

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Monday 15th December 2014 in Crondall Church Rooms

PRESENT: Cllr C Dorn - Chairman
Cllrs D Argent, C Bryant, I Fortune (from 7.40pm), E Groslin,
C Hebborn, N Lambert M Roberts

APOLOGIES: Cllr S Gorys, Hart District Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Harris - Parish Clerk
Cllr K Crookes, Hart District Council
13 members of the Public

The meeting commenced at 7.34 pm and ended at 09.23 pm

276/14 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Argent and Groslin declared a prejudicial but non-pecuniary interest in matter of the Parsonage Meadow consultation.

277/14 Minutes of 24th November 2014 meeting

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Dorn, seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** (In Favour 7 : 1 Against). The Chairman signed the Minutes.

Matters arising from the 24th November 2014 meeting not covered by the agenda

278/14 261/14 District Councillors' Report. The Clerk confirmed that after the meeting Cllr Gorys had responded to the questions raised, and that his responses had been circulated to all Councillors.

279/14 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk, and members questions received in advance.

There were was no business under this item.

280/14 Representations by Members of the Public.

Mr Peter Hall and Mr Robin Assael were in attendance to speak to Council in response to the recent Parsonage Meadow consultation led by developers Friday Street. Mr Hall spoke on behalf of the Conservation Action Group. Copies of their submissions were made available to those present. Mr Julian Ranger being unable to attend the meeting made some comments through the Clerk.

Councillors asked questions and discussed the numbers of units proposed, title queries, the 'open space' proposal, back-to back housing and whether a fence along the Croft Lane boundary would preserve the character of the area. It was pointed out that 'ownership of title is irrelevant as far as planning is concerned.

Cllr Dorn felt that the Parish Council had an opportunity to try to influence any planning application and it was therefore important to make a response at this stage, to which affect a

letter had been drafted by the Clerk and circulated. Cllr Argent was unsure this was the right way forward. Cllr Lambert's advice was that Council should wait until a formal Planning Application was received. There was some general concern that a response was difficult without specific details having been provided.

Cllr Dorn proposed that with some specific amendments, which he detailed, that the letter be tidied and sent. This was seconded by Cllr Hebborn and **AGREED** (In Favour 5 : 2 Abstentions : 1 Against).

281/14 District Councillors' Report.

Cllr Crookes updated Council on progress regarding the Local Plan and housing numbers (~350 per year under the plan period of 2011-2031); he further explained the background behind his resignation as Leader of Hart District Council. Cllrs Lambert, Argent and Dorn expressed regret that Cllr Crookes had resigned as they felt he had done a good job. They thanked him for his work as Leader and looked forward to continuing to work with him as a local councillor.

Cllr Crookes advised that the budget for 2015/6 was not too challenging and that no major cuts in services were proposed. A planning application for the new Hart Leisure Centre was expected in January to be determined in the spring.

In response to a question Cllr Crookes advised that he did not believe that there was any proposal to cut the local bus service on Bowling Alley. Cllr Roberts enquired about the SPA and Cllr Crookes confirmed that the SPA limit on development remains at 5km. With regard to proposed housing numbers for Crondall specifically he believed this would not be decided until the 'Winchfield' preferred option had been 'tested'. Cllr Crookes was thanked for his update.

282/14 Planning applications Councillors referred to the report circulated in advance by Cllr Lambert. Cllr Lambert asked that two applications be taken forward without further discussion

14/02575/HMC	16 The Borough Crondall GU10 5NU	Demolish SE front enclosed porch. Erect SE front open porch. Erect NE side single storey extension. Erect first floor extension over ground floor walls Erect NW rear single storey extension with balcony over. Erect first floor veranda to NW elevation. Erect SW side canopy porch roof
14/02783/FUL	Bowenhurst Farm Mill Lane Crondall GU10 5RP	Erection of a 2.4 metre high close boarded fence for a length of 21 metres to the north of the existing vehicular access from Bowenhurst Lane to Bowenhurst Farm Business Yard, following removal of existing post and rail fence and metal storage container.

Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION**.

The improvements at Bowenhurst are welcomed and encouraged.

This was seconded by Cllr Dorn and **AGREED** (unanimously).

14/02675/LBC & 14/02674/HMC	Well Cottage Pankridge Street Crondall GU10 5QY	Erection of single storey timber clad outbuilding to be used as a hobby room
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Following discussion Cllr Lambert proposed **OBJECTION**.

The proposal which features living, shower, toilet, kitchen facilities and its own separate entrance could result in the formation of an additional living unit.

*The development fails to preserve or enhance the Crondall Conservation Area
Should Hart be minded to grant this application then it should be subject to conditions that make its use remain linked to the main dwelling and not operated for commercial gain.*

This was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (In Favour 7 : 1 Against)

14/02627/LBC & 14/02626/HMC	Chillway Cottage Pankridge Street Crondall GU10 5RG	Proposed single storey extension including forming a link to the existing cottage and removal of chimney stack
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Cllr Lambert proposed **OBJECTION**

The scale and bulk of the proposed extension would be detrimental to the outstanding character, appearance and setting of this extremely special and one of the oldest listed buildings within the Crondall Conservation Area.

The proposed extension which features an en-suite bedroom, living and kitchen facilities and a separate entrance could result in the formation of an additional living unit.

The stepped-roof design is particularly out of character and jars with the aesthetics of the design. Should Hart be minded to grant this application then it should be subject to conditions that make its use linked to the main dwelling.

This was seconded by Cllr Bryant and **AGREED** unanimously.

Cllr Lambert advised that he had received no pre-applications. The applications for four houses at Mill Lane and the application for 8 the Borough have been withdrawn.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Lambert on the quality of his presentation.

283/14 Hart Community Infrastructure Levy consultation.

A draft letter of response had been circulated. Following a brief discussion Cllr Dorn proposed that this be sent unamended, this was seconded by Cllr Groslin and **AGREED** unanimously.

284/14 Bowls Club

It was agreed that the Clerk, Cllr Fortune and Cllr Bryant would meet with the Bowls Club in January 2015. Cllr Lambert asked when discussion would start with CCC regarding the 2015 season, it was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the Council's next meeting.

285/14 Revision of the Burial Regulations

A revised proposal had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was suggested that the terms 'qualifying resident' and 'non-resident' would be used. The onus would be on the applicant to provide qualifying resident evidence, which would remain at 10 years as in the March 2014 regulations. Non-residents would now be able to be buried /interred in the Crondall Burial

Ground subject to payment of the appropriate fee. The proposal paper set out revised fees for non-residents only.

Cllr Lambert was pleased that the paper had moved on from the proposals made at the last meeting. It was noted that it would be necessary to ensure a careful record was made regarding the placement of ashes in graves, in order to allow future interments.

Cllr Argent advised that he had carefully reviewed the guidance from NALC and others and despite some of this being contradictory he felt the proposals were something the Parish should do. After further debate Cllr Dorn proposed that the suggested changes be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (In favour 6 ; 2 Against).

286/14 To consider the erection of a fence on Hook Meadow to the rear of Hook Cottage.

Council discussed a paper which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was generally agreed that this was an unworkable proposition and was likely to cause trouble with noise; on-going maintenance and security were also concerns. Cllr Dorn proposed that this proposition was rejected, this was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** unanimously. The Clerk was asked to write to the applicant to explain Council's concerns.

287/14 Playground refurbishment project update

It was reported that the refurbishment was well underway. The contractors were doing a good job and there had already been a number of positive comments on the items installed.

An armoured electric cable had been found running across the site and into the adjacent field. Efforts were taking place to discover its purpose. There were no immediate health and safety issues associated with this.

288/14 Projects for 2015/16 budget

Councillors were requested to advise the Clerk of any projects for 2015/16 in order that these can be costed and added to the budget. The budget is currently being drafted for presentation to Council at the January meeting in order that a draft Precept request can be lodged with Hart DC. Suggested speculative projects include:

- Pavilion refurbishment
- Cremation Area Wall repointing, ground clearance and turf laying
- Resurfacing the Tennis Court
- An additional Tennis Court
- Groundsman equipment upgrade
- Map at the entrance to Hook Meadow
- Moving the Bus Shelters
- Seat in the bus shelter on Croft Lane
- Teen shelter on Hook Meadow

There followed a brief discussion on the street lighting in the village when it was explained that this was now part way through a 25 year PFI contract managed by HCC.

289/14 Finance - Payments and Purchases to be Made.

Acceptance of the 'payments to be made', (there were no 'purchases to be made') report was proposed by Cllr Argent seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** unanimously.

290/14 Finance – Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure to end November 2014.

Cllr Argent pointed out a new report detailing expenditure to date against Precept to date, this was 76%.

The Balance sheet and Income and Expenditure Report were proposed for noting and adoption by Cllr Hebbbron and seconded by Cllr Bryant. The report was **NOTED** and **ADOPTED** unanimously.

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291/14 Estates report.

Cllr Bryant gave a verbal report. It was noted that one of the playground refurbishment vehicles had cracked the new kerbing at the entrance to Hook Meadow. Cllr Dorn and the Clerk would raise this with the contractor at their next meeting.

The Groundsman has reported that the football field is very muddy, almost unplayable. It needs to be rolled but he doesn't have a suitable roller. It was agreed that the state of the pitch should be reassessed at the start of January to decide whether it was playable. At the current time it is down to 'refs decision'.

Cllr Bryant drew council's attention to the fact that the trees in the churchyard had been pollarded. It was clarified that this was by a contractor working for Hart, as CPC was not responsible for maintenance outside the Burial ground. He was thanked for his report.

292/14 Memorial Applications and Burials.

The Clerk reported that there was one interment pending.

293/14 Broadband

Cllr Hebbbron had circulated a brief report. He was asked to contact those within the village who had showed initial interest with a view to canvassing opinion on the proposed solution to be installed at Penn Farm and its suitability for the village as a whole.

294/14 Correspondence

None other than bills.

295/14 AOB:

- Cllr Robert stated that he would investigate the rumours re changes to the local buses.
- Cllr Hebbbron requested that Sentinel be asked to arrange for the property at "The Brambles" to be tidied.

Cllr Dorn closed the meeting thanking Councillors for their very productive meetings and their work for the Council throughout the year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Signed as a true record dated 26th January 2015