

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, 4 April 2016 held at 7.45pm in the Zebon Copse Centre, Danvers Drive, Crookham, Fleet. Please refer to the Minutes of the May 2016 meeting for any amendments.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllrs Jenny Radley and Tony Clarke. Mr. Brian Whyatt, Mrs. Marrett and Mr. and Mrs. Ludkin.

MIN.052/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Bennison a previous engagement and Cllr. Radley advised she would be a little late.

MIN.053/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MIN.054/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 MARCH 2016

The Chairman referred to the Minutes page by page.

RESOLVED: Mins.035/16 to 051/16 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.055/16 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.056/16 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.057/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation. Mr. Whyatt said it was unfortunate that Cllr. Bennison was not here. He said that Andrew Millen has taken over from Helen Merrill and he had requested a Freedom of Information on traffic speeds on Crondall Road and had also contacted Mr. Millen about the buildouts on Crondall Road and the damage to the verges. Having conducted a Speedwatch on Crondall Road over 105 vehicles of which 65 were exceeding 30mph and 8 were exceeding 35mph. He noticed as they came over the bridge they braked quite sharply when they saw the Speedwatch team so it would be interesting to know at what point the SID picks up the speed. He has some concerns over Grove Farm but will be saving that for the APM. Mrs Marrett of Mayfield said the cars do speed over the bridge and then you see the brake lights come on and also now when exiting the bridge out of the village they accelerate. In her opinion the traffic calming has not calmed traffic and recently the large lorries using the road from the Brambleside development have caused more damage. Cllr. Jackson said he understood that area 7.5 tonne limits (not on weak bridges) allowed entry by vehicles requiring access. Cllr. Clarke said he believed there is no access route agreed for the construction traffic from this development.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

MIN.058/16 VELMEAD ARCHERS – REQUEST FOR LONGER SHOOTING RANGE

The Chairman asked the Clerk to advise on the outcome of the meeting. The Clerk gave a verbal report and confirmed that her written report had been sent to all Members. She confirmed that the longer shooting range was limited to the far side of the field (away from ZCC) and strongly urged that Members give consideration to a gate for the unofficial gap at the end of the field (from the Copse) which can be locked shut whilst the archery is in progress and then locked open when it is finished. After further debate it was agreed to get quotes for a lockable gate and the Clerk was instructed that a large sign would need to be displayed advising the public as to why the gate was locked. Other options to a gate were mentioned but it was felt a gate would be the best solution. The Clerk to advise the Archery club that until the gate is installed no the "longer shooting range" cannot be allowed.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to install a gate and until this is installed the longer shooting range cannot be used until the gate is in actual use.

MIN.059/16 ANNUAL REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS/CTTEE TORs's/POLICIES

Various amendments were suggested to the SO's and policies by Members. It was agreed that the Finance ToRs and Planning ToRs be deferred to the next meetings of those Cttees. With regard to the size of the Standing Orders the Clerk was requested to produce a version which dealt solely with the suggested alterations for ease of reference. Cllr. Jackson said it was very important that the Planning Cttee ToRs were changed now to comply with the main requirement for four Members with a quorum of three and that the ToRs of both Planning & HR & Finance be changed to allow any councillor to be co-opted to these committees to generate a quorum. Clerk to circulate the version dealing with suggested changes and incorporate any further changes suggested by Members – final version to be adopted at the AGM in May.

MIN.060/16 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING CHANGES

The Chairman said there are an enormous number of questions and if you answered everyone you would be writing the policies. A lot of the questions relate to planning fees and the overall principles are the main issues. This is essentially almost the same as the outsourcing of building control. He referred to the various sections and said that Section 8 is the one which refers effectively to having different organisations processing planning applications but elsewhere it states the Local Authority is the final decision maker and he struggled to understand that rationale. There are 13 areas which have between 2 and 6 questions. Cllr. Jackson asked if Members wished to delegate him to respond after Members have advised him of concerns so that he could meet the deadline of 14 April. Cllr. Julia Ambler asked that he highlights the questions that he would welcome comments on. Cllr. Jackson asked that he had Members issues on his desk by the morning of the 13 April.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Jackson given delegated power to respond on behalf of the Council.

MIN.061/16 CVPC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr. Julia Ambler said there are a number of areas where some work needs to be done on grammatical errors etc so that the Steering Group can move on. She has just been advised by the Environmental Consultant that he has almost finished the Environmental Statement. The Steering Group is considering at perhaps engaging another consultant. However, the most important decision is if we are going to do this we need to be clear about what we are trying to achieve. The Chairman said he had reformatted the draft neighbourhood plan document so it is clearer as to where the gaps are and this is in Dropbox. Cllr. Julia Ambler said she would also welcome grammatical corrections as we go along. She stated that the Steering Group intend to use whatever money is left is spent wisely and do whatever we can do ourselves.

MIN.062/16 FINANCE

The RFO is still doing year end accounts and had only cheques to present for signature this evening.

MIN.063/15 PLANNING

(i) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report. He advised the public that he presented a monthly report to the Council and gave the background to those items in it. The Environmental Impact Assessment is now live for the Cross Farm retirement village. The SSSI is not mentioned and this is adjacent to the site. Cllr. Julia Ambler asked if the Council could make a comment as she believed it was necessary to identify the SSSI and furthermore she had concerns about the final dwelling numbers. Cllr. Jackson said the difference in numbers between the EIA and the public exhibition might be because "retirement homes" included flats, whereas the number of individual dwellings might not. If the suggested flats, community buildings and nursing home do not count as dwellings, then the site may reach the one hectare of non-dwellings that could trigger an EIA. Points to raise with Hart are:

a) Number of dwellings. b). SSSI. c). area of non-dwellings.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Jackson will formulate a letter raising these issues.

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Committee was agreed.

(ii) HDC 16/00273/HOU

Proposed front extension to existing bungalow and detached garage and new detached 3 bedroom dwelling

84 Crookham Road, Church Crookham Fleet GU51 5SA

RESOLVED: Express concern at the potential adverse effect on road safety of the proposed new access onto Crookham Road being so close to a buildout on the highway.

(iii) **HDC 16/00671/PREAPP**

New three or four bedroom dwelling on land within the curtilage of Willow Cottage Willow Cottage, Stroud Lane, Crookham Village, Fleet GU51 5ST

Cllr. Jackson said he had raised this merely as a point of information at this stage as it has not yet become a planning application.

(iv) **HDC 15/02585/HOU**

Erection of new 1.8m fencing on the west and east boundaries of the site, removing the existing picket fence on the eastern side.

1 Meadow View, Church Crookham, Fleet GU52 0TF

This is now an Appeal and Cllr. Jackson believes that Members would wish to add to its previous objections the potential adverse effect of a 1.8m fence on road safety due to the reduction of visibility into Brandon Road for vehicles exiting Meadow View. Members supported this suggestion.

RESOLVED: CVPC wishes to add to its previous objections the potential adverse effect of a 1.8m fence on road safety due to the reduction of visibility into Brandon Road for vehicles exiting Meadow View compared to that available with the open space provided with the original development and currently available on site after clearance of overgrown vegetation.

MIN.064/16 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) **HCC Lengthsman Scheme**

Awaiting new contract. Members highlighted work awaiting the lengthsman on clearing vegetation from speed repeater signs and footways. The question was then raised with regard to clearance of vegetation from footways where this is caused by private properties. Are we, under the Lengthsman scheme permitted to just go ahead and cut the vegetation back or do we have to go the route taken by HCC and notify the landowner and if they fail to action then we get the work done and recharge them. Clerk to request clarification on this.

Cllr. Jackson said he had been advised by HCC that vegetation obstructions reported using the HC roads website would result in landowners being given a month to deal with the problem before action is taken.

(ii) **Highway Markings**

Cllr. Jackson said many round markings around Zebon Copse estate were now badly worn, especially on the main spine road and at junctions. The "slow" and "keep clear" markings at Malthouse Bridge are almost worn away. The highest priority should be given to restoring the Malthouse Bridge markings as drivers are now noticeably less inclined to give way to one another.

RESOLVED: Clerk to request urgent action by HCC to restore the have the highway markings on Malthouse Bridge and seek a timetable for repainting of the main roads around Zebon Copse.

(iii) **PFI Lighting**

Cllr. Jackson said when this contract was let there were two major tasks raised by HCC - to replace all the heads and repaint the columns which needed doing.

RESOLVED: Request when the painting will be done.

Members then raised the matter of modern heads having been installed on all the lights on Knights Close and one on a property beside the Black Horse PH.

RESOLVED: Clerk to instruct SSE to have the new heads removed and replaced with our feature heads replaced asap and also for the light adjacent the Black Horse.

MIN.065/16 ZEBON COPSE CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) **Report from Centre Manager**

Report copied to all Members. The Chairman said one of the highlights of the report was that after much investigation the problem has been resolved with regard to the fire alarm system. One of the sensor lights was failing and the warning light failed to highlight. In addition Members should be aware that there is ongoing work on the marketing of the Centre and some initial work has been done with a new Logo agreed on and this will be used on the first instance with the Horticultural Society advertisement. Cllr. Jackson raised the issue of the name change being within the remit of Full Council. Cllr. Julia Ambler said the suggestion that the ZCC be changed to Zebon Community Centre was to easily identify what the Centre is to be used for.

MIN.066/16 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Agenda item: Name change of ZCC

HDC Housing Forum – Thursday 19 May 2016 – Council Chamber 9.15am to 1.15pm

Cllr. Radley said there is also another Affordable Housing event in Cttee Room 2 on 12 April and it is a very valuable exercise.

Cllr. Jackson suggested that the new Council elected in May should consider much larger name badges to make them more easily read by the public and requested this be an Agenda item.

HDAPC meeting on 12 April at the Church Crookham Centre – Chairman and Cllr Jackson will attend.

Cllr. Eastwood congratulated the Council on its new website. He requested that documents be sent to him by email as he is currently not in a position to access Dropbox.

Cllr. Crawley said he did not intend to stand for the election in May and would be retiring.

Members expressed their appreciation for all the invaluable help he had given them as the “senior” councillor with many years of service behind him. He was given a rousing round of applause.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Dates for 2016 meetings

WI HALL

9 May (Annual General Meeting)

4 July

3 October

5 December

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

6 June

5 September

7 November