

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, 1 February 2016 held at 7.45pm in the Zebon Copse Centre, Danvers Drive, Crookham. Please refer to the Minutes of the March 2016 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Richard Eastment
Cllr. Clive Eastwood
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Indra Sinka
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance: County Cllr. John Bennison, Ward Cllrs Jenny Radley and Tony Clarke.

MIN.018/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllrs. Crawley and Makepeace-Browne. Cllr. Sinka will be a little late.

MIN.019/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MIN.020/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4 JANUARY 2016

The Chairman referred to the Minutes page by page.

RESOLVED: Mins.001/16 to 017/16 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.021/16 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.022/16 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.023/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation.

Cllr. Bennison advised that Cllr. Clarke has offered to speak to the owners of properties along Brook Hill to see if they would be willing to offer a small piece of their land for a footway. He also mentioned Watery Lane development and joining up the cycleway and referred to Hitches Lane and a cycle path along there as well as a reduction of speed to 40mph on the unrestricted road. The cycleway for Crookham Park now has the suggestion of a different route and is actually going through the parish this time. Cllr. Jackson said it would be better to use Jessett Drive rather than Brandon Road at peak times. Budget at HCC – as a Council HCC thought it was going to lose £19m Revenue Support Grant but they are going to lose £48m and Revenue Support Grant will be gone by 2018/19. HCC will have to use all its reserves of £55m this year. There will be severe cuts in the following years. He advised that a Council tax rise of about £40 for a Band D property will happen and for the following four years. The Fire Service is also going up by about £1 – around £45 per Band D. Sadly, costs will go up but services will be reduced. Cllr. Bennison responded to questions from Members. Cllr. Radley advised that the HDC re-consultation of the Housing Options paper going out this week. Cllr. Sinka joined the meeting at this point. The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

MIN.023/16 APPOINTMENT OF CORE TEAM TO MEET WITH AGENTS/DEVELOPERS OF SITES IN PARISH

The Chairman advised that this arose out of the fact that Martin Grant are working up to putting the Reserved Matters application in for Watery Lane and it was felt that rather than trying to get all Members to meet with them a small group would be easier to facilitate diary arrangements.

RESOLVED: The Chairmen of Planning, Finance & HR, CVPC NPSG and Chairman of Council be appointed as the Core Team to deal with all such activities.

MIN.024/16 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUP TO LIAISE/REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WITH THE CVPC NPSG

The Chairman said he had asked for this item because in terms of the Neighbourhood Plan the Council had taken a hands off approach and allowed the Steering Group to pursue the objective. Unfortunately, with hindsight, this was not a good idea. The Plan when finished has to be signed off by the Parish Council. We have employed a Consultant and the contract

with the Consultant is with the Parish Council and in the terms of reference all the finance comes through the Council and he felt other Members should get more involved. There have been lots of different issues and the Group needs help. Cllr. Eastment said he welcomed a Working Group but wanted one which actually would do some work. He was unhappy with the wording of the Agenda item and suggested an alternative. He requested that this be deferred until he had the views of the Steering Group which he was requesting at its meeting next Monday. Cllr. Jackson said perhaps both sides need to meet separately and raise their thoughts and then get together. Cllr. Sinka said she agreed that "liaise" should be removed from the proposal. Cllr. Eastment said to add more Members to the mix would jeopardise the Neighbourhood Plan. He would prefer to be advised and helped rather than be liaised and effectively marked. Cllr. Sinka said it is a tricky one as everyone present wants the Plan to work – the support element needs to be there. Cllr. Sinka said it appeared to her that some items put forward to the NPSG were supported but then at a later stage the items had disappeared. Cllr. Eastment said he would much prefer to have an away day or away couple of hours to progress this. The Chairman said that was his suggestion of a Working Group – we all need to get a better understanding as to why we are where we are. Cllr. Eastwood said the role of the Parish Council is impartiality and it needs to keep a distance. Cllr. Jackson said round this table (when all are present) are people who probably know more about the Parish and tapping that knowledge has not been used. Cllr. Eastment gave a lengthy explanation of how they had arrived at the present stage. Major concerns will come up when he makes his report and he wishes to have this deferred to the next meeting. Cllr. Julia Ambler said would there be support for an extra-ordinary meeting of Council to move this on after the SG meeting. Cllr Jackson said it was important to get the right content and against a timeline and he is going to SG meetings where there is very little content and more process. In view of all that has been said the Chairman was minded to accept the offer of a Workshop to review this. This was supported by all present.

MIN.025/16 REQUEST FROM TWINNING BODY TO USE ZCC FACILITY FOC

The Chairman reminded Members that last year, when the French were visiting, the Twinning Body had failed to ask for FOC use of the facilities and were unhappy when they had been charged for the facility. There is a Charter between the two parishes although the Twinning Body organises the annual get together.

RESOLVED: Twinning Body may use the facilities of ZCC free of charge.

MIN.026/16 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr. Eastment – a box is needed to house the Spar unit at a cost of £37 this was supported. Cllr. Eastment said the second unit is more problematic and the only way he can see is buy one and put it in the front of the CSSC bus shelter which we own. Mention was made of the First Response units which were very fast in responding to calls. Cllr. Bennison asked how much was a box. A defibrillator is around £1,000 the box is the problem. You cannot put a lock on it and the box is £250/£300 and requires electricity to keep the unit dry. Cllr. Bennison said he might be able to help from his Grant money. Cllr. Eastment will get costs and advise the Clerk who will progress the grant request. Contact the Social Club and request connection to its electricity supply.

MIN.027/16 DEVOLUTION WORKSHOP – 1 MARCH 2016

Members were invited to the above. Cllr. Jackson said this would be interesting in view of the cuts that HCC are contemplating. It remains to see what the real support is for what is being proposed. Cllrs. Simon and Julia Ambler said they would attend.

MIN.028/16 UPDATE ON WEBSITE

Cllr. Jackson it is getting very close to completion. The Council must get on Twitter and he offered Twitter training for the Centre Managers', RFO and Clerk at the Centre on 10 February at 1 or 1.30 so he can get some input to link to the website.

MIN.029/16 CVPC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr. Eastment said site selection is littered with problems and it is believed that speed is of the essence as only adopted NPs qualify for the larger CIL payments. You can revisit after the Local Plan is adopted. You can sort out your site allocation criteria and looking at the number of small sites within the parish, some of which are within the large sites allocations the SG are not proposing to do site selection. Cllr. Jackson said the process of developing the SHLAA involves that a consultant had trawled through all the sites and that sites were already noted for this parish. There is no prospect of this Parish coming up with sites – we need to get the Plan adopted. He knows of several small sites but whether they would come on line is an unknown. Cllr. Jackson said the plan should address the environment on which we would support the developer – that is something which a Neighbourhood Plan can

address. The Chairman said he supported Cllr. Jackson in that there had been so much publicity about SHLAA sites that there is nothing to be gained by this NP trying to identify small sites which had not been put forward by landowners.

MIN.030/16 FINANCE

(i) Report from RFO

The RFO advised Members had all had the Income and Expenditure for the two months.

(ii) Budget for 2016/17 & setting of Precept level

The Chairman advised that following the informal budget setting a figure of £132375 had been arrived at and asked if Members were content to accept that figure – there was no dissent all were in favour. Therefore, a Band D precept will be £70.03 – with a tax base of £1747.53 which is an increase of 9.52% in Band D properties.

RESOLVED: The budget for 2016/17 and level of Precept were agreed and the document signed off.

MIN.031/15 PLANNING

(i) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report. He said it had been a relatively quiet month.

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Committee was agreed.

Cllr. Jackson asked the Chairman if, following a recent consultation with a developer and the PC response to that, could this be dealt with under Confidential at the end of the meeting because of the commercial sensitivity. The Chairman agreed to this proposal.

MIN.032/16 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Cllr. Bennison gave the Clerk details of an HCC Officer and asked her to make contact with him in relation to permission to undertake highway works previously covered by the Lengthsman scheme.

(ii) Upgrading of stiles

Mr. Hirst has advised that he has purchased the two kissing gates and Cllr. Jackson said he assumed that installation would be done by Mr. Hirst's staff in due course. He asked that anyone using the path to the canal to please let him know when that one is installed at the steps up to the towpath as HCC have offered to carry out work there when the stile is replaced.

MIN.033/16 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Report from Centre Manager

Report copied to all Members. Cllr. Julia Ambler advised that following several false fire alarms a rodent contractor was engaged to check the roof. Unfortunately, there was a problem with rodents in the roof and these had caused damage to the wiring which will need to be replaced.

MIN.034/16 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Clerk advised that she would bring forward to the 4 April meeting all documents which need to be reviewed on an Annual basis. This is normally done at the AGM but since this year may see new Members elected to the Council she believed it would be unfair to expect new Members to deal with this raft of documents.

Cllr. Jackson said there is a dance at the Centre next Saturday and more ticket sales are needed.

Cllr. Eastwood asked about traffic parking on the pavements on the estate and black ice at the junction of A287 and Redfield's. Cllr. Jackson said to get onto the HCC Highways website and report both problems.

Cllr. Julia Ambler said a marketing meeting had been held with regard to ZCC and next month we need to have a Facebook presence – currently we have a policy that we do not do Facebook and she wishes that to be amended. Agenda item.

Cllr. Jackson said there is now a folder with Mins and Agendas in Dropbox and another Folder with Standing Orders etc.

Our current website contractor cannot take on a website for ZCC and he would encourage the Marketing group to get on with this asap.

MIN.034/16 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Due to commercial sensitivity, debate on an item required the exclusion of press and public and the Chairman so moved.

RESOLVED: Exclusion of Press and Public (under Schedule 12A Section 1001 of LGA 1972)

Cllr. Jackson referred Members to the Tudgey's Nursery development and said this is a lesson of how we need not to do things again. Even if we do not take anything out of a S106 Agreement

it is important that we get involved because of our local knowledge. There was an exchange of information around the table.

The meeting closed at 9.53 pm

Dates for 2016 meetings

WI HALL

7 March

9 May (Annual General Meeting)

4 July

3 October

5 December

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

4 April

11 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

6 June

5 September

7 November