

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, 2 February 2015 held at 7.45pm in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the March 2015 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: County Cllr. Richard Bennison, Hart Cllr. Jenny Radley.

MIN.019/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllr. Judy Johnson.

MIN.020/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MIN.021/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 January 2015

The Chairman went through the Minutes for accuracy. Min.006/15 line 13 "Parish Link" should read "Fleet Link". Page 3 Min. 016/15 (i) delete the wording "for the usage".

RESOLVED: Mins. 001/15 to 018/15 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.022/15 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. The Chairman advised of a personal interest in Item 7 and Cllr. Jackson expressed an interest in Item 9(ii).

MIN.023/15 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.024/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Cllr. Radley gave an update on the QEB S106 money - funding a bus service – the amount HCC took was £245k and it is believed that about £110k has been spent prior to the removal of the service. Cllr. Bennison advised that the Parish file folder about the Brook Hill Footway would be returned after HCC Officers have taken copies of the relevant paperwork. He has heard nothing about Crondall Road and assumes it is still on schedule. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

MIN.025/15 LEA GREEN – REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND

Members were asked for their views on this. After a short debate the majority view was that the Council should retain the land in question.

Resolved: Members did not support the sale of the land.

MIN. 026/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne gave the figures (so far) for the survey returns (212) still awaiting the Zebon Copse returns. A 20% return rate would be good. The report was as follows:

- "Questionnaire to the parish was delivered and we are awaiting replies. So far 130 on line and 82 back by hand.
- Quarterly meeting with Daryl Philips last week where he updated us on the HDC local plan, which has been pushed back again due to Winchfield

issues/testing. It had been hoped last year that the scheduled date may come forward. I invited all local Parishes to attend for their information and we got members from Rotherwick, Hook, Hartley Wintney and Fleet TC all at different stages of doing a plan plus attendance from Church Crookham who are not doing a plan and Liz Bourne consultant to several Hart Parishes doing a NP. We had a good discussion on sites and we have all agreed to work together where we can affect and support each other's plans.

- The CVPNP grant monitoring from has been completed and returned within deadline so we should receive our final £700 (10% of the grant that was held back) soon.
- We have added 3 new volunteers to the NP group, lost the SG member for FACEit so I am working to replace Gary Whiteside, and still have no firm offer of help for a ZCRA rep. Richard Hellier is on-board as our environmental specialist.”

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne had sent a circular letter to adjacent parishes and asked if they could complete a hard copy of the questionnaire to aid the NPSG and had received supportive responses from several.

RESOLVED: CVPC accepted the report of Cllr Eastment.

MIN.027/15 FINANCE

(i) Budget and Precept Confirmation

The Chairman advised that various figures had been proposed since the informal budget meeting had shown that there would be a significant drop in the level of reserves. There was debate as to which items proposed in the budget could be deferred. It was confirmed that minor spend items e.g. £3k for Environment could be agreed by the Finance & HR Cttee but that major items would be considered by that Committee and then brought to Full Council with a recommendation to either do it now or it could be postponed. There was a very lengthy debate as to what level of increase should be set for the precept and it was finally agreed that a 15% increase be set. Cllr. Eastment proposed that the precept be set at £111,250 which equates to a 15% increase. This was seconded by Cllr. Eastwood and a vote was taken.

RESOLVED: The Precept be set at £111,250 – a 15% increase for the new Financial Year.

The Chairman wished to have it put on record his thanks to the RFO Angela Sayers for the huge amount of work she had done with the various options and for the professional presentation of all the options. This was echoed by all Members. In addition Cllr. Makepeace-Browne expressed her sincere thanks to the Chairman, RFO and Cllr. Julia Ambler for making it so easy for new Members such as herself to understand the process.

(ii) Request for support of ZCRA Fete

Cllr. Jackson had declared an interest and took no part in the debate. He explained to Members that the Fete was for the residents of the Parish and asked if the use of the Centre and playing fields could be free of charge for the Residents Association which hosts the event and in addition which itself subsidises the Fete by £500.

There was also an opportunity for the Parish Council to sponsor a feature which this year was aimed at engaging young children in the Craft Tent. The cost of that workshop would be £175. The Fete itself takes place on Sunday 28 June 1pm till 5pm. After a short debate Cllr. Makepeace-Browne proposed that both requests be supported. This was seconded by Cllr. Eastment and a vote was taken.

RESOLVED: The Zebon Copse Residents Association be permitted use of the Centre and playing fields – at no cost – for the Fete on 28 June.

RESOLVED: This Council will sponsor the workshop for young children in the Craft Tent at a cost of £175.

MIN.028/15 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

In the absence of Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Jackson dealt with the tree issues within his 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.

(iii) Application 15/00088.HMC

Proposal: First floor side extension to enlarge bedrooms and form en-suite.
49 Hop Garden, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 0YU

RESOLVED: Respond no objections.

(iv) Application 14/02887/HMC

Propose fencing, gates and minor alteration to approval 14/00939/HMC
Burywood, Crondall Road, Crookham Village, Fleet, GU51 5SY

RESOLVED: No objection subject to confirmation by Highways of the acceptability of the lack of refuge space at the southern gate, which the applicant admits leaves insufficient space for a vehicle to pull off the road to open the gate thus adversely affecting road safety due to the high volume of traffic on Crondall Road, especially at peak times. CVPC suspects that a planning condition that this entrance must only be used as an exit could not be enforced in practice.

MIN.029/15 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) Speed watch update

The Chairman said he had downloaded the data from the last site and had forwarded this to Mr. Whyatt. Cllr. Jackson asked that the SID be sited on Redfields Lane as soon as possible. To be sited near Elmfield opposite Redfields Garden Centre to capture traffic going into Church Crookham and then to be relocated to capture the traffic going towards the A287 beyond Watery Lane (near the property known as Willow Croft.) NB not to be sited during school term holiday dates. Clerk to check with John Foggo (HDC) as to whose SID had recently been sited on Redfields Lane.

(ii) Crondall Road

Cllr. Jackson expressed his disappointment that the recent road closure of Crondall Road had not been notified to the Council. Cllr. Bennison advised that communications were sometimes behind the actual work done.

(iii) A287/Redfields Lane junction

An Appeal has been lodged for the Albany Park Application which includes the proposed roundabout at this junction. It will be heard on 14 April 2015 and Cllr. Jackson asked if Members were content for him to speak for the Council as well as Chairman of ZCRA – the offer was accepted with thanks.

(v) Upgrading of stiles

The Clerk has contacted Mr. Hirst and he wishes to have a site meeting with an officer sometime in February. Cllr. Jackson said he was still waiting for the HCC Officer to contact him with regard to the levels at some stiles sites.

(vi) Possible projects for unspent Highways funds

A Direction of Travel meeting is set for Saturday, 7 February at 2pm in the Zebon Centre to consider suitable projects. In addition Members will also be putting forward proposals for the use of any Community Infrastructure Levy funds which will accrue to the Council.

MIN.030/15 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Report from Centre Manager

Report received.

MIN.031/15 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. Makepeace-Browne is having a meeting with Adam Green to talk about the planter for the roundabout and Church Crookham Parish Council have agreed to contribute £100 towards the plants.
She said there is an issue with the Lengthsman scheme in terms of removal of the rubbish which comes from the various jobs but please keep projects coming through.

Cllr. Eastment had noted the Governance requirements in relation to the use of defibrillators (as stated by the Community Heartbeat Trust) and if these cannot be met then we would not proceed. However, he was confident that the Governance issues (weekly/monthly/annual checks in line with manufacturer's recommendations and also the entire provenance of the equipment and storage) would be met and felt that two defibrillators would suffice – one to be at the Social Club and the other at the Centre. The training is done by DVD and a dummy body provided and the course can accommodate 10 people at a time.

Cllr. Jackson advised that the ZCRA AGM is on Thursday 19 February at 8pm at the Centre.

Cllr. Julia Ambler said that recognising the proximity of the Albany Park Appeal we need to get together to tackle the way forward. Cllr. Jackson said the major issue is the impact on the Centre, the SANG and traffic and potential flooding downstream. He felt it would be beneficial to meet with the FACEit Members and agree which aspects each body should/could cover.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm

Dates for 2015 meetings
WI HALL

7 April
1 June
7 September
2 November

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

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