

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Monday 10th February 2014 at 19.30 in Crondall Church Rooms

PRESENT: Cllr C Dorn (Chairman), Cllr D Argent (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs C Bryant, I Fortune, E Groslin, C Hebbbron,
N Lambert, M Roberts

APOLOGIES: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Harris - Parish Clerk
Cllr Crookes – Hart District Council
Cllr Clarke – Hart District Council from 7.42pm
5 members of the public
The meeting commenced at 7.32pm and ended at 9.37pm

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
The Chairman requested an additional Agenda item be included 'To consider Purchase Authorisations', this was **AGREED**.

30/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

31/14 Minutes of the In Committee meeting on 16th December 2013.

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Dorn, seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** as an accurate record.

32/14 Minutes of 20th January 2014 meeting

Subject to a spelling correction in Minute 12/14 the Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Dorn, seconded by Cllr Hebbbron and **AGREED** as an accurate record.

33/14 Minutes of the In Committee meeting on 20th January 2014.

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Dorn, seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** as an accurate record.

Matters arising from the 20th January 2014 meeting not covered by the agenda

34/14 02/14 The Old Dairy. Following concerns expressed at the previous meeting Council was interested to note that the Clerk had been advised by the developers of the Old Dairy that they planned to apply for Planning Permission to retro fit garage doors to the properties.

35/14 27/14 Crondall Cricket Club. Cllr Argent reported on his e-mail conversation with CCC with regard to the ownership and status of Hook Meadow. Cllr Argent confirmed that Hook Meadow had been owned by the Parish Council since 1967. Cllr Argent is planning a face to face meeting with the Club at which time it is hoped that the relationship between the Parish Council and CCC will move forward, including proposals for a new agreement and charges. Cllr Argent was thanked for his work on this matter.

36/14 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk, and members of the public - questions received in advance

The Chairman had no announcements. The Clerk reported that she had attended a HALC Clerks Update on Finance and Audit, which had been very useful. There were no questions.

37/14 Planning applications

13/02688/FUL	Furney Copse Farm, Crondall Road, Crookham Village	Retrospective. Erection of an agricultural barn.
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Cllr Lambert introduced the deferred planning application. Council was advised that this application was the result of enforcement action as the barn had not been built in accordance with the planning permission in place. Paul Collins spoke on behalf of the application and advised that the barn would be used for housing livestock and feed. In response to questions Mr Collins advised that further planning applications would be made for other buildings on the site all of which were designed for specific uses.

Cllr Lambert reported that Crookham Parish Council had offered No Objection. In the light of the report from Hampshire that the barn complies with the agricultural justification process provisions Cllr Lambert proposed No Objection, with the caveat that Crondall Parish Council remains concerned with regards to the use and positioning of the mobile home, the poly tunnel, the container and the touring caravan on this site. This was seconded by Cllr Roberts and **APPROVED** (in Favour 7: Against1).

38/14 Working Party for Parsonage Meadow.

Cllr Lambert reported that he was working on Terms of Reference and Guidance Notes for Councillors in connection with this matter. A first meeting date had been requested.

39/14 Closed Churchyard

Cllr Roberts drew attention to his recently amended and circulated paper in relation to this matter. A number of questions were raised and answered in relation to the recent

Quinquennial surveyor's report provided by the Parochial Church Council in relation to the condition of the church and the churchyard. This report identifies in layman's terms the work that is likely to be required to the churchyard within the coming years, and did not differ widely from the report already produced by the Parish Council's Chairman.

Disappointment was again expressed that the Parish Council had not received forewarning that the Notice would be served, giving them little time to carefully assess their ability to take on and fund the maintenance of the closed churchyard. Following a thorough discussion of a number of the issues, including the potential need to obtain a 'faculty' should certain works be required the Chairman took the opportunity to sum up and to thank Cllr Roberts and Cllr Argent for their work on this matter.

Cllr Roberts then proposed that, in the light of the limited time available to plan for this matter, the knowledge that Hart do a 'good job' in the churchyard at Ewshot, an understanding that the PCC are relaxed about who takes over the maintenance and concerns about the risks going forward, that responsibility under s215(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 be formally passed on to Hart District Council. This was seconded by Cllr Groslin and **AGREED** (In Favour 7: Abstention 1).

40/14 Review of Charges for the use of Hook Meadow

Local resident Mark Passmore requested and was given the opportunity to speak but elected to defer this until a future meeting when Council discuss the proposals regarding charges for the use of Hook Meadow by CCC. Mr Passmore stated that he was particularly interested in cricket and youth sport.

Council discussed the Charges paper previously circulated. A discussion took place regarding which groups might be charged for using Hook Meadow, e.g. the local school, dog walkers, boot camp groups etc. It was generally felt that an hourly rate might be difficult to enforce. The suggestion of a deposit was however welcome. Councillors could not agree what might constitute a business use and whether if someone were making a profit by their use they should be charged. The question of insurance was also raised, as was licensing for wedding / party marquees. Following a robust discussion of these issues and the status of Hook Meadow as a Public Recreation Area it was proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Lambert that the Clerk investigate the matter further and return to Council with a revised proposal and formal hire agreement. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

41/14 Youth Bus

Following the visit of the Youth Bus for a taster session Council discussed whether they wished to utilise it in the village at £200 per session, to include the cost of a youth worker. It was generally agreed that as there is little youth provision in the village the Youth Bus was 'worth a try'. After discussion Cllr Groslin suggested that Council request three sessions over a six week period in the early summer. This was seconded by Cllr Hebborn and **AGREED** (In Favour 7: Against 1).

42/14 Precept and Budget for 2014/15

Cllr Argent presented a revised budget which included the costs of maintaining the closed churchyard and a loan for the refurbishment of the play area. Following the earlier discussions the costs of maintaining the churchyard were removed and the costs of the Youth Bus added to the budget model. The loan for the play area was reduced. After some discussion Cllr Dorn proposed acceptance of the newly modelled budget with a Precept of £55,000. This was seconded by Cllr Hebborn and **AGREED** (In Favour 6 : Against 2). Cllr Argent and the Clerk were thanked for their work on the budget spreadsheet.

43/14 Burial Ground Management

Cllr Lambert proposed, seconded by Cllr Fortune that the Clerk take over responsibility for the Burial Ground management from Monday 17th February 2014. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

The Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Hebborn for all his hard work on keeping this running during the interregnum.

44/14 Crondall Flood Action Group (CFAG)

Cllr Dorn had previously circulated the Notes from the initial meeting of the Group. As a result of requests to Thames Water a tanker had been deployed to site to remove excess sewage water and levels locally have dropped a little. The Group will continue to put pressure on responsible parties and look for better coordination and partnership working. There was discussion on where the possible problems may be and whose responsibility it was to remedy them. Concern was also expressed about further strain on the system of any new development, however it was understood that Thames Water had a responsibility to ensure sufficient capacity for any new development. It was acknowledged that various members of the village were working together with the Parish Council to try to remedy the situation or at least improve matters locally. Cllr Dorn was thanked for all his work on this matter.

Cllr Lambert enquired of Cllr Crookes why the road sweepers had not been to Crondall since early October 2013. Cllr Crookes was unable to answer the question but agreed to request this was remedied. It was also reported that some of the road drainage and sumps were blocked and that these were the responsibility of Hampshire County Council. The Clerk was requested to report these matters.

45/14 Refurbishment of the Play Area

Cllr Groslin reported that three play providers have visited the site and that their quotations were awaited. It was hoped to bring a costed proposal to the next meeting.

46/14 TAG Airspace consultation

Cllr Lambert explained that there are proposals to change the airspace usage for Farnborough Airport and that the proposal may see more flights over Crondall Village.

Council expressed interest in hearing more about the proposals. The Clerk was requested to set up a Public Meeting to enable local people to hear TAG's presentation. It was suggested that the meeting be advertised in the Parish magazine.

47/14 Finance - payments

The proposed payments were proposed by Cllr Lambert seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** 'en bloc' (In Favour 7: Abstentions 1).

48/14 AOB:

Closed Churchyard – A query was raised as to whether when Hart took over maintenance of the closed churchyard Sean should cease the 'ex gratia' work he currently does in the churchyard. This was confirmed.

Bylaws - Hook Meadow, Cllr Argent advised that he had recently come across a booklet containing by-laws for Hook Meadow. It was acknowledged that these may have little relevance today due to the problem of enforcing them.

SID - Cllr Roberts reported that one car was persistently driven at 50mph on the approach to Pankridge Street, he requested further information if anyone was aware of the vehicle or owner.

Signed as a true record dated 24th February 2014