

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 PM IN CRONDALL CHURCH ROOMS

Present: Cllrs: Argent, Behagg, Dobby, Dorn, Payne, Shelford (Chairman), Sisk, Passmore (from 8.45 p.m.)

Apologies: Cllrs: Bredin, Hebbroon, Vincent, Wilkinson, G. Baker (Clerk).

237/09 APOLOGIES

Apologies for their absence had been received from the following: Cllrs. Bredin, Hebbroon, Vincent and Wilkinson and Cllr. Passmore (advised late arrival), G. Baker (Clerk).

238/09 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2008 would be kept as draft as two amendments need to be made: i) Cllr Behagg did not attend the training session (minute 224/08 (g) refers; ii) Cllr Shelford abstained from voting on Affordable Housing and this was not recorded in minute 224/08 (a).

239/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was mentioned that the untidy site in Pankridge Street, opposite the Hampshire Arms was still in the same state.

240/09 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CLERK

As the Clerk was unwell and not attending the meeting there was no announcement from the Clerk. The Chairman announced that there was no final financial information from the Grounds Committee, but at tonight's meeting we would go as far as possible to agree the basis of a Precept and the Five Year Spending Plan. We would also not be able to meet Hart's deadline of the 31st January 2009 for the precept request but would hope to be able to sign it off at the next Planning Meeting on the 2nd February 2009 with any final adjustments being made by a working party in the meantime. It was agreed that Item 8b would be discussed at the end of the meeting as an 'In Committee' Item.

Plans for Farnborough Airport could be viewed on Thursday 22nd January 2009 at Crondall Village Hall from 4 - 7.30 pm. Cllrs Argent and Payne said they would attend.

A letter from Hart Council to Ewshot residents had been distributed allowing them to vote before 12th February 2009 on whether Ewshot should have its own Parish Council.

Cllr. Dorn informed the committee that the Traffic and Lighting Committee would commence in future at 7.45 p.m. instead of 7.30 pm.

241/09 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

District Cllr. John Bennison said he would make enquiries about the untidy site in Pankridge Street.

He informed the committee that Heath Lane would be closed for three days from the 3rd February 2009 for resurfacing.

The decision on the appeal for the storage depot at Pyestock would be heard before 28th May 2009.

TAG had delivered 77,000 leaflets regarding the master plan consultation, but many residents had complained they had not received them. They can obtain copies by ringing 01252 526526 or going to the website www.tagconsultation.com

Recreational space planned for the Hitches Lane development was adopted by Hart Council on 8th January 2009. As a Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) this will provide sufficient mitigation land, not only for the Hitches Lane development, but also will allow Hart to grant planning permission for development within 5km of the SPA as long as developers are willing to pay fees to go towards the upkeep of the SANGS according to the size of the dwelling (e.g. up to £9,725.03 per four bedroom house).

The Conservation Area Review for Crondall has been postponed until the summer.

The Blue Prior development has been refused, and as yet, there is no news on Redfields Nursery.

Cllr. Bennison would be attending a meeting regarding flooding in Crondall tomorrow.

The Enforcement action against Crondall Lodge has gone to Appeal and the Inspector has indicated that a decision will be made in the light of written representations only.

Cllr Argent asked Cllr Bennison if he could investigate why no enforcements were showing after 2007 on the Hart Planning website.

242/09 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

243/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

244/09 AGENDA ITEMS

a) PRECEPT AND FIVE YEAR SPENDING PLAN

The Clerk had put together a draft document which was reviewed by the Council. It was suggested that a working party should meet and finalise the document ready for approval at the meeting on the 2nd February. However, Cllr Dobby undertook to work up some final

figures for consideration before the full meeting on 2nd February. The Council agreed to adopt this process.

b) STAFF CONTRACTS AND PAY REVIEWS (IN COMMITTEE ITEM)

This item would be taken at the end of the meeting as an 'In Committee' item following the departure of the general public.

c) CRONDALL LODGE APPEAL

The Council read the draft letter written by Cllr. Argent for approval. It was approved unanimously and the letter would be sent off by the Clerk.

d) INCREASE IN INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM

There has been an increase in vandalism in Crondall at a level which has not been experienced before. It was agreed that a copy of the letter from Mr. Richard Puddephatt should be sent to the local Police Sergeant. Robin Collett has suggested that leaflets, detailing names and telephone numbers to ring if you have been a victim of vandalism, should be distributed by his team from the Crondall Society throughout the village.

It was agreed that a small working party should be formed consisting of Cllrs. Passmore, Behagg, Dorn and Vincent and that the new youth worker should sit in on the meetings. Mr. Colin Carswell a resident of Crondall for the past 10 years has kindly volunteered to be co-opted onto the working party. His experience would be invaluable in liaising with the local police. The Council would like to thank Mr. Carswell for volunteering to help. It was suggested that a leaflet should be distributed urgently as the incidents of vandalism could quickly escalate. The working party was unanimously agreed upon by the Council.

e) CONSIDERATION OF THE FOI PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Clerk's work on the FOI Publication Scheme has been interrupted by her illness and this item had to be deferred.

f) COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr Vincent had written a very good report on Community Transport which was read by the Committee. Hart Council wants to discontinue the funding of the Call and Go Bus Service. The Chairman told the meeting that the Council should expect to be called upon to contribute to the cost of the existing Taxi Share Scheme to and from Farnham, but it was felt that at the present time no money should be allocated in the precept for this purpose.

g) APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO COMMENCE WORK ON CHURCHYARD PATHS

As the Grounds Committee Chairman was not present at the meeting it was not possible to move forward on this item.

h) REVIEW OF GROUNDS SERVICE CONTRACTS

This item was deferred to the next main meeting to be held on 16th February 2009.

245/09 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

- a) Grounds Committee Chairman absent so therefore no report.
- b) Traffic and Lighting Committee - Cllr Dorn reported that he would chase up some items and move them forward.
- c) The Finance Report for December 2008 had been amended by the deletion of a payment request from SEC for repairs to street lighting in the Marlborough Hill area which is managed by HCC and not the Parish Council. This was agreed. Also the Finance Report for January 2009 was agreed and the Chairman Cllr Shelford signed the document Appendix I

246/09 CORRESPONDENCE

- Cllr. Passmore joined the meeting at 8.45 pm

It was agreed that the weekly e-mail from Hampshire Association of Local Council (HALC) should continue to be forwarded to all Councillors, but that it should be clearly titled.

247/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Argent asked whether the Chairman had written to the Enabler with regard to the decision not to go ahead with the Social Housing in Crondall. The Chairman confirmed that this had been done. No other items were raised.

The Meeting closed at 9.12 pm

Signed:

Dated: