

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, 6 July 2015 held at 7.45pm in the Zebon Copse Centre, Danvers Drive, Crookham. Please refer to the Minutes of the September 2015 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)  
Cllr. Peter Crawley  
Cllr. Richard Eastment  
Cllr. Clive Eastwood  
Cllr. David Jackson  
Cllr. Judy Johnson  
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)  
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance: County Cllr. John Bennison and Ward Cllr. Jenny Radley, Mr. Brian Whyatt.

**MIN.112/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies from Cllrs. Wendy Makepeace-Browne and Julia Ambler.

**MIN.113/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**MIN.114/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 JUNE 2015**

The Chairman referred to the Minutes page by page.

**RESOLVED: Min. 094/15 to 111/15 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.**

**MIN.115/15 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.116/15 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.117/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).**

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Mr. Whyatt advised that the information about speeds on The Street was not retrievable without knowledge of which dates the SID operated. The Clerk advised she had requested this information in order to explore whether the criteria for a 20mph and/or Variable Speed Indicator would be met. From exploring the policies of HCC and Surrey CC she said we would not qualify and she would present a report to the September meeting. Mr. Whyatt then asked if Members had thought about future development being opened up since the Watery Lane Appeal was lost and a roundabout was to be installed at the junction of the A287 and Redfields Lane. All Members confirmed they had considered this possibility. Finally, Mr. Whyatt asked whether he could rely on the Council fighting the Hitches Lane application. He was advised that the Council's views were already published on the website. Cllr. Jackson said he would ask the Centre Managers for a list of dates when the SID was on Brandon Road. Cllr. Radley asked that Members attend the public meeting on Wednesday at the Harlington when Stagecoach will present its future routes and HCC will also be present to advise how it will utilise its Fleetlink and Taxishare services. She has managed to contact Bewley Homes who will do some work on overgrown trees on Twissell Thorne which is land they still own. There is to be a special HDC planning committee meeting on 29 July to discuss the Grove Farm application. Part B of the TAG application has now been published and there will be an increase in flights. It rests with the DAA and a decision is expected before Christmas. Cllr. Bennison said a HDC meeting this month will be supporting the HCC response to the Boundary Commission. There is also resurfacing due to take place at Crookham Crossroads – there will be a 2 week gap from the completion of the Sandy Lane junction. Cllr. Jackson said the M3 is due to close from 9 pm during July in alternate directions. With regard to Crondall Road, Cllr. Bennison said there are some snagging issues which have arisen from the Safety Audit but he knows nothing more. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

**MIN.118/15 REQUEST TO USE LEA GREEN FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

Fleet Phoenix sought permission to use Lea Green for a series of youth engagement sessions during the summer school holidays – Members had no objections. After a brief debate it was agreed to ask Phoenix can we have some photos of what takes place and permission to publish them in a newsletter.

**RESOLVED: Permission granted.**

**MIN.119/15 REVIEW OF DEFINITIVE MAP ENTRIES**

Cllr. Jackson said we have until 2026 to catch up with whether we have any footpaths which have slipped through the net and he would like this to go into our Newsletter as it is the older generation who would most likely know. He proposes to ask for knowledge of footpaths which are no longer used and to advise this Council accordingly. Article to go into a Newsletter.

**MIN.120/15 PRESENTATION BY HALC IN RELATION TO FUTURE AFFILIATION TO NALC**

Cllr. Jackson had attended a presentation to Town and Parish Councils by Stephen Lugg and our two questions had been raised and Stephen Lugg claims he does not have a mandate to bring a motion to this year's AGM of HALC. This is a pity because HALC provide us with services apart from NALC with its lobbying of Government. Stephen Lugg has a contact via DCLG and if we unsubscribe from NALC we could use the Local Government Association to lobby government. A good proportion of what we pay HDAPC is a subscription to NALC. It is a serious topic but from what he had heard other councils have not taken this seriously. If a Council decides to decline to pay the NALC fee then it loses the vote at HALC. The Chairman said one of the issues is that Stephen Lugg has spoken of the downside of being with NALC but has not shown the upside e.g. affiliation with the LGA what would the cost be associated with that. Cllr. Jackson said he had raised this with Stephen Lugg in that he needs to have address both sides of the argument – he needs to show "xyz" is a better option. Cllr. Jackson said he had raised the capping of the precept for parishes and NALC had lobbied against this. Remove from Agenda.

**MIN.121/15 WEBSITE**

The Chairman and Cllr. Jackson were unable to finish populating the draft document and they will endeavour to do this over the summer. September Agenda item. Cllr. Jackson said updating the website was a possible issue but the fall back position with updates is, if it proves too difficult, the contractor can be engaged to do this.

**MIN.122/15 TWINNING**

Cllr. Crawley said there were two items. Firstly is that the Twinning idea is dwindling and what he wants to bring to the notice of the Parish Council is that we ought to try to do something positive and active and involve more people from the parish. Whilst it is not the time to do it now he feels the autumn newsletter should carry some information. He wants the PC to take some positive steps to publicise it – show its advantages. He believes it is the one thing in which the village ever gets together. Secondly, we were presented last month with two picture books from Levignen commune one entitled Picady from the Air and one Paris from the Air. He holds them and he understands that previous books like this have been lodged in Fleet Library. However he has been to Fleet Library and they have failed to find anything. He would like to debate whether there is somewhere these books could be made available. Further debate took place and it was pointed out that there seems a lack of communication between the Twinning Committee and the Parish Council. In the past the Twinning Committee have made approaches to the Parish Council but this has not happened from some years now. Cllr. Crawley was asked to advise the Twinning Committee that Members would welcome an approach from them as to a way forward.

**MIN.123/15 PARISH NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk had produced a draft for Members comments. It was agreed to do the finished article by the end of August. Cllr. Eastment asked that volunteer drivers for Communicare be added as demands on current volunteers exceed capacity. It was also decided that the bus survey should identify that the Parish Council is funding the Fleet Link but needs to know exactly what usage this gets if it is to continue to fund.

**MIN.124/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP UPDATE**

Cllr. Eastment said it progresses slowly. The result of the Albany Parish application now changes the whole approach being taken. He mentioned two options for exploration but felt residents would prefer the smaller numbers of dwellings option. The Steering Group has reservations about the consultant and Cllr. Johnson and he are seeing him tomorrow and hope to get the Plan back on track by Christmas. Obviously the Grove Farm application may also have an impact. The Chairman said the application for Albany Farm is only

outline and perhaps we could use the Odiham consultant to put forward what we require in terms of what the development would look like. He was advised that this option was too late. Cllr Jackson said he would be happy for the Neighbourhood Plan to have a policy stating that level entry housing should be forbidden to be developed by extensions/additions thus saving it for that particular market.

**MIN.125/15 FINANCE**

**(i) Neighbourhood Plan Grant**

The RFO said the Neighbourhood Plan grant of £6,050 has to be spent by middle of December but you can also ask for an extension which must give good reasons for so doing. Cllr. Jackson said he and the Chairman are now live on Bankline and he would like to add the RFO.

**(ii) Recommendations from the Finance & HR Cttee.**

(a) The Mezzo at Lea Green has again been vandalised and costs were presented for repair/removal. Since this is the third time repairs have been necessitated it was agreed to remove the item entirely and to put an item in the newsletter about the removal of the mezzo and the costs involved.

**RESOLVED: Removal of Mezzo from Lea Green Toddler Play Area.**

(b) DWCVHS had written asking for sponsorship of £200. There was unspent Grant money in the budget and the request could be funded. Cllrs. Ambler, Crawley and Jackson declared interests in being Members of the Society and took no part in the vote.

**RESOLVED: Grant of £200 towards costs incurred in the Tea Tent to DWCVHS and request an invoice from the Society.**

**(iii) Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2015**

Ordinary Income/Expense

**Income**

Hire of Facilities 5,537.79

Hire of Pitches 226.67

**Total Income 5,764.46**

**Expense**

Asset Maintenance and Re... 838.94

Office Expenses 122.79

Printing, Postage & Adverti... 113.00

Professional Fees 46.50

Property Maintenance 1,481.82

Property Services 685.61

Salaries 3,519.61

Sections 137 208.16

Subscriptions 105.00

**Total Expense 7,121.43**

Net Ordinary Income -1,356.97

Other Income/Expense

Other Expense

Transfer to Reserve re NP -50.00

Total Other Expense -50.00

Net Other Income 50.00

Profit for the Year -1,306.97

**MIN.126/15 PLANNING**

**(i) Trees Report**

Cllr. Johnson could only find two tree matters - one at Knights Close and another at Danvers Drive and she had no concerns about either application.

**(ii) Report of the Planning Committee**

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report. A number of minor amendments have come through but this Council does not get consulted on these. He again stated that conversion of garages into habitable rooms is causing problems in that there is insufficient parking for vehicles associated with the dwelling. Until there is a Policy in the Local Plan then there is nothing which can be done. There is also an issue with officers failing to recognise the comments made by this Council. There is also a continual double postings on the website. There are still issues with lack of proper communication from Hart to our Planning Committee. The RFO advised that the

problem rests with BT which is blocking emails. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne to raise at the HDAPC meeting.

**RESOLVED: Advise HDC that it is their statutory duty to notify this Council of applications and this is not working electronically and they MUST advise us by Royal Mail or Courier until such time as IT is working reliably.**

**RESOLVED: The report of the Planning Committee was agreed.**

**MIN.127/15 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

**(i) A287/Redfield's Lane junction**

Appeal allowed so improvements to this junction will be subject to detailed planning permission. Remove from Agenda.

**(ii) Crondall Road**

The Clerk had forwarded emails from residents complaining about the use of the slabs and was advised that a safety audit was awaited. Nothing further to report at present.

Post Meeting Note: Slabs have been removed and HCC accept local resident's offer to seed and if successful then slabs will not be reinstated. Remove from Agenda.

**(iii) Malthouse Bridge Repair**

HCC had submitted a very thorough report giving an audit trail as to why the bridge repair was as it stands. The Clerk had requested Historic England for a view but was told that such bridges do not come within its remit. No further action can be taken.

**(iv) Upgrading of stiles**

The landowner advised that his contractors are currently engaged on other work but in the meantime he has had a bar removed from the stile at The Street end of f/p 1 and dogs now have ample space to access/egress the stile.

**MIN.128/15 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

**Report from Centre Manager**

Report received. Defibrillator – debate took place on sites and it was agreed that the one at the Spar Shop should remain and if requirements can be met that one be purchased for the bus shelter wall in the old village (outside Crookham Street Social Club). A sign to be put at the Centre to advise that the Defibrillator is at the Spar shop.

**MIN.129/15 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (under LGA 1972 Section 100A)**

The Chairman moved exclusion of public and press.

**MIN.130/15 POTENTIAL CHANGES TO FLEET LINK**

Cllr. Jackson had attended the meeting and had advised Members of the outcome. HCC had requested that the information be treated as confidential for the time being.

**MIN.131/15 GROVE FARM – S106 CONTRIBUTIONS**

Cllr. Jackson advised that HDC had realised that if they are accepting Leisure there are issues with the Parish taking over said items. If we do not accept taking over these areas then Hart will have to form a management committee. The plan as currently put forward is outward looking for the estate. It is not integrated with the old village nor Netherhouse Moor and fits more with Fleet. The question was raised as to what case can we have, if any, for getting S106 money for supporting play areas. There is no community building although a site has been allocated for it. Cllr. Jackson said the developer is not providing infrastructure for supporting that community. It was proposed that the Parish negotiating position needs to cover 3 things:

- take over the play areas and open space;
- community building siting and facilities;
- preservation of gap to the village.

**MIN.132/15 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

No responses were received from the Electoral Review of Hampshire and the Shaping Hampshire Consultations.

Clerk is following up on tree surgeons inspections quotations for the budget meeting.

The Clerk had sought a quotation from the Sign Workshop for two signs for Lea Green which would clearly state what items of equipment are for which age groups.

The Clerk is following up on criteria with regard to 20mph limits and variable speed sensors as a resident had raised concerns about the speed of traffic in The Street.

Clerk to follow up with Highways the use of the boundary sign at the Centre for Crondall Road and also for them to fund a CV Parish boundary sign for Redfields Lane.

Cllr. Eastwood raised the shooting occurring at Potters adjacent to the School.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm

**Dates for 2015 meetings  
WI HALL**

7 September  
2 November

**ZEBON COPSE CENTRE**

5 October  
7 December