

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, 2 March 2015 held at 7.45pm in the Zebon Community Centre, Danvers Drive, Crookham. Please refer to the Minutes of the April 2015 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
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. John Bennison, Hart Cllr. Jenny Radley.
Mr. & Mrs. M. White and Mr. B. Whyatt

MIN.032/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllrs. Judy Johnson and Peter Crawley.

MIN.033/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that if any of the public intended to film, record or photograph any part of the meeting they should have given notice to the Clerk prior to this meeting but failing having given notice they should now declare that intention and will be advised of the protocol to follow.

MIN.034/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2 FEBRUARY 2015

The Chairman went through the Minutes for accuracy. It was noted that Cllr. Bennison is "John" not "Richard". Min. 028/15 should read 15/00088/HMC.

RESOLVED: Mins. 019/15 to 031/15 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.035/15 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.

MIN.036/15 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.037/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Cllr. Radley said HDC are having a follow up meeting talking to Stagecoach and HCC Passenger Transport and she is happy to take to that meeting anything which the Council wish her to raise. Cllr. Bennison said there will be a Boundary Review of the County and this will be coming as a consultation to the parishes. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

MIN.038/15 ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH HDC

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne said HDC have obtained some funding for the above and they wish parishes to engage with them. A project had been started with the Danvers Drive wildflower meadow which received favourable comments. Sites put forward are:

- Open space between Jessett Drive and Danvers Drive (badger wood carving/flowering fruit trees/bird and bat boxes).
- Open spaces entrance to Netherhouse Moor (bulbs one side/meadow planting the other/bat and bird boxes).
- Further enhance the open space at Danvers Drive
- Crescent Green in the village (meadow planting/bat and bird boxes).

- Freelands Drive there is a step back area which would be suitable for meadow planting.
- Brokle Close open space (meadow planting/bird and bat boxes. (It was pointed out that there had been issues with this particular open space in the past and that it would be necessary to canvas adjacent residents).

The benefits to an area are it increases natural habitat, makes it more attractive and decreases maintenance. Planting needs to be done in October but some of the art tree work be done in March. There is nil expense to the Parish. In return HDC request that they are free to promote what they have done in the Parish. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne asked permission to be the Lead Member and this was agreed.

RESOLVED: The Environmental project of HDC be supported and the above sites put forward for consideration by Cllr. Makepeace-Browne (Lead Officer).

MIN.039/15 FLEET BUS LINK SERVICE

Fleet Town Council have invited a representative from this Council to an informal meeting to talk about the Fleet Bus Link Service which they and Church Crookham Parish Council and HCC currently fund. Cllr. Eastment as Transport Representative will attend and he advised that he sees this as a fact finding meeting initially. Cllr. Radley said that a lot of older parishioners were unable to walk to bus stops and because Fleet Link collects and delivers door to door this service would be of use to them. Cllr. Jackson said the scope of pickup is important if this Council decides to support this service but we need to know how many residents would use it as we need to deliver value for money of any spend towards it.

Debate then moved to the Taxi Share service which had come into being because of the sudden loss of certain bus services in Hart. HCC were currently subsidising this service and it collects from two bus stop points in the parish. Figures had been requested from HCC as to takeup but these are not broken down sufficiently to give a clear picture. What is needed is information as to who has used the service (in the Parish) from what point and to what destination. It was believed that this particular service was not widely known to those who had relied on the bus service. An article in our next Newsletter would be useful. Cllr. Eastment will report back on the outcome of the meeting.

MIN.040/15 S106 PLANNING OBLIGATIONS – SPEEDING UP NEGOTIATIONS CONSULTATION

Cllr. Jackson said he believed this was aimed at District Councils because nowhere in the document did it mention Parish and Town Councils being involved and he wished that this omission be highlighted. The Tudgey's Nursery S106 has finally been agreed some three months after planning permission was granted. There must be proper provision for Town and Parish Councils to take part in the S106 negotiations. The Chairman said developers should be encouraged to discuss these matter at pre-application stage and involve the Town & Parish Councils at that point. It was agreed the Clerk would reflect these views in the response.

RESOLVED: Members do not support the setting up of a dispute resolution process and would encourage Planning Authorities to include town and parish councils as early as possible at the pre-application stage where it would be more appropriate to agree S106 terms. Both the developer and planning authority are then fully aware what the S106 requirements are prior to submitting a planning application.

MIN.041/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr. Richard Eastment reported as follows:

- “The Consultant advises us that a new tranche of funding is about to become available and that we may be able to request a further £7,000. We will keep on top and apply as soon as the system opens.
- Our Survey is now complete with some 235 responses. At only 14% this is not great, but enough to be statistically valid. Initial impression is that it confirms 2013 full result.
- Environmental assessment is nearly complete. Overall, we have covered most sections but are reliant on Hart for Housing Allocation figures and Adam Hendry site identification.
- We are seeking to submit a very early “Draft” to the Albany Park appeal to show that a NP is being developed.”

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne said she has already applied for the new tranche of funding and the figure is £8,000 not £7,000 and for speed of action she had put herself down as the point of contact. The Chairman said clearly, apart from the people on the working group no one has seen what is going into the plan and he would feel uncomfortable for a “draft” to be submitted without all Members knowing the content. Cllr. Eastment said the position statement had been sent to Members before Christmas. Cllr. Jackson said he would be happy with the Environmental Assessment which has been done by Mr. Hellier. It was believed that the draft needs to be submitted by 17 March in order for the Inspector to take note of it. The Neighbourhood Plan stands in its own right and if it can be put in front of the Inspector it will not be dealing with any particular sites. Cllr. Eastment said is it based on the premise that the parish would like to retain its character.

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne said we have to prove to the Inspector that we are progressing a Neighbourhood Plan and if we now have to have the approval of Full Council it means that they will have to work even harder. The Chairman said the Council would be appearing at the Inquiry supporting the arguments it had given already and what does this document actually do? Cllr. Eastment said the Neighbourhood Plan is positively addressing the need for development and should reinforce the argument that this is a forward thinking Council. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne said some appeals have been refused because of a strong Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Eastwood pointed out that this is a Draft and not a final document. There is a public steering group meeting this coming Monday. Members were asked to put their comments to Cllr Eastment when the document is circulated. A majority view will serve for amendments.

RESOLVED: A draft Neighbourhood Plan will be sent to Members by 9 March 2015. Cllr. Eastment, as Chairman of the Group, concurred that if Members were not happy to release the document to the Inspector he would accept that decision.

RESOLVED: Members accepted the report of Cllr Eastment.

MIN.042/15 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY PROJECTS

The Chairman advised that following on from the Direction of Travel Meeting these projects be progressed:

- IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE (CAR PARK/SPORTS CHANGING TO HALL/CAR PARK BARRIER/FENCING FOR CHILDCARE OFSTED REQUIREMENTS)
- DRAINAGE ON OUR SPORTS PITCHES (CHECK LIFE SPAN OF CLAY PIPES)
- SOLAR PANELS FOR THE CENTRE (SEEK GRANTS)
- LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
- MAINTENANCE OF THE CANAL THROUGH THE PARISH
- FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENTS

- POWER TO DEAL WITH DRAINAGE WITH PONDS AND DITCHES PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936 S.216
- BROOK HILL FOOTWAY (COMPULSORY PURCHASE)
- CYCLEWAY ALONG HITCHES LANE
- HIGHSPEED BROADBAND THROUGHOUT THE PARISH – FIBRE UPGRADE NEEDED FOR THE VILLAGE (ALTERNATIVE IS TO PUT IN WIRELESS)
- WELLBEING PROJECTS
- VILLAGE HALL FOR THE VILLAGE
- ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman requested that the items which had arisen from the DoT meeting now be agreed as a “wish” list. The Clerk advised that these would need to be properly costed before they could be put forward as viable requests.

MIN.043/15 FINANCE

(i) Possible contribution to fees for preparing traffic case for Albany Park

Cllr. Jackson said there were two possible issues (i) is to contribute to the traffic case which is currently funded by private individuals and (ii) we should employ Paul Dickinson to appear to support the figures he had produced for us. Clerk to seek a quote for a day’s evidence and background reading. Speaking list for the appeal is sorted on 14 April 2015. There is a meeting with the traffic consultant on 7 March.

RESOLVED: Subject to satisfactory quotes up to £2k for Paul Dickinson and the traffic evidence amount when estimate known.

RESOLVED: Delegated authority given to HR & Finance Cttee to agree.

(ii) Additional cost for emergency SID deployment for Albany Park evidence

Cllr. Jackson had requested permission for emergency deployment of our SID to capture traffic volumes on Redfields Lane. This might incur additional cost from our contractor.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to fund up to £250.

MIN.044/15 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

In the absence of Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Jackson advised that there were none for this meeting.

(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 15/0041/HMC

Proposal: Retrospective: Convert part of integral garage to playroom with remainder to be used for storage.

23 Brandon Road, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hampshire GU25 0UA

RESOLVED: 1) Hart is requested to consider carefully the acceptability of residual parking given the lack of nearby visitor parking and the consequential risk of overflow parking obstructing the pavement on this busy spine road.

2) This property has only just changed hands. It is disappointing that the new owners apparently were not aware of the planning condition related to garage conversions.

(iv) Application 15/00411/HMC

Proposal: To replace 8 x windows to front of property with wooden sash windows to match the original existing sash to front upstairs (first floor). The windows will be double glazed with profiles to match existing original sash.

3 Sunnyside, The Street, Crookham Village, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 5SJ

RESOLVED: No objection.

MIN.045/15 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) Speed watch update

The SID will be sited as requested on Redfields Lane to record traffic movements in both directions from Redfields Lane to the A287 junction. It will go up for a week at a time. Nothing to report from Mr. Whyatt.

(ii) Crondall Road

Cllr. Bennison advised that when HCC put out their tenders they expect several contractors to bid. The market is quite tight at the moment and they only had two tenders and because of all the work around at the moment there are fewer contractors free to do contracts.

(iii) A287/Redfields Lane junction

An Appeal has been lodged and the hearing will take place on 14 April 2015.

(v) Upgrading of stiles

Ongoing. Clerk to set up meeting with HCC Officer, Cllr. Jackson and Mr. Hirst.

(vi) Possible projects for unspent Highways funds

Following on from the Direction of Travel meeting (7 February 2015) Members proposed that the unspent funds be allocated in order of importance as listed below:

1. Traffic flow improvements at Malthouse Bridge
2. Cycleway along Hitches Lane
3. Brook Hill Footway (HCC Officer has copied all she needs from the folder and Cllr. Bennison will talk it through with Officer).
4. Off road cycleway and pavements along Redfield's Lane and crossing points (maintain the rural character/hedgerows – if Albany Park is built).

RESOLVED: The above priorities be put forward for the unspent highway funds from Pilcot Road and Crondall Road highway improvements.

MIN.046/15 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Report from Centre Manager

Report received. Members were pleased that as always the Managers were on top of the play area issues and were working hard to promote the hall hire.

MIN.047/15 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.

Because of issues with some information failing to reach Members it was agreed that a Council Meetings folder be put into Dropbox and all documents relating to each meeting be forwarded there as well as the original email documents being sent separately to all Members.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm

Dates for 2015 meetings

WI HALL

7 April
1 June
7 September
2 November

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

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