

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, 3 July 2017 held at 7.45pm in the Zebon Community Centre, Danvers Driver, Crookham. Please refer to the Minutes of the September meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. David Jackson (Chairman)  
Cllr. Julia Ambler  
Cllr. Peter Kenaghan  
Cllr. Dir. Indra Sinka  
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)  
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance: County Cllr. John Bennison, Ward Cllr. Jenny Radley and Dogmersfield Parish Cllr. Alastair Clark and seven members of the parish.

Vice-Chairman Cllr. David Jackson took the chair in the absence of Cllr. Simon Ambler and introduced the Parish, District and County Cllrs. He advised that he intended to split public speaking into two sections in order to deal with agenda item 11 early on in the meeting.

**MIN.117/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Simon Ambler, Cllr. Daniel Bunter and Cllr. Clive Eastwood.

**MIN.118/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**MIN.119/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2017**

The Chairman referred to these page by page.

**RESOLVED: Min. 096/17 to 116/17 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.**

**MIN.120/17 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.121/17 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.122/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).**

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Cllr. Bennison advised that HCC have a need to reduce the budget by £140m and is seeking public opinion on what services should be cut in order to meet that deficit. This ends in August. He has had his first meeting with officers at Hook and they are dealing with the two water issues in Hitches Lane. There was another accident at Malthouse Bridge from Crookham Road and he has passed photos to safety engineering at HCC. Church Crookham Parish Council have logged work on their Lengthsman for cutting back of vegetation as you approach the bridge from the roundabout. There are some gullies which also require attention on that stretch of road. Cllr. Jenny Radley said she was aware of some community safety issues which are bubbling up and she is interested in tonight's Agenda item 11. The more people who report issues the more chances of engaging with some of the young people.

The Chairman then brought forward Agenda item 11 for Cllr. Dr. Indra Sinka to speak to her report (see Appendix to these Minutes). He advised the public that he would then permit public participation. After public participation for Agenda item 11 the Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

**MIN.123/17 CO-OPTION OF MEMBER FOR ZEBON WARD**

The Clerk advised no expressions of interest had been received.

**MIN.124/17 HDAPTC MEETING – 12 JULY 2017**

Cllr. Dr. Sinka is attending to speak to her report on Drug Peddlers and Cllr. Bunter will attend as the CVPC representative. Cllr. Simon Ambler, in his cabinet role at Hart, will

also be attending. Members were asked if they wished any other matters to be raised at that meeting and if so to present these in writing for the attending Members.

**MIN.125/17 ZCC WEBSITE**

Members were updated on progress. We have now reached the stage of inviting tenders. Cllr. Julia Ambler advised that Cllr. Simon Ambler said we needed to approach business related companies rather than parish council related companies to deal with the Centre website. The Chairman asked that Cllr. Simon Ambler please carry forward his suggested companies to the Finance meeting in August in order that tenders can be invited.

**RESOLVED: Delegated action to Cllr. Simon Ambler to put preferred website companies to the August meeting of Finance & HR for approval and invitations to tender be invited by Finance & HR.**

**MIN.126/17 DOG BIN - WI FOOTPATH END**

Members considered the request from a resident to site a dog bag dispenser at this site. The resident had agreed to replenish the bags provided by the Council. A box of 800 will need to be delivered to the resident.

**RESOLVED: To purchase of dispenser and fittings. Cost including installation not to exceed £350.**

**MIN.127/17 DRUG PEDDLERS**

Cllr. Dr. Sinka spoke to this item and it is reported in full as an Appendix to these Minutes.

**MIN.128/17 CHEQUERS WHARF – DISABLED ACCESS ONTO WHARF FROM BARGES**

Cllr. Jackson declared an interest in this item as he is a Member of the Charity. He advised that he had asked for a policy on disabled access to be put in the Neighbourhood Plan and his colleagues on the Charity are investigating the work and permission required. He also understands that the Canal Society may be prepared to offer practical support. However, when costs are known if it is necessary to assist with funding we could consider it for the budget meeting in November.

**MIN.129/17 LEA GREEN – PRUNING OF TWO TREES**

Cllr. Julia Ambler had visited the site and said the trees along there (a whole row of them) are mostly self-seeded. If we fell one we will have a gap. She is concerned that if we have the offending tree pruned it will look odd and the other neighbours may pressure us to remove the whole set of similar trees which would significantly affect the character of that section. She believes the best solution would be to use any S106 money (if Grove Farm goes ahead) to improve the whole avenue. After further debate it was felt that an opinion from the Hart Officer be sought as to the best way forward. Bring back to a later meeting and perhaps the budget in December.

**MIN.130/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Cllr. Julia Ambler said there is a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the consultant has gone through the draft plan and he is going to do a walk around the parish. Cllr. Peter Kenaghan said there has been great input from Kerry ten Kate's bio-diversity contacts on environmental aspects. Cllr. Ambler said the consultant is looking at the Plan as an Inspector would and where he does not understand the points we are making we need to alter them to suit. Hampshire Wildlife Trust had been very useful and we have come to the end of the contract. The Chairman asked if we had any thoughts on public consultation dates. Cllr. Ambler said probably September. Cllr. Jackson requested the Agenda for the next meeting so that he can put it on the Website.

**MIN.131/17 FINANCE**

**(i) Report from RFO**

The RFO advised the Council that the Bank of Ireland account was now closed and that the NatWest current account mandate had now been updated with all 7 Cllrs as signatures. The RFO further advised that NatWest had in error also opened a Business Reserve Account for the Council. She advised the Council that we were now required by NatWest to write a letter to formally close an account which we had not requested in the first place. Members agreed to immediately issue a letter signed by Cllrs Simon Ambler and Julia Ambler. The RFO advised members that she would look at the Lloyds Bank mandate next. The RFO went through the monthly accounts explaining the Capital Expenditure write off in detail and the non-contractual items.

**RESOLVED: Letter to Nat West cancelling the Business Account was agreed.**

**(ii) (Income and Expenditure – June 2017)**

**Income**

Bank interest earned	0.02
Hire of facilities	£5,301.26
Hire of Pitches	147.12
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	£5.448.70
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**Expenditure**

Asset Maintenance & Repairs	£1,643.85
Capital Expenditure w/off	1,780.80
Office Expenses	389.00
Printing/postage/advertising	6.45
Professional Fees	2,521.00
Property Maintenance	1,700.42
Property Services	661.92
Salaries	3,962.85
*Section 137	7.94
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	£12,674.23
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\*Section 137 -

ZCC – petty cash 7.94

**(RESOLVED: That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with said expenditure.)**

**Expenditure for single item(s) over £500**

Menzies (Legal Advice) regarding pensions	chq 2563 5.6.17	£2,000.00
Winchfield Landscape Service (grounds mtnce)	chq 2566 5.6.17	£1,046.85
SSE Power Distribution (power supply) Asset	chq 2570 5.6.17	767.80
YBC Cleaning (cleaning)	chq 2571 5.6.17	698.08
Start Traffic Ltd (highway signs) Asset	chq 2576 19.6.17	753.00

**MIN.132/17 PLANNING**

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

Cllr. Jackson spoke to his report and said it did not contain anything controversial. There were no queries raised by Members.

**RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Committee was accepted.**

**(ii) HDC 17/01488/HOU – proposed two storey extension replacing an existing conservatory**

**121 Nether Vell-Mead, Church Crookham, Fleet GU52 0ZQ**

Cllr. Jackson presented the application and invited comments. Members raised no objections.

**RESOLVED: No objections.**

**(iii) S106 Land north of Netherhouse Moor (Grove Farm)**

Cllr. Julia Ambler advised she had met with a Hart Officer and Cllr. Radley and it was somewhat depressing. What Berkeley have offered at the moment, which we consider disappointing, was raised and it was pointed out that they are complying with the letter of the law. There was no offer of sports provision for this development, a need which is said to be addressed by a contribution to district facilities. The point was made that providing a chunk of land on which there is no building is neither use nor ornament. The Officer pointed out that we would be getting £250K and we could put the community centre there with that money – she

was quickly disabused of that view and advised that upgrade alone of this Centre has been over £350k.

The Chairman said (if the Appeal is allowed) this will be two communities facing one another for which there are no community facilities whatsoever. Cllr. Ambler said Hart will now put forward a request for a building on that site. This Council has no direct control over what happens. If we end up with the £250k that is where we could look to use the money to improve facilities in the area e.g. the trees at Lea Green/improving footpaths/etc. The Chairman said putting a building on that site would mean that there was no car parking for it. Cllr. Radley said there is a huge deficit in the need for a community centre but it needs car parking if it is to be financially viable. The Chairman said that a growing number of young people on an enclave development with no community-based leisure facilities would be likely to result in unwelcome law and order issues. If it is in the Local Plan that communities be built and not dorms then we have a stick to use. Cllr. Ambler said there was a proposal that all the play areas be under a management company and she has asked that this be altered to ensure the money and management comes under this Council.

**MIN.133/17 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

Tour of the parish has taken place and work begins next week on Malthouse Bridge.

**MIN.134/17 ZEBON COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES**

**(i) Report from Centre Manager**

Report noted.

**MIN.135/17 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Cllr. Ambler agreed to keep Members updated on the Neighbourhood Plan progress and the Inquiry.

Drug dealing to be carried forward.

The Chairman had attend a housing forum which had been very informative. The Housing Service has now included counselling on educational opportunities and lifestyle enhancement under their Trailblazer programme in the hope that this would assist their clients to move onward and upwards in life. It has become more of a social service as well as a housing service. Phil Turner's (Hart Officer) presentation had been particularly impressive.

There were no Members available to attend the Transport Forum on 12 July and the Clerk was asked to attend on behalf of the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

**Dates for 2017 meetings:  
WI HALL**

4 September  
6 November

**ZEBON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

2 October  
4 December

## Appendix to CVPC Minutes of 3 July 2017

Cllr. Dr. Sinka, produced 3 items for inspection and identification. None of the Members could identify item 1. The item was a grinder used to grind “weed” and cost £1.99 and these are purchased by young adults and children. Cllr. Dr. Sinka said whilst walking her dog at the weekend she found a bag of “weed” close to a children’s play area. This was item 2 and was in hard form which required the use of the grinder. She said that a small core of parents had come together to endeavour to get this problem addressed and she had managed to get a meeting with David Lipscombe (Police). The main issues raised were:

1. People want to know what is being done regarding the sale of drugs to school children in and around schools. This takes place in the classroom, the driveways, the playgrounds etc. Parents seem to have been brushed aside by the school authorities.
2. What is being done to deal with the young adults who are selling to their classmates.
3. One political party said it would legalise cannabis if it came to power and her group would like to know what is the attitude of the Council to such a proposal.

She presented a map of Hart district and explained the colour coding. Orange is the schools, green is areas that parents know where dealing is taking place and the yellow area is where intake of the drug takes place. As a result of the meeting with David Lipscombe he has agreed to have meetings with the local headteachers and he is going to review the statistics for inside and outside the named schools. On the 11 July Cllr. Dr. Sinka has a further opportunity to raise the issue with HDAPTC.

Public participation then took place.

One gentleman said the problem is not only restricted to “weed” but to the major drugs – some manufactured in this country some imported. The Chairman asked where the evidence came from and was told it came from parents and neighbours.

One lady said she had three children who are very blasé about it and she and her husband try to set an example and tell the children the dangers. She has seen the raw end having worked for a drug and alcohol agency – it breaks her heart to see what is happening. She had reported one dealer to the police who merely responded, “they knew about her”. She had been approached by a 12-year-old child who was selling her body for drugs and had ensured that the relevant agency was made aware of the child.

One gentleman said he has seen vehicles coming into the area from London and the occupants are openly dealing drugs. The problem is that these people can be hiding anywhere. When his son was at school X there were kids on the corner dealing. One gentleman said in his youth drugs were around and there were 3 deaths but it was nothing like it is now – it is everywhere and all children are taking drugs.

One parent who would have liked to have been here tonight is in fear of retaliation.

Children have been told not to tell their parents but to report matters to the school. They had spoken to Officer Lipscombe the other day who described something called VOG where they know of areas where children are at risk. Children are selling themselves in the car park behind the Civic Offices. One parent is trying to move from Fleet because she is terrified that her second child will become a victim. The Chairman said from his perspective the question was what can the Parish Council do and sadly the answer is not a lot but it does have links to relevant organisations. HDAPTC is a good forum to share information. He said parents need to make a continual stream of reports to the police.

One thing with Officer Lipscombe talking to the Heads is that another avenue would be to talk to the school governors and he felt that it should be to a much wider audience – infant and junior schools. Another person to involve is the Police and Crime

Commissioner who will come and address a meeting if enough evidence is presented to him. Cllr. Bennison said he thought the actions so far were the right route. In relation to HCC it now has a hands-off approach to schools. The Chairman said perhaps an invitation from HDAPTC to the Police and Crime commissioner would carry more weight. Cllr. Clarke (Chair HDAPTC) said he would make enquiries.

Cllr. Dr. Sinka said the problem is that if the headteacher is not on board – e.g. School X - there was a drug awareness evening attended by parents (not children) and a Policeman and the headteacher had stood up at the beginning and said “just to let you know there is not a drug problem at school X. Where children have reported drug issues they and their parents have been subject to abuse of one sort or another. Headteachers need to accept that there is a problem. The Chairman said he was conscious of the threat to individuals and thought that using this Council was more anonymous. Cllr. Bennison asked if the Governing body of school X was aware of the problem. The suggestion was made that the Governing bodies of other schools be made aware of this matter. The Chairman said in the interim this Council could take action if HDAPTC do not decide to move ahead. Cllr. Radley said the school term is coming to an end and we need to ensure that the police act outside of term time as well as within it. Cllr. Julia Ambler said the group needed to do a database and record time, date, name of person and present this as evidence before the police will act. Cllr. Kenaghan asked if the parents had come with a list of “wants” and was told that the group had come to gauge the interest from this Council and they were pleased that they had learnt what way to move forward. The Chairman asked that the evidence gathering did not put anyone at risk. He advised that the next CVPC meeting will be in September and he invited the group to update this Council at that meeting. The Chairman said that Crimestoppers may be a better target for reports which can be made anonymously. Those present stated that the 101 number takes too long to engage with and often after waiting 20 minutes the line ceases. The Chairman said if necessary we could have a short CVPC meeting in August to carry this forward.