

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Monday 22nd June 2015 in Crondall Church Rooms

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr K Crookes and Cllr S Gorys - Hart District Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Harris - Parish Clerk

There were no members of the public in attendance

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and ended at 10.40pm

30/15 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Groslin declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application for White Bridge. Cllr Dorn advised Council that he had accepted a small consultancy role working for Hart District Council (HDC) assisting them with their schedule management for the production of the Local Plan. He will have no role in the writing of Policy.

31/15 Minutes of 18th May 2015 meeting

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Hebbbron and **AGREED** (In Favour 6:2 Abstentions). The Chairman signed the Minutes.

Matters arising from the 18th May 2015 meeting not covered by the agenda

32/15, 01/15, *Appointment of Chairman*. Further to his appointment as Chairman at the last meeting Cllr Dorn has now signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

33/15, 06/15, *Croft Lane Damage*. There has been no response from HDC despite being chased.

34/15, 07/15, *Letter to owners of Old Parsonage Meadow*. The letter had been sent but no acknowledgement received.

35/15, 08/15, *Conservation Area Working Group*. HDC had advised that they were in the process of seeking a suitable representative. The Clerk was asked to approach local Ward Councillors directly in order to speed up the process. (after meeting note – Cllr Gorys has been appointed).

36/15, 14/15, *Fencing to the rear of the houses at Chaundlers Croft*. It was suggested that the Parish Groundsman remove the offending concrete posts and wire as the house owner denied they were their responsibility. Prior to this work being completed it was proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Hebbbron that the Clerk write formally to the owner advising them of the work but stressing that the Parish Council is not accepting on-going liability. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

37/15, 15/15 *Lighting replacement progress*. The Clerk reported on the disappointing progress with a number of outstanding matters. These were being rigorously pursued with HCC.

38/15, 16/15 *Contact with Hart's Dog Warden*. The Clerk reported on a recent meeting at which the work to be undertaken by the Dog Warden was agreed.

39/15, 29/15 *Dippenhall Street flooding*. Cllr Groslin reported that a meeting was scheduled for early July.

40/15 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk, and Members questions received in advance.

The Clerk advised Council of three future bookings for Hook Meadow, an outdoor Theatre performance and two events for young children run by the Hart Children's Centre.

41/15 Representations by the public

There were no representations.

42/15 District Councillors' Report

There was no report.

43/15 Planning applications

Cllr Lambert presented the applications

15/00940/FUL	Horsedown Farm, Well	Illumination of existing ménage
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This is an adjoining Parish Consultation

Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION** subject to

Use of best efforts to stop obtrusive light over spilling the side of the ménage.

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

15/01083/FUL	Rose Court, Rye Common Lane Crondall	Demolition of office building, car parking and hard standing and erection of new building to create 14 x 2 bedroom apartments with car parking and amenity areas
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Only the car park of this application lies within CPC.

Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION** subject to

Crondall to receive all contributions due to the close relationship of the site with Crondall Parish and its facilities

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

15/01026/FUL	Upper Farm, Dippenhall Road, Dippenhall	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and associate works
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Following discussion regarding the height of the proposed building Cllr Lambert proposed

NO OBJECTION this was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (in Favour 5:3 Against).

15/01163/FUL	Blue Bell Lodge, Rye Common Lane, Crondall	Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling with detached 3 bay garage following demolition of existing
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Cllr Lambert proposed **OBJECTION**

This is a New Development in the countryside. There is no evidence of any special justification for this application and it would not fall within any exceptional circumstances which would permit residential development in the countryside. Described as a sub-standard dwelling the mobile home has no lawful standing and is awaiting removal from the site. The presence of a mobile home conveys the impression that residence is temporary. Replacing a temporary structure with a permanent development would consolidate the permanence of the site and consequently have an adverse effect on the relatively open countryside. Concerned about the lack of supporting evidence.
This was seconded by Cllr Groslin and **AGREED** unanimously.

15/00148/HOU	1 The Withies, Crondall	Change of colour of windows and doors powder coated aluminium units
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Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION** this was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** unanimously.

15/01139/HOU and 15/01140/LBC	White Bridge, Redlands Lane Crondall.	Erection of a two storey and single storey side extension, and a single storey rear extension linking into the existing conservatory. Demolition of existing garage. Re-siting stairs from within the main house into the two storey extension and new opening upstairs
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Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION** this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** (In Favour 7:1 Abstention).

Cllr Lambert advised of a pre-application to move a barn at Chaundlers Farm.

Council had been sent a pre-application for an 18 hole mini-golf course at Bowenhurst. The Clerk was asked to request the applicant to attend the next Council meeting.

Council discussed its possible response to information that Rushmoor BC plan to place an additional 1,600 units of accommodation in Hart. It was reported that We Heart Hart had looked closely at the proposal and had concluded that Rushmoor could and should be more creative by using MOD land and brownfield sites. CPC had the option to object now and/or work through Hart highlighting the unacceptability of the proposal. Cllr Dorn volunteered to draft a letter of objection for use for this purpose.

Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Lambert referred to the notes of a meeting he had attended. Council discussed the merits and pros and cons of doing a Neighbourhood Plan. It was generally reported that Hart were unenthusiastic about Neighbourhood Plans and it was felt that a lot of effort might be wasted. It was suggested that contact was made with similar sized Parish Councils to gain a better understanding of their reasons. It was eventually agreed that what Council needed was a paper for discussion setting out the pros and cons and looking at what neighbouring Parishes were doing, costs etc., It was agreed that any advice should be independent of Hart. The Clerk would contact an experienced colleague for advice and Cllr Lambert agreed to write a paper for presentation at the next meeting.

44/15 Security at the Tractor Shed

Information on the work completed on the Tractor Shed was shared with councillors. It had been completed well within the budget agreed. Additional measures were discussed but not felt appropriate to implement at this time. The Chairman was thanked for his work on this.

45/15 Creation of a list of items of Community Benefit for the Parish

After considerable discussion on the principle, the amount of money that might be available and the advisability of sending developers a list and how this might be viewed by the Parish Cllr Argent proposed that the draft letter suggesting items of community benefit should not be sent to Friday Street, this was seconded and **AGREED** unanimously.

Cllr Dorn then suggested that Cllr Roberts (who had volunteered for the role) talk to Friday Street informally about their plans but specifically not make any commitments on behalf of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (in Favour 6:2 Against).

Discussion moved on to the desirability of having a clear list of amenity ideas which had been developed in consultation with the Parish and which could be submitted to Hart for use in Section 106 / CIL negotiations and payments. It was agreed that this should be created as quickly as possible preferably before the start of the school holidays. Cllr Groslin felt that a consultation could be undertaken over the coming 4-5 weeks and volunteered to lead on it.

Cllr Dorn proposed that a questionnaire and exhibition be set up as soon as possible to consult with the Parish on their views on the amenities needed within the Parish. This was seconded by Cllr Groslin and **AGREED** (in Favour 7:1 Against).

46/15 Parking for Hook Meadow

Cllr Lambert was thanked for his brief presentation on possible solutions to problems with parking in the vicinity of Hook Meadow. Three options were presented

- Piping the Croft Lane ditch and parking on one side of the road only
- Using the land beside the tennis court
- Using the field adjacent to the Play Area (albeit recognising that this is in private ownership)

All would be considered as a part of the proposed Parish Amenities Consultation (minute 45/15).

47/15 Burial records Transcription Proposal

Following consideration of the paper previously circulated Cllr Dorn proposed acceptance of the costed proposal to transcribe the first volume of the Crondall Burial records, this was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** unanimously.

48/15 Doras Green Lane, Heath Lane junction

The proposed letter regarding this junction (and including reference to the recent accident which resulted in a large wall in the village being destroyed) was proposed to be sent by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Hebborn and **AGREED** unanimously.

49/15 Parish Footpath map

Council agreed that something was needed to replace the map that had been removed. The Clerk shared some leaflets she had picked up from another parish which were greeted with interest. These showed local walks and places/objects of interest on the way, alongside local wildlife information. The leaflets could be downloaded free from the Parish website. It was agreed that whilst discussions were taking place regarding a suitable format for the future that a temporary solution would be to put up an enlarged PDF map on the Hook Meadow notice board. Cllr Fortune agreed to look into this.

50/15 Boundary Commission consultations on political boundary changes

The parish had no view on the changes proposed and offered to them for consultation so no response would be made.

51/15 Neighbourhood Cold Calling Zone

Cllr Dorn made Council aware of his investigations into the pros and cons of creating a NCCZ for Crondall. Following discussion it became obvious that for various reasons this scheme was not ideal for Crondall at the present time. Cllr Dorn proposed that this idea was not pursued at the present time, this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** (In Favour 7: 1 Abstention).

52/15 Finance - Payments and Purchases to be made.

The payments and purchases to be made were proposed Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Dorn and **AGREED** unanimously.

53/15 Finance – Balance Sheet

The Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet report to the end of May 2015 was **NOTED**.

54/15 Assets Register

The Assets Register had been circulated with the Agenda. It was clarified that this pre-dated the recent break-in and hence the stolen and replacement assets would be in next year's register . There were no questions and the Register was **NOTED**.

55/15 Internal Auditor's letter

The Internal Auditor's Letter had been circulated with the Agenda, there were no questions and the contents of the letter were **NOTED**.

56/15 Approvals of the Final Accounts and Annual Return

Cllr Argent and the Clerk took Council through the Final Accounts and Annual Return prior to submission for Audit. The questions on Page 3 were detailed and responded to. The variances documentation was explained. The Final Accounts and Annual Return were recommended for **APPROVAL** by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Hebborn and **AGREED** (In Favour 7:1 Against).

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57/15 Estates report.

It was reported that Party in the Park had been a great success, also the Village Fete. Cllr Hebborn expressed concern about the proliferation of Estate Agents boards advertising village events as he felt that these weren't merited, however this view was not supported by other councillors as their use was only temporary and provided some sponsorship income to the organisers.

A request had been made by a local resident that the entrance to the village adjacent to the Farnham Road recreation ground be tidied. Although this was an HCC responsibility it was agreed that the Council's Groundsman be requested to cut the grass from the village sign to the entrance to the recreation ground.

Cllr Bryant was thanked for his report.

58/15 Memorial Applications and Burials.

The Clerk's previously circulated report was taken as read.

59/15 Faster Broadband

In response to a question 'are we getting anywhere?' Cllr Hebbbron responded that BT don't respond to correspondence so it had been impossible to ascertain whether the promised upgrade to the exchange, scheduled between April and June, had taken place, Cllr Hebbbron agreed to chase.

60/15 Correspondence

A letter had been received from English Rural Housing requesting the Parish's support in lobbying our local MP, asking them to ensure that the proposed extension of Right to Buy for Social Housing does not include homes built under the auspices of rural exception schemes. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter of response as requested.

61/15 AOB:

Cedars Wall

- A local resident had requested that the Parish Council discuss this issue. Various options were discussed to discourage heavy goods vehicles from the centre of the village although it was acknowledged that it was a tractor that was responsible for the latest wall damage. This matter was covered in the Parish's letter to HCC the contents of which had been agreed earlier in the meeting (see 48/15).

TAG Consultation and local scare mongering

- It was noted that rumours had circulated regarding the possibility of Farnborough Airport becoming a new 'Stansted'. It was reported that this was matter for discussion at the next meeting of the FACC, which Cllr Lambert would attend. Cllr Lambert agreed to circulate all relevant information.

Local Traffic problems

- Cllr Fortune wished Council to confirm what plans could be put in place to restrict vehicle movements through the village. It was suggested that this be included as a part of the Amenities Consultation Questionnaire.

Village Hall Car Parking and Toilets

- Cllr Lambert felt that these matters, in particular the use of the toilets had yet to be properly discussed by Council.

Signed as a true record dated 27/07/2015