cllr. Jackson confirmed his availability. Cllr. Bennison said the Police appear to be supportive of moving the 40mph limit out towards Two Ponds.

(iii) A287/Redfields Lane junction

The Chairman advised members the planning application for development at Watery Lane is now live and this Council will be considering the application next Monday, 14 April 2014 at the Zebon Copse Centre.

(iv) Pilcot Road

This is almost completed and Members expressed their sincere thanks to Cllr. Radley for all her hard work as the previous County Councillor who supported this. Cllr. Bennison said the TRO for removal of the 40mph section was now being advertised. It has been noted that although the path is not entirely finished it is now being regularly walked by large numbers of pedestrians.

(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 it was more important that the Parish be given the authority to do the

work without having to be given the £1k grant. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne was asked to raise this matter at the HDAPTC meeting on Tuesday.

RESOLVED: Ask permission of HCC to be given the appropriate authority to get started in advance of possibly receiving any grant.

MIN.065/14 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Report from Centre Manager

Report received. The only significant point is that the junior swings have been removed for safety reasons. There is a ladder safety course on Thursday and there are many spare places on it.

MIN.065/14 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Jackson said with his other hat he had spoken about flooding around the Zebon Copse area.

Agenda item – Permission to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the Civil Parish of Crookham Village.

The meeting closed at 9.28 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

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