

**Crandall Parish Council Traffic & Lighting Committee**

**Minutes of meeting at Ewshot Village Hall: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 starting at 7.50pm**

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Dorn, Shelford and Argent. <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Wilkinson	
2	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> September 2009) were agreed	
3	<b>Matters arising:</b> none not already addressed by the current agenda	
4	<p><b>Beacon Hill Road:</b></p> <p>Agreed that no further input was required or necessary from the Parish Council – our considered views had been expressed in the appropriate quarters.</p> <p>Cllr Dorn confirmed that an invitation had been extended to Mr Simmonds to speak at this meeting had he so wished, but no response had been received.</p> <p>Cllr Dorn reported that, with the Beacon Hill works now complete, at least for the time being, SID had now been installed at the Southern end of Beacon Hill Road, monitoring North-bound traffic.</p>	CD
5	<p><b>The Court - signage:</b></p> <p>A summary of the legal situation, prepared by Cllr Argent, was discussed, and it was agreed that there was no further action that could be recommended. It was confirmed that the main concern was not these signs per se, but the unfortunate precedent they perhaps created for the rest of the Conservation Area. It was agreed to bring the topic up again during any discussions on the forthcoming review of the Conservation Area Statement.</p>	All
6	<p><b>PFI Lighting contract:</b></p> <p>Cllr Argent had previously circulated a review of the draft contract which Hants CC intended participating Parish Councils should enter into.</p> <p>Agreed that, given the vagueness of Hants CC's obligations and the Parish Council's rights as set out in this document, its generally poor drafting, and the fact that we were being asked to enter into a 25 year commitment with no right of early withdrawal (other than as a consequence of a material breach of contract by Hants CC), signing up to this contract in its present form was not something that could possibly be recommended to the full Council.</p> <p>Noted that, despite several months of promising (but failing to deliver) this draft contract for review, Hants CC eventually provided it with a request for a definitive response within two weeks. However, we have since had an e-mail from them confirming that a response "soon after" the next Parish Council meeting will be acceptable. Whether this is possible will depend on their timely, clear and complete responses to the fundamental questions posed in Cllr Argent's report.</p> <p>Cllr Shelford agreed to bring the subject up at tomorrow's HAPCC meeting, and offer a copy of Cllr Argent's report to any other Parish Council that may be interested.</p> <p>It was also agreed that County Cllr Glenn should be appraised of the situation.</p>	DA GS DA
7	<p><b>Street light in Redland Lane:</b></p> <p>Noted that this light is still working, and does not appear to have suffered</p>	

	<p>any further damage from airgun pellets or similar (though no-one could be 100% sure of this).</p> <p>Southern Electric's suggestion of fitting a shield was queried, since it seemed that a shield would either not protect the vulnerable side or would almost totally stop light output exactly where needed.</p> <p>It was agreed to instruct SEC to repair the existing damage, but not to incur the additional expense of a shield unless, from further correspondence, it was clear that we had misunderstood their suggestion (perhaps, for example, they did not mean a shield as such, but use of polycarbonate instead of Perspex). Cllr Dorn agreed to progress the matter to a conclusion, within the confirmed financial authority limit.</p>	CD
8	<p><b>White Lines in Pankridge Street:</b></p> <p>No further action needed pro tem. The work clearly cannot begin until the current drainage improvements have been completed.</p>	
9	<p><b>Drainage Works in Pankridge Street</b></p> <p>This work is now in progress, causing some inevitable disruption.</p> <p>Cllr Dorn gave a brief description of the nature of the work and its intended effect. He had offered a specific (and low cost) suggestion to the relevant authority for improving flow into the river, but had not yet had a response.</p> <p>Cllr Dorn also reported on a recent meeting he had attended with HCC in this connection</p> <p>It was noted that a resident had expressed concern about (a) some dead fish and (b) variable water flow rates at different times of day. It was thought that this might be no more than the effect of recent very heavy rain, perhaps compounded by some transitory effects of one form or another whilst the current work is in progress. If any "new" problems remain apparent once the work is completed, the Parish Council would need to progress prompt solutions.</p>	
10	<p><b>Pavement – Croft Lane/Church Street corner:</b></p> <p>Cllr Argent has asked Steve Pellatt of Hants CC (and whose project, we understand, this is) for an update on their progress on this long-standing issue and has received an "automated response" from Highways, promising a response within a week. He will progress it further if no response is received.</p>	DA
11	<p><b>HCC Highways Survey (Schedule):</b></p> <p>Assumed that this item should have read "Schedule". No further discussion</p>	
12	<p><b>Bottle Banks:</b></p> <p>Cllr Shelford advised that more discrete covers for the new bins at Bowling Alley were apparently due to be delivered and fitted this week. He also advised that these bins were now supposed to be emptied twice a week. All Cllrs were asked to keep an eye out for lack of emptying/overflowing.</p> <p>The possibility that one reason for these bins overflowing was because the village hall was depositing large numbers of bottles after various events, was discussed.</p> <p>Mr Lambert (observing as a member of the public) confirmed that his wife, in her role as an officer of the village hall, had agreed with Hart DC that a single bin, emptied weekly, would be retained at the village hall on a three month trial – the "trial" being to assess whether (a) the bin actually gets used sufficiently, (b) its use generates unacceptable late night noise as far as neighbours are concerned and (c) its presence generates more mess –</p>	All

	especially broken glass – than its absence.	
13	<b>Authorisation of expenditure – high-vis jacket:</b> Reimbursement of £5.95 (also to include a small screwdriver for use with SID) to Cllr Dorn was agreed.	
14	<b>AOB:</b> Cllr Shelford read out a list of those areas of activity where the Parish Council is empowered to pass byelaws, noting that none of these obscure categories is of any assistance re any of the matters discussed above, and few are of any assistance at all!	
The meeting ended at 8.26pm		