

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 1 November 2022 held at 7.45pm in the Zebon Community Centre, Danvers Drive. Please refer to the Minutes of the December 2022 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Andrew Friend
Cllr. Pedro Garcia Martinez
Cllr. David Jackson
Cllr. Dr. Indra Sinka
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance: HCC Cllr. S. Parker and HDC Cllr. W. Makepeace-Browne.

MIN.157/22 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Philip Ashton (apologies accepte).

MIN.158/22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman gave apologies for the late alterations to meetings and venues due to Members wishing to return to meetings on Monday. Future meetings will now be held in the WI Hall on Mondays. Remembrance Service at the Gally Hill Memorial will be on Sunday, 13 November and all were invited to attend.

MIN.159/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6 OCTOBER 2022

The Chairman referred to these page by page. Cllr. Ashton had been omitted from the attendance list of the October meeting and the Chairman added his name to those who had been present. Min. 142/22 to Min.156/22 were then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting of 6 October were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.160/22 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. Standing declaration from Cllr. Jackson (when B'stoke Canal discussed) that he is a Member of the Canal Society but it was not a pecuniary interest.

MIN.161/22 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.162/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. Cllr. Parker advised that the A287/Redfield roundabout is further delayed and it is now likely to be completed mid November. He was pleased at the new pavement on the Hitches Lane/Pilcot Road footway. In response to a query from Cllr. Jackson, Cllr Parker said that some of the impact of development at Hareshill will be on the footway on Hitches Lane and if improvements are needed we can try for funding. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne said the ASB on the estate seemed to have ceased and seem to coincide with the Community Trigger Review. HDC had promised regular meetings with parishes on planning matters but she had been told there had been no take-up. Members requested that such meetings be via Zoom and a set day and time be made. It was believed this would result in greater "take-up" across the district. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne will speak to an officer at Hart Council. The Chairman asked if we could also have details of who filled what post now that there were so many staff changes.

The Chairman then re-convened the meeting

MIN.163/22 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk advised that the vacancy has been advertised on the Council noticeboards.

MIN.164/22 BASINGSTOKE CANAL (update)

Cllr. Jackson said he had circulated the proposals from the Canal Authority and that it was now proposed not to patch but to do a complete stretch at a time. Phase 1 would be Malthouse Bridge to Riverside Cottage. Cllr. Julia Ambler reminded him that there had been an issue with the "draining" works at Poulter's Bridge and which had caused a great deal of damage to the towpath. It had been believed that the Canal Authority had promised that

reinstatement work costs would be the responsibility of the Contractor. Cllr. Jackson said he would bring that up with the BCA officer manager and he will also raise with the Joint Management Committee at its next meeting. When tenders are invited Cllr. Jackson will bring these back to a future meeting. There was further debate as to other sources of funding which may come on line at a later date. Members accepted the revised changes from patching to a complete stretch of canal footway within the funds provided.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Jackson was authorised to invite BCA to proceed to tender for Phase 1 and to question funding of the Poulters Bridge section prior to submitting their grant application.

MIN.165/22 SOLAR (PV) PANELS – ZCC (update)

Cllr Friend advised we have a meeting with the PTCF officer from HCC tomorrow evening. What we had put together was not accurate enough for her requirements. A further quotation had been received which was more accurate. Advice had been sought on more potential sources of funds and a consultant to assist in preparing a scheme. Clerk to get some idea of cost of consultant for budgetary purposes and if possible an idea of actual costs as a matter of some urgency.

MIN.166/22 CONSERVATION AREA (DRAFT)

Cllr. Julia Ambler advised that our consultant had emailed saying he had resigned with immediate effect. We have endeavoured to engage with him again but had not had a response yet.

MIN.167/22 FINANCE

(i) RFO REPORT

The RFO advised that as the end of month had only finished yesterday, the October 2022 accounts would be presented at the December 2022 meeting. She advised members that she would make them available in drop box in the next few days.

(ii) Leaf Blowing Quote

A quotation was received for £400 for a shorter section of path than usual, excluding Malthouse bridge to Swing bridge.

RESOLVED: Quotation accepted.

(iii) Review of bank Accounts and Bank Mandate update

The RFO advised that although Menzies, HALC and NALC were unable to give a definite definition of the word 'budget' and what exchange rate to use regarding the 500,000 euro limit, progress had been made. The advice given by HALC as to their interpretation was read out to members. In addition, the HALC interpretation was forwarded to Menzies to confirm what this would mean for CVPC in terms of monetary values to be used. Currently we are protected but the addition of another community centre could put us over the limit. Members discussed where our funds should be placed going forward to spread the risks. The Chairman said we need to spend more time looking at our current balances, including reserves and what type of interest-bearing accounts are currently available with different banking groups.

RESOLVED: Finance & HR Cttee to consider the whole subject and report back to Full Council.

(iv) Grant application (Fleet Phoenix)

A completed application form had been received for a £1,025 shortfall for the "Open Door" project. Members had reviewed it carefully and were happy to support.

Cllr. Makepeace- Browne said the HVA were also seeking funding to give Young Carer's a gift token for Christmas. Qualifying children of the Parish can be identified and Members expressed support for this initiative. Cllr Makepeace-Browne will get the information and advise the Clerk. The RFO reminded Members that there were also unspent funds in the youth budget because the Easter project had not gone ahead and the Summer one had been cancelled. The Chairman said he could also use his budget.

RESOLVED: Grant approved to Fleet Phoenix to support the "Open Door" project

MIN.168/22 PLANNING

(i) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson had circulated his report. Nyasaland has been refused a 4 bed house yet again. A full Environmental Impact Assessment will be required for the battery complex in Coxmoor Wood – including assessment of fire risk. The Basingstoke Canal Conservation area had been reviewed in 2009 but it seems that the proposed extension of the area to include Zephon House, shown on Map 7, had yet to be formalised. He asked is the document Hart have "fact" or was it "updated". Cllr. Makepeace-Browne agreed to investigate. Rushmoor are doing a review of their part of the Canal. Parking allocation for larger houses

seems anomalous. The document is technical advice, but will carry weight until a full planning policy is approved. A meeting had been requested ahead of a potential pre-application - Cllr. Jackson will arrange.

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Committee was accepted.

(ii) Hareshill – update

The Chairman advised that Cllr. Makepeace-Browne is pursuing from the HDC end. The Section 106 is being signed by the end of December.

MIN.169/22 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

(i) Pilcot Rd/Hitches Lane Footway

Works almost completed – remove from agenda.

MIN.170/22 ZEBON COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Report from Centre Manager

Report noted.

MIN.171/22 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Jackson said IT support needed to be discussed again. The Chairman said he would look out the quotes again.

The RFO asked for a date for the informal budget working group meeting and this was agreed for Wednesday, 11 January 2023 at 7.30 pm in the ZCC meeting room.

The Clerk asked Members to consider a date for the APM and where it should be held.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Dates for 2022 Meetings – Monday 5 December in WI Hall

Dates for 2023 Meetings – all on Mondays in the WI HALL

9 January	6 February	6 March	3 April	**8 May (Annual General Meeting)	
5 June	3 July	None August	4 September	6 November	4 December

Date and venue for the Annual Parish Meeting to be agreed. It must be held between the 1 March and 1 June inclusive.

****NB due to the 8 May 2022 being given as a Coronation Bank Holiday the Council will now hold its AGM on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 in the WI Hall.**