

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, 7 April 2015 held at 7.45pm in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the May 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. Judy Johnson
Cllr. Wendy Makepeace-Browne
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance: Hart Cllr. Jenny Radley and Mr. & Mrs. M. White

MIN.048/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

MIN.049/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman said that due to a conflict of engagements the Annual General Meeting will now need to be held on Tuesday the 5 May 2015. There were no objections to this change of date.

MIN.050/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2 MARCH 2015

The Chairman went through the Minutes for accuracy. Top of page 2 – insert “Brandon Rd nearly opposite” Freelands Drive. Page 3, Min 041/15 after “Mr. Hellier” insert “on behalf of Hart”. The Resolution be amended as follows: delete “accept that decision” insert “bring it to another meeting.”

RESOLVED: Mins. 032/15 to 047/15 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.051/15 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.052/15 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.053/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Cllr. Radley said the meeting with HCC/HDC and Stagecoach is on 22 April and she will take any issues to that meeting if Members wish to raise anything. She had attended the Fleet Town Council Annual Parish Meeting and had taken note of a Hart Community Farms leaflet and the owner would be willing to brief a Parish Council meeting if Members wished. The road closure at the junction of Sandy Lane/Aldershot Rd could start as early as 27 April and could last for 5 weeks. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

MIN.054/15 DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Members were asked to approve the Data Protection Policy.

RESOLVED: The Data Protection Policy was approved and will be reviewed annually commencing with the AGM in 2016.

MIN.055/15 BANK LINE

The RFO advised that this was a further stage in getting the Parish Council automated. This is a bank line mandate and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are the nominated contacts.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to sign the bank line mandate form and no changes are to be made to this mandate without referral to Full Council.

MIN.056/15 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Cllr. Makepeace-Browne spoke to this item. There was a great deal of debate and some examples of use of the power offered. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne offered to do further research and will bring back to another Council meeting.

MIN.057/15 BOUNDARY SIGN – REDFIELDS/BRANDON ROAD JUNCTION

Cllr. Jackson said the new sign suggests that Crookham Village itself starts on Brandon Road at the Redfields end as it does not identify it as being the Parish boundary. It was agreed that this sign would be acceptable at the entrance to the village on Crondall Road where a new sign is due to be erected shortly. Remove temporarily and store at the Centre.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise HCC that the Crondall Road sign which they are funding from the highway works should read PARISH OF CROOKHAM VILLAGE (to be erected in a more appropriate location on Redfields Lane in due course) and exchanged for the existing sign to be used on Crondall Road.

MIN. 058/15 FLEET BUS LINK SERVICE

Cllr. Eastment said the meeting had been held to see if we could divert the Fleet Bus Link through the village. He gave a briefing on the meeting. It is heavily used by bus pass holders and busiest in the peak morning time. Perception is that it is for elderly and infirm. HCC are going back to the operator to see if it is feasible to permit residents from the village to use the service. It was agreed that an article be put in the next Parish Newsletter clarifying eligibility. Cllr Radley said she is hoping to get more clarity from Stagecoach for the one remaining bus service. If Stagecoach is going to remove the 72 perhaps a further small bus service could be provided. With regard to the Fleet Bus Link Service Cllr. Eastment was requested to raise this at the Annual Parish Meeting under Any Other Business. We now await an update from the HCC Officer.

Cllr Eastment advised that the HCC meeting he and the RFO had attended in Winchester had been a “cost saving” exercise for HCC – they are having to make further savings of 10% on budgets. A round table exercise of where cuts should be made did not arrive at a consensus.

MIN.059/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Cllr. Eastment advised that the monthly meeting had been held on 9 March and almost all the work this month has gone into what is to be submitted to the Albany Farm Inquiry and we are dealing with that later. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne advised that £6,050 has been submitted and a further amount can be accessed later. On the duty to co-operate - our neighbouring councils were asked to complete our survey, Crondall and Dogmersfield are responding, Fleet Town Council are considering doing a Neighbourhood Plan and Church Crookham and Ewshot have declined to complete the survey.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Group were accepted.

MIN.060/15 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY PROJECTS

The Clerk had requested that a Working Group be set up for the projects to be progressed. The Chairman said that this work could wait until the current Inquiry is concluded. Cllr. Jackson said that the Planning Committee was best suited to undertake this task. Appendix ‘A’ lists the projects.

RESOLVED: The Planning Committee will consider this at a later date and report back to the Council.

MIN.061/15 FINANCE

The RFO is currently working on Year End. Cllr. Jackson advised that there is one lot of dog bin bags left at the Street dog dispenser and we now needed to replace it with one of the same type as those on Zebon Copse.

ACTION: Angela to purchase similar model.

MIN.062/15 PLANNING

(i) Trees Report

Cllr. Johnson said Knight Close has come to the fore with lots of documents on the website. Major trees are protected and some trees which have to be felled will be replaced with new planting.

(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 15/00330/HMC

Proposal: Erection of traditional timber summerhouse at end of garden on screed base. Velmead Farmhouse, Watery Lane, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 0RN

RESOLVED: Objection – proximity to the neighbouring fence/dominance/overbearing and loss of light to the neighbouring property.

Local knowledge suggests that there was a badger run in the vicinity of the site indicated for the summer house and this Council request that Hart establish the detailed ownership of land in that area before determining the application.

(iv) Application 15/00563/H0U

Proposal: Hip to gable extension and rear dormer window.

19 Camus Close, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 0UT

RESOLVED: No objection.

MIN.063/15 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) Speed watch update

The Chairman confirmed the SID was sited as agreed on Redfields Lane and will now revert to its normal schedule. Cllr. Jackson said traffic counts from the SID seemed to be much lower than those reported from other methods. The Chairman agreed to compare SID results to those from a manual count.

(ii) Crondall Road

Work to start imminently.

(iii) A287/Redfields Lane junction

The Albany Farm hearing (which offers improvements to this junction) will take place on 14 April 2015. Cllr. Jackson said he had an email from the police and there have been a few traffic incidents around the immediate area which we should be aware of.

(v) Upgrading of stiles

Cllr. Jackson gave a report on the outcome of the meeting with Mr. Hirst and the officer from HCC. The steps at the Canal will be dealt with by HCC. Mr. Hirst will deal with the stile at the Street end of f/p 1 at his own cost and invite the Council to review the result before providing a quote for modifying the other 2 stiles.

MIN.064/15 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

Report from Centre Manager

Report received.

MIN.065/15 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (under LGA 1972 Section 100A)

The Chairman moved exclusion of press and public.

RESOLVED: Public and press were excluded.

MIN.066/15 ALBANY FARM INQUIRY SUBMISSIONS

Debate ranged about the various issues which were currently being worked on to present to the Inquiry. Cllrs Julia Ambler and Jackson will circulate their presentations in strictest confidence.

RESOLVED: VIRE FROM THE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO MR DICKINSON TO PAY FOR CONSULTANCY ADVICE FROM THE ARCHITECT FOR ZCC ALTERATIONS AND IF NECESSARY THE COUNCIL NOTES THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE.

Cllr. Eastment presented a paper from the NPSG which he wished to present to the Inquiry. There was a great deal of debate and Cllr. Johnson offered to précis the document and circulate it around for further views. It is important to notify the Inspector in advance of the number of speakers.

RESOLVED: THE NPSG PRESENT, IN PRINCIPLE, TO THE INQUIRY PROVIDING THAT THE VIEWS OF THE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND SENIOR CLLR CRAWLEY ARE SUPPORTIVE (TWO OUT OF THREE) OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

MIN.067/15 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

The meeting closed at 10.50 pm

Dates for 2015 meetings

WI HALL

1 June
7 September
2 November

NB Note change of date

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

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

APPENDIX A

- 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