

These are the unadopted Crookham Village Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, 2 May 2023, following the 70th AGM, held in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Please refer to the Minutes of the June 2023 meeting for any amendments.

Present: Cllr. Simon Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. Julia Ambler
Cllr. Philip Ashton
Cllr. Peter Bradley
Cllr. Pedro Garcia Martinez
Cllr. David Jackson
Mrs. Angela Sayers (RFO)
Mrs. Carol Leversha (Clerk)

In attendance two parishioners.

MIN.076/23 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Friend, Dr. Sinka and HDC Cllr. Makepeace-Browne.

MIN.077/23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that at the recent HDAPTC meeting Hart have recruited 3 new planning officers.

MIN.078/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 APRIL 2023

The Chairman referred to these page by page. Min. 049/23 to Min. 060/23 were then agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting of 3 April 2023 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MIN.079/23 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. Cllr. Jackson advised he was a Member of the Basingstoke Canal Association but this was not a pecuniary interest.

MIN.080/23 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.081/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker).

The Chairman asked permission to adjourn the meeting for public participation. The resident asked to speak about the battery planning application and was advised the Chairman would permit him speaking when the application was dealt with later in the meeting. The Chairman then re-convened the meeting.

MIN.082/23 CANAL TOWPATH

Cllr. Jackson advised that the failure to complete the full agreed length of towpath repairs was due to the HCC contract not including the optional extra length agreed after receipt of tender responses. Unfortunately, neither the contractor or the officer signing off the work were aware of the later option being chosen and both had dealt with only the short version. Cllr. Julia Ambler said when she had walked the path the shuttering had not been sufficient. Cllr. Jackson said this was one of the things he would raise with the Engineer during a site visit next week. He will also check the surface of the path as he understands that the materials are correct, but needs to confirm that it has been properly compacted by roller.

MIN.083/23 CONSERVATION AREA (update)

The Chairman advised the views identified by the consultant were not easily identified within the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Jackson said he has sorted out formatting of the main document and was waiting for view data and photos to put into an appendix to complete the draft document. The Chairman said there had been a great deal of input from Members to prepare this.

MIN.084/23 SOLAR (PV) PANELS - ZCC (update)

Members had been advised of the outcome of the site meeting with the Contractor and that as a result it was proposed that Heras Fencing be erected around the scaffolding to prevent trespassers accessing the roof. This was expected to cost around £200 to £300 to hire. In addition it had come to light that to prevent pigeon access beneath the panels that mesh be added at a cost of £500. Members were asked to approve these additional sums.

RESOLVED: Members approved up to £1k extra on the quotation.

MIN.085/23 FINANCE

(i) Insurance Renewal

The Clerk and RFO had read the documents and raised queries with the insurance company which were satisfied. The premium for the year is just over £8k and the RFO advised she had budgeted £10k. The RFO advised Members that the insurers had applied index linking of 12% for the building and 8% for everything else. The Clerk and RFO had reviewed the documents and reported to Members on the risk management and insurance cover required. All the insurance documentation and email trail were sent to Members, via drop box, prior to this meeting so that Members could review.

RESOLVED: Insurance renewal approved for 2023/24.

(ii) Approval of Treasury & Investment Management Policy

Introduced by the Chairman who advised that this had been drawn up by Cllr. Julia Ambler, at very short notice, and she had incorporated many of the amendments proposed. He wished to express thanks to everyone involved in drawing up this policy.

RESOLVED: The Treasury and Investment Management Policy was agreed.

(iii) Appointment of Auditor

The RFO requested that Wettone Matthews be retained.

RESOLVED: Wettone Matthews were re-appointed.

MIN.086/23 PLANNING

(i) Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr. Jackson had circulated his report. He referred Members to his briefing paper in relation to some of the current undetermined planning applications. Cllr. Makepeace-Browne was following up on these. There were also continuing issues with some of the parish applications being sent to the wrong parishes. Cllr. Jackson said Members should keep an eye out for those seemingly innocuous applications which might slip through and at a later date we might have issues we would have wished to raise.

RESOLVED: The Report of the Planning Committee was accepted.

- (ii) 23/00814/HOU** – Erection of a two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, conversion of existing garages into habitable accommodation to include front dormer windows. Erection of new garage and pool house outbuildings and alterations to windows and doors. Crondall House Crondall Road Crookham Village Fleet Hampshire GU51 5SY
Cllr. Jackson introduced the application and invited debate. Members commented as follows: it was well screened; it is adding substantially to a large building; perhaps a comment about ensuring that development is well screened.

RESOLVED: Comment that it was important that improvement to visibility at the main vehicular entrance did not open up views into the wide site.

- (iii) 23/00823/FUL** – Installation of a battery energy storage system with associated infrastructure and works including access to the public highway.

Land at Ormersfield Farm Crondall Road Crookham Village Fleet

At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting and invited comments from the public. The parishioner raised issues about the fire risk and issues with fire brigade accessing the site.

No gas dispersal or emission control measures are mentioned in the application. They need to do the maths to demonstrate that their mitigation is acceptable. Cllr. Jackson said we had requested proper consideration when responding earlier about their Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The Chairman then resumed the meeting.

Cllr. Jackson introduced the application and invited debate. Members commented as follows: Fire and the local environment - these had been extensively documented but it is hard to argue with an expert report that says this is all right. What most concerns Members is the access road from Crondall Road which will take away a lot of vegetation and this is part of the setting of the conservation area. If you dig into the document they offer to employ a banksman to control traffic during exit and entry and we should request an assessment for a wide visibility in the event that a banksman is not present to deal with traffic. Develop this into an argument. A banksman is provided for entry and exit vehicles to the site - should therefore negate the requirement for a wide visibility splay. We object to there being a visibility splay. Request that planning condition to limit access to the vehicles stated in the planning application.

RESOLVED: The application states that a banksman will control traffic during exit and entry, which potentially reduces the need to provide a wide visibility splay with its consequential loss of roadside trees. Members request that planning conditions be imposed to limit the size of vehicle allowed to access the site and restrictions to access time to avoid rush hour traffic along Crondall Road.

- (iv) **23/00835/HOU** - Erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement of replace existing bi fold doors to ground floor rear.

6 Netherhouse Moor Church Crookham Fleet Hampshire GU51 5TY

Cllr. Jackson introduced the application and invited debate. Members had no concerns.

RESOLVED: No objections.

- (v) **23/00885/CON** – Approval of Condition 5- play equipment- pursuant to 18/01793/REM Phase 1 reserved matters application for approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the community building, parking, NEAP and attenuation area pursuant to 16/01651/OUT Outline application for up to 423 residential dwellings and a community facility. Associated vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access, drainage and landscape works, including provision of public open space and sports pitches. Provision of country park/SANG as an extension to Edenbrook Country Park.

Land North Of Netherhouse Copse Hitches Lane Fleet Hampshire

Cllr. Jackson introduced the application and invited debate. Members thought that the equipment took up a great deal of the available space. It was suggested that the appropriate officer consider whether the space occupied by the equipment leaves sufficient space for use by pre-school children.

RESOLVED: Comments as per debate.

- (vi) **23/00871/AMCON** – Variation of Condition 2 attached to Planning Permission 17/00264/REM dated 08/06/2018 to allow amendments to the previously approved Sport Pitches, the repositioning of Plots 21-23 and the associated fencing to Plots 21-23, 24-26 and 39-42

Land At, Watery Lane, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hampshire

Cllr. Jackson introduced the application and invited debate. Members commented as follows: This has been triggered by needing to move things around from beneath the Pylon. There has been no response to a request to the footballers for their views on the change. Ask Officers where the legislation is for this. The Chairman said the requirement is from the Sport England requirement for the size of sports pitches. If it is not mandatory why move them. Obligation to provide sufficient pitches but this application is seeking to vary the S106 so it is not just an application because they are altering the size.

RESOLVED: Sport England needs to rule on whether the change to pitches is acceptable.

MIN.087/23 UPDATES ON HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH MATTERS

Members had been copied with the recent SID results.

MIN.088/23 ZEBON COMMUNITY CENTRE & ADJACENT AMENITIES

(i) Report from Centre Manager

Report noted.

MIN.089/23 INFORMATION SHARING & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Jackson gave his apologies for the next Planning Mtg and the Chairman offered to deputise for him.

Agenda item - S106 for Sports Pavilion conversion - index linking needs looking at (SA).

Agenda item – Watery Lane SANG (JA)

Agenda Item - Replacement of Perspex (polycarbonate) windows on noticeboards (PB)

The Chairman advised that the Twinning weekend is the end of this Month. Everyone is welcome to attend the events at the Centre.

Cllr. Bradley wished to initiate a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for his area and Cllr. Ashton offered to assist.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

Dates for 2023 Meetings – all in the WI HALL

5 June - 3 July - None August - 4 Sept - 2 Oct - 6 Nov - 4 December