

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of 3 November 2014 held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the December 2014 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. David Jackson (Chairman)
Cllr. Peter Crawley
Cllr. Richard Eastment
Cllr. Clive Eastwood
Cllr. Wendy Makepeace-Browne
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance: County Cllr. John Bennison, Hart Cllr. Tony Clarke, HCC Officers Helen Merrills & Steve Swaine, There were a large number of residents present - the majority of whom were attending for the Crondall Road item.

MIN.179/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Julia & Simon Ambler, Cllr. Judy Johnson and Ward Cllr. Jenny Radley.

MIN.180/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised he would bring forward Agenda item 19(ii) Crondall Road in order to allow the HCC officers to present to the meeting early on but it will Minuted in Agenda order.

MIN.181/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6 OCTOBER 2014

The Chairman went through the Minutes for accuracy.

RESOLVED: Mins. 158/14 to 178/14 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.182/14 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.183/14 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.184/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mr. Brian Whyatt expressed his thanks to HCC officers for coming along tonight and permitting questions on the Crondall Road Traffic calming. The Chairman then closed the meeting to the public.

MIN.185/14 PROPOSALS TO MARK 50 YEARS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY BY MR REECE

Members were advised that it was not possible to use public funds to mark the service of Mr. Reece. Members agreed that they would fund something themselves. Clerk to get prices for a boxed shrub/tree and advise Members accordingly outside of a meeting.

MIN. 186/14 FUTURE OF ENGLISH GOVERNANCE

The Chairman asked if any Member had requested this on the Agenda. No one claimed ownership and it was therefore passed by.

MIN. 187/14 OFFER TO CLEAN & SEASONALLY DECORATE THE RED TELEPHONE BOX

An offer has been received from a resident to undertake a quarterly maintenance of the red telephone box and she would also like to "seasonally" decorate it.

Members accepted this kind offer.

RESOLVED: Clerk to purchase Christmas lights and batteries for resident.

MIN. 188/14 OFFER OF DEFIBILLATOR

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne advised that she had been misinformed that these were foc and is now awaiting information from the HALC Board as to where they purchased them from and a costing.

MIN. 189/14 PARISH NEWSLETTER

Final articles have been sent to Cllr. Julia Ambler for editing and the newsletter is ready to go to print. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne requested an opportunity to check over the Neighbourhood Plan article before printing. The Chairman gave her his hard copy.

MIN. 190/14 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Clerk advised that this is still work in progress. The Chairman said it had occurred to him and Cllr. Simon Ambler that the Neighbourhood Plan meetings information should go out via facebook/twitter and thus perhaps attract more public interest. Members of the Steering Group to action.

MIN. 191/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr. Eastment gave his September report as follows:

The CVPCNPSG met last month basically to go through a draft of the position statement of the plan which is a statement of where they are now. There are 7 sections of the plan but only 6 members of the Group. The only difficult section is the "houses" one and they have decided to use the whole team to deal with this. They have tied in with Hart Council to try to fit the Local Plan timescales. The consultant has been given some harsh deadlines and the Group have a thorough structure breakdown – 2 days will be reviewing the data from the survey. The Village Plan will be looked at and see how it can be developed and there is also work on the Census. If they produce all this by the year end they will have a Neighbourhood Plan with the sole exception of the "killing bit" which is where to put houses but this has to be done in alignment with Hart. At the moment all is on track and going well.

MIN. 192/14 FINANCE

The Responsible Finance Officer had circulated her monthly report. Members were asked to agree a date for the budget proposals meeting. The Clerk reminded those present that the budget proposals meeting is an informal meeting where items are put forward and discarded or supported and those which are supported are presented to Full Council in the final budget. Members agreed either Monday, 12 January 2015 or Wednesday, 14 January 2015 at 8pm in the Centre meeting room. The RFO advised Members that Finance had received a request for funding for the Fleet Festivities. There is a budget of £300 but apparently more money would help to get an ice rink at the Ghurkha Square.

RESOLVED: Grant of £300 to Fleet Festivities with an offer of a further £200 conditional upon it being used to support an ice rink.

(Post Meeting Note: Fleet Festivities confirmed that an ice rink has been booked and therefore the final Grant will be for £500).

MIN.193/14 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Jackson advised that there were 4 tree applications/notifications in the parish and CVPC had not been consulted on 3 of them. All were included within his planning report.

(ii) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and responded to queries.

RESOLVED: The report of the Planning Committee was agreed.

The Chairman advised that at the last Planning Cttee meeting a proposal had been put forward for dealing with new large planning applications and this had been agreed and is in the Minutes of that meeting. He asked Members to please walk into Redfield's

Garden Centre which had originally had planning permission for a garden centre and which is now unrecognisable as almost half of it is not related to gardening.

(iii) Outline application for up to 423 residential dwellings and community facility etc. Land north of Netherhouse Copse, Hitches Lane, Fleet Berkeley Strategic Land Ltd.

After lengthy debate Members expressed their frustration and dismay that earlier comments were ignored and agreed to respond as follows:

CVPC regrets, once again, that the opportunity has not been taken to review the overall effect of developments and potential developments on the ecology of the whole Upper Hart Valley. Proponents of individual developments continue to argue from a narrow perspective, but the combination of building hundreds of houses and increased human activity on SANG land will certainly have a significant adverse effect on the ecology of the wider area that deserves to be quantified and taken into consideration.

MIN.194/14 WEBSITE UPDATE

The Chairman advised that the contractor has been chosen and Terms & Conditions are being amended.

MIN.195/14 LEA GREEN PLAY AREA – ADDITIONAL PLAY & EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

The Clerk advised that she still awaits a third quotation for exercise equipment before presenting to Cllrs. Julia Ambler and Wendy-Makepeace-Browne. A public consultation will be required before an order is placed. The order for the additional play equipment will be placed and grass cutting will now be undertaken on a regular basis.

MIN.196/14 ACQUISITION OF LEA GREEN

The Clerk advised that the completed Lease has now been sent to our solicitor to register with the Land Registry. Remove from Agenda.

MIN.197/14 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) SID Data & Speed watch

The SID is currently sited on Pilcot Road and Brian Whyatt was asked to endeavour to organise a Speedwatch team to record excess speeds.

(ii) Crondall Road

Helen Merrills (HCC Officer) gave an update on the scheme. For a number of years concern about traffic speeds on Crondall Road have been raised and there have been trial schemes which were not too successful. In Sept 2013 following feasibility options the public were consulted and the public supported various pinch points and buildouts. Speed humps were not a possibility as they would require street lighting. In the local District Plan there is an allocation of land to accommodate over 2100 homes before 2028 and people feel there will be more traffic as a result. The 30 mph speed limit is shown to be exceeded by 5mph on average. Some 59% of respondents supported a footway of some kind and whilst some wanted a footway along the length of Crondall Road it is not possible at the moment. Because it was not possible to put the footway on the original line it has now been re-located to the other side of the road and that is why they (HCC) are here this evening. The speed limit along the road has been extended and agreed by the police. The 30mph will be moved out to Zephon Common Lane, the 40mph goes to the woods on the left hand side just south of Two Ponds and the 50mph goes along the remaining length of Crondall Road. The Chairman said it was fair to say that the Parish Council wanted to get pedestrians off the road as and when opportunities arise but there are constraints and this is at least a start. The plans will be put on a website which will be more user friendly (a power point type drawing) and the Officers will send a link for the CVPC website. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne asked for clarification about the figures which was duly given. Officers said local farmers and the bus company have been consulted in relation to the pinch points and they are happy with the gap (4m). The Mede House resident said

measures between the pub and going out of the village towards Crondall are not sufficient to calm the traffic down. He was disappointed there has never been much of a speed check on that section of the road. The Chairman advised that the previous trial had caused physical difficulties to people getting out of their drives. The Bridge House owner said he would be happy to have a build out but had been told it would not be possible because it was opposite an agricultural access. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne asked if Safety Engineering could be asked about further build outs on the bridge – Steve Swain said if other changes were required it would delay the start time of January 2015. After further debate it was agreed that we would support what is proposed and review the outcomes in a year.

RESOLVED: Members support the footway proposals and will seek to review the outcomes of the whole scheme in a year's time.

Cllr. Bennison told the meeting that he and officers would be happy to answer further questions outside of the meeting in the hallway.

(iv) A287/Redfields Lane junction

The Albany Park (Watery Lane) application was refused by Hart. Still awaiting confirmation as to whether the applicants will go to Appeal.

(v) Parish Lengthsman scheme

The Clerk advised that she had received a signed but undated Contract from HCC. She is endeavouring to source the officer to ascertain what date should appear on the Contract. We are to invoice HCC for the £1k grant and we need to tell HCC on what we actually spend the money. Next year we would have to go in with a lead parish. Cllr. Bennison said the officer (Steve Pellatt) had said we CVPC have to right to carry out works on the highway as before and outside of the Lengthsman Scheme we could just send an email to the officer and get permission. We could use the Dogmersfield contractor who has satisfied the requirements of the Lengthsman scheme. Alastair Clarke of Dogmersfield Parish Council has asked if HADPTC could be the central administration for the parishes.

(vi) F/p 1 Surface between No 2 Forge Cottage and The Forge House

A quotation has been received for some shingle to lay on an area of this path.

RESOLVED: Clerk to order the shingle which will be laid by volunteers.

(vii) Upgrading of stiles

The Clerk has asked for assistance in identifying where stiles are currently on footpaths in order that, where possible, these can be replaced with easier access entrances. The Chairman advised he has photos of where stiles are currently located and the Clerk may use these.

(viii) Roundabouts either end of Brandon Road

Enquiries progressing and support from Cllr. Bennison is being sought.

MIN.198/14 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Report from Centre Manager

Report received.

MIN.199/14 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Chairman asked if Members wished to raise agenda items for the next meeting and whether there was any information they wished to share.

Cllr. Eastment asked for comments on his Emergency plan and this should be an Agenda item next time.

Cllr. Jackson and Cllr. Simon Ambler will be representing the Parish at the Remembrance Service. There will be a Christmas Fair on 22 November 2 – 4.30 at the Zebon Copse Centre.

Cllr. Eastwood said on Monday 10 November there will be a bake stall 2 till 5 – set up at the ZC Dental Surgery to promote British Dental Health.

Cllr. Bennison said he has been trying to get ditches cleared out above the estate and up from Redfield's there were 3 gullies which had been blocked solid but are now

clear. There is another section opposite the tennis courts which will be enlarged. There is still some money left in the budget for road repairs for two more projects and could Members give some thought to this. £80K is a figure he has heard but he needs definitive final figures of the Pilcot footway and the Crondall Road schemes. Cllr. Jackson said the track opposite the tennis club has been a river in the past. Cllr. Bennison said the ditch going down toward Humphrey Park is A287 work for QEB and will be a cycleway which will go right up to the bridge. Cllr. Eastwood asked if the ditches down Watery Lane could be dealt with. Cllr. Jackson asked to whom did people go if there was an issue with a ditch and no known owner – Cllr. Bennison said an HCC officer called Torrs – he will send details to Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

Dates for 2014 meetings:

WI Hall
1 December

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Dates for 2015 meetings

2 February
7 April

1 June
7 September
2 November

5 January
2 March
13 April (Annual Parish Meeting)
11 May (Annual General Meeting)
6 July
5 October
7 December