

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 24th June 2019 in Crondall Church Rooms

PRESENT: Cllr C Dorn – Chairman
Cllrs D Argent, T Evans, C Hebbbron, M Seary

APOLOGIES: Cllrs O'Connor, C Bryant
Cllr Glen- Hampshire County Council
Cllr Kennett- Hart DC

IN ATTENDANCE: V Honeyman- Deputy Parish Clerk
Cllr Crookes- Hart DC
Cllr McFarlane- Odiham PC

There were 7 members of the public in attendance at the start of the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and ended at 9:00pm

The Chairman asked whether anyone was recording the meeting. A member of the public (Mr Wilks) confirmed that he would be recording this meeting. Other members of the public were given the opportunity to comment should they object to being recorded.

24/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Seary declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 19/00674/HOU due to a friendship with the applicant. Accordingly, Cllr Seary will not be making a recommendation when this application is considered.

Cllr Dorn declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 19/00704/HOU.

25/20 Minutes of 20th May 2019 AGM

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Dorn, seconded by Cllr Seary and **AGREED** unanimously. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

Matters arising from the 20th May 2019 meeting not covered by the agenda

26/20 05/20 Election of Officers, Representatives and Committee Members

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that The Crondall Society and Village Hall Committees have been informed which councillors were elected as their new representatives, and next meeting dates have been shared with those councillors.

27/20 13/20b Letter to Hart re Broden 2

Following final comments after the last meeting, the agreed letter was submitted to Hart.

28/20 14/20 Crondall Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

The Regulation 16 consultation is now underway with Hart.

29/20 15/20 Councillor email addresses

Cllr Dorn thanked all councillors present for setting up their assigned @crondall-pc.gov.uk email addresses which are now being used for Council business and have been updated on the website. Councillors Bryant and Lambert who were not yet using these emails will be urged to reconsider

doing so, for the reasons outlined in the previously adopted email policy. For the moment email “forwarding” would be set up from their CPC address to their private addresses.

30/20 23/20 Clearance of bridleway

Cllr Dorn extended thanks to Cllr Hebborn for his hard work in clearing the bridleway in time for the Crondall Wild Run.

31/20 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk, and Members questions received in advance

No announcements from the Chairman or Members questions received in advance.

The Deputy Clerk thanked Councillors for completing or updating their Register of Interest forms as requested via email. Those outstanding will be reminded to check their forms are up to date and then all will be submitted to the Monitoring Officer at Hart.

32/20 District Councillor’s Report

Cllr Crookes reported that Hart District Council are now in their regular cycle of committee meetings following the recent elections. On 6th June the examiner decided the Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan referendum will go ahead on 5th July, with the plan to be adopted if more than 50% vote in its favour. Hart Council are putting resources into more specialised posts, with the intention of raising more money without having to increase Council Tax.

The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee have had some interesting discussions. Among these is consideration of widening the scheme whereby retailers in Fleet can reimburse car parking fees. This currently applies only to Sainsbury’s but other retailers are now invited to join the scheme. Council had put it to the O&S Committee that cardboard ‘bring back’ recycling facilities should be scrapped due to littering around the bins when they are full at one particular location, but there was strong opinion that this was not an acceptable suggestion.

Hart continue to develop their Digitalisation Strategy, making more resources available online and improving services while saving money.

Cllr Argent asked whether Hart would be accessing the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) in order to make investments. Cllr Crookes advised that some of the schemes in consideration would require such loans, pointing to the success of the previous £10million PWLB loan used to fund the building of Hart Leisure Centre. Residential rather than retail investments were considered to have the best business case.

Cllr Evans recommended the Surrey Recycle app to Cllr Crookes.

33/20 Representations by the public

3 members of the public were in attendance to speak to their planning applications. Cllr Dorn explained that Cllr Seary would introduce their applications, dealing with Cllr questions before he invited them to speak for up to 3 minutes, after which the Councillors would have the opportunity to raise questions.

34/20 Planning Applications

Applications were considered in line with the previously circulated Planning Report.

19/00210/CON	The Horns Bowling Alley Crondall GU10 5RJ	Approval of condition 3- window and door details- and - 4- parking- pursuant to 19/00210/HOU Removal of existing single storey toilet block and single storey rear extension, replacement of existing front porch, alterations to fenestration and erection of a detached garage
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This application refers to condition approval only, details of which have been provided. Cllr Seary proposed no comment. This was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** unanimously.

19/00674/HOU	Yonder Cottage Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5PE	Erection of a conservatory to the side
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Cllr Seary reiterated that due to a non-pecuniary interest in this application for a conservatory, he would not be making a recommendation.

The Conservation Officer is not satisfied with the quality of drawings provided, meaning it is difficult to make a judgement on the impact of this application on the Conservation Area.

Mr Dyne commented that maintenance of the conservatory was a key consideration for the applicant, with the need to balance practical considerations against a design sympathetic to the Conservation Area.

Cllr Hebbbron agreed with the Conservation Officer that more detail is required. Cllr Argent added that both the impact on street appearance and choice of building materials are key considerations, neither of which are detailed in this application as it stands.

Mr Dyne confirmed that hedge screening options are being considered, but Cllr Dorn explained that screening options cannot be protected under planning laws, and noted that the drawings lack dimensions. Cllr Evans commented in favour of the plans.

Cllr Argent proposed **OBJECTION** until or unless details have been submitted to the satisfaction of the Conservation Officer. This was seconded by Cllr Dorn and **AGREED** (In Favour 3:1 Against:1 Abstention).

19/00705/LBC 19/00704/HOU	Erlands House Hyde Lane Crondall GU10 5QW	Demolition of existing outbuilding, retention of stable and hayloft, replacement of existing swimming pool, and erection of a detached outbuilding, with glazed link to retained stable and hayloft, to provide a ground floor games room, changing room, WC and wash up area with first floor gallery area overlooking games room
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Cllr Seary presented the detailed plans. A similar application was withdrawn in January 2018 following 'concerns regarding lack of sufficient heritage justification'.

Cllr Seary proposed **NO OBJECTION** subject to a condition that the accommodation remain ancillary to the main house. This was seconded by Cllr Evans and **AGREED** unanimously.

1 member of the public left the meeting

19/01096/FUL	Equestrian Land Newton Cottage Heath Lane Ewshot	Erection of timber stables and schooling arena.
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The proposal comprises three small buildings of a rural character: one for which planning approval is being sought, and the other two which are proposed to be dealt with by separate future applications. This application concerns a stables building containing four loose-box stables approx. 58.4 sq.m. (The stables together with the future application buildings will total an area of approx. 207.9sq.m.) The proposal also includes an outdoor schooling arena with a multi-weather surface laid on top of existing soil. Councillors raised no questions.

Nick Ralls presented in support of this application for a small equestrian building, explaining that future applications will be for more storage space. There is existing access to the site, Highways have already responded with no objection. This site will reduce the need to lead horses along the highway. It is catered for under RUR34 and is ancillary to Newton Cottage. They consider this to be

a suitable position adjacent to the golf course, with low visibility from Heath Lane. Additional tree and hedge planting will provide further shielding of the site.

Cllr Argent suggested that an application for all buildings at the outset could have been easier. Nick Ralls acknowledged this but responded that it had made financial sense to stagger the applications.

Cllr Seary proposed **NO OBJECTION** subject to any use being ancillary to the main house and the removal of permitted development rights. This was seconded by Cllr Hebbbron and **AGREED** unanimously.

2 members of the public left the meeting

19/01262/HOU 19/01264/LBC	Well Cottage 2 Chilloway Terrace Pankridge Street Crondall GU10 5QY	Single storey rear extension
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Cllr Argent asked whether there has been any input from the Conservation Officer, to which Cllr Seary confirmed there had not.

Cllr Hebbbron noted that the application makes efforts to avoid obscuring windows.

Cllr Dorn proposed **NO OBJECTION**, seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** unanimously.

19/01268/PREAPP	The Bourne Redlands Lane Crondall GU10 5RF	New three-bed house with single garage at The Bourne Crondall, between the Doctors' surgery and The Bourne (a barn converted last year).
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Cllr Seary noted that CPC are not a statutory consultee as this is a preapplication, but that comments could be made. Limited information has been provided at this stage.

Cllr Argent noted there is scope to comment that this is incremental creeping contrary to points made in previous applications and RUR2.

Cllr Dorn proposed **OBJECTION** on the basis of RUR2 and successive policies in the emerging Local Plan, and concerns about incremental development. This was seconded by Cllr Hebbbron and **AGREED** unanimously.

19/01248/OUT	Land North of Erlands House Bowling Alley Crondall GU10 5RL	Erection of three detached dwellings with garages and new access from Bowling Alley
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CPC considered an application for this site in March 2018 which had a different layout and 3 separate access points from Bowling Alley. CPC objected to that application on the grounds that the development was contrary to Policy RUR2 and RUR3. That application was refused by Hart both on grounds of RUR2 and proximity to the SPA. Hart also cited flooding and highways concerns.

Cllr Seary noted that this is an outline application and is only concerned with layout and access at this stage. There were no questions from Council.

The applicant Toby Wilks spoke to this application having circulated a handout to all Councillors outlining why he thought his application would overcome a number of local policies and those in the nascent Neighbourhood Plan. Allegations were also raised regarding misrepresentation of previous planning applications involving Councillors no longer sitting on CPC.

Cllr Dorn explained that the Council were not required to respond to the allegations raised in Mr Wilks' speech. Cllr Dorn stated that RUR2 is still extant to the Local Plan, and that this is a decision for Hart DC as the decision taker. With respect to the comment Mr Wilks made regarding the appetite for supporting a local gap in the NP, Cllr Dorn noted that it had been broadly supported during the NP Site Section Consultation and he recalled that around 79% of respondents had supported that Local Gap during the Regulation 14 process of the NP. Furthermore, comments specifically referring to the NP now need to be directed to Hart DC under Regulation 16.

Cllr Seary proposed **OBJECTION** as this application is contrary to RUR2 and emerging NBE1 and the Crondall Neighbourhood Plan. This was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (In Favour 4:1 Abstention).

2 members of the public left the meeting.

35/20 Speedwatch Update

Cllr Argent has been in correspondence with Scott Shepherd seeking clarity on his revised proposed budget, but still awaiting final figures. Cllr Argent believed that £500 should cover proposed purchases, but this would not include the purchase of a new SID as Council want to see demonstrated enthusiasm from volunteers before making such a large investment.

36/20 Update from Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Cllr O'Connor had given his apologies for this meeting, and as the Neighbourhood Plan is now out for the Regulation 16 consultation period there was no further update from the NPWG this month.

37/20 Grant Application- Party in the Park

The application for funding for the party in the park on 8th June was retracted as the event made only a small loss with Crondall Events determining a grant was no longer necessary. Heather Shepherd asked the Council to instead consider how they might support VE Day events planned for May 2020. Cllr Dorn advised that they should submit a new grant application for this as soon as possible but well before April 2020.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

38/20 Estates Report

The Estates Report was circulated in advance detailing proposed works to cut back the hedge bordering Castle House, to address the worn out grass on the playground, and to clear out the tractor shed yard. Options were also outlined to ensure the groundsman can work safely when maintaining the zip wire (which is currently out of action). Finally a request for an additional dog waste bag dispenser was considered to be placed at the tennis court entrance of Hook Meadow after ongoing issues with dog fouling around Hook Meadow.

Cllr Hebbron queried whether Poulson's had been approached to quote for the hedge cutting. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that they had not, but would follow up with the Clerk. Cllr Hebbron also offered the use of a working at height platform and agreed to discuss this with Sean. Council had no further questions.

Finance and Risk Management

39/20 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 15 items valued at £5880.21 was proposed by Cllr Argent for authorisation and payment, seconded by Cllr Seary and **AGREED** (In Favour 4:1 Against). An additional 6 purchase authorisation requests valued at £2600 were proposed by Cllr Argent including a revision from the previously circulated payments schedule to allow for £450 rather than £350 for the scaffold tower/bespoke platform. This was seconded by Cllr Seary and **AGREED** (In Favour 4:1 Against).

40/20 Income and Expenditure report for May 2019 and Balance Sheet at 31/05/19

There were no questions and the report was **NOTED**.

41/20 Bank Reconciliation

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she had undertaken an independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for May 2019. No questions were raised. Council **NOTED** the Deputy Clerk's report.

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42/20 Memorial Applications and Burials

Council **NOTED** the report. There was one interment of ashes in an existing plot in June, with two full burials scheduled for July.

43/20 Pang Valley Flood Report

Cllr Dorn gave a brief verbal update with a further written report to follow. A meeting had taken place on 28th May at the Church Rooms with 9 parishioners in attendance. Interesting ideas were discussed including categorising flood risks as fast flow and slow flow to determine management of these risks.

44/20 Footpaths Report

Cllr Hebborn reported that on Footpath 8 by the tennis court the hedge is falling in towards the tennis court. Options to be explored are for either Sean or adjacent residents to tackle this. Footpath 12 is overgrown. On Footpath 4 there had been complaints about hedges between footpath and field, but these have now been cleared. There is an ongoing issue on Footpath 2 with the wall bowing into the path which is a potential hazard. There is a need to establish ownership of this wall and make it safe for pedestrians.

45/20 Staffing Update

Cllr Argent reported that 5 applicants are to be interviewed on 27th and 28th June for the Clerk position. The format will be a 20 minute admin exercise followed by interview with a panel: Mary Harris, Cllr Argent and Cllr Evans.

43/20 Correspondence

Electronic correspondence received during the month had been circulated to Councillors by email. It included:

- Notification of Farnham bike race on 7th July
- Architect enquiry circulated to Councillors re history of a barn at Dippenhall Farm
- Toby Wilks requesting a modified response to NP communication and a FOI request

44/20 Broden Stables

Cllr Dorn proposed that the previously circulated Broden Stables paper entitled *Consideration of making a Grant to the Environmental Law Foundation (ELF)* be dealt with in the main meeting session. Cllr Argent confirmed that all Councillors had read the ELF paper, therefore no need for full repetition of the content in this meeting.

Cllr Argent proposed granting £2000 to the ELF in recognition of their invaluable support in the successful Statutory Review hearing as outlined in the above paper. This was seconded by Cllr Seary and **AGREED** unanimously.

45/20 Other Business

Cllr Argent expressed concerns regarding the best way to progress roads and traffic issues. Cllrs Argent and Lambert both submitted roads and traffics reports to the February 2019 meeting, but as Cllr Lambert was then absent from that meeting the issues were not discussed in full and were postponed to allow time for both Councillors to collaborate on a joint paper. Cllr Argent has had no response from Cllr Lambert to recent attempts to revisit this task. Similarly, Cllr Argent reported that he received no other comments from Councillors following the February report, and urged them to revisit this and share their views.

Cllr Argent asked the Chairman whether Councillors who refuse to use their assigned crondall.gov.uk email addresses are compromising those who then have to continue sending emails to their private email accounts. What action should other Councillors take when communicating with them? Cllr Dorn confirmed that in such circumstances the Councillors refusing to use the email are compromising only themselves, but he will set up email forwarding so that all emails are sent to the crondall.gov.uk emails initially before being forwarded on.

Vanessa Honeyman confirmed that this is to be her last Crondall Parish Council meeting and thanked the Council for their support this year. Cllr Dorn extended thanks in return on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Evans reported that she had attended her first Crondall Society meeting since being elected as the PC representative. Cllr Dorn expressed concerns about errors and misrepresentations in the minutes circulated following this meeting. Cllr Argent urged Cllr Evans to correct such misunderstandings.

46/20 In Committee (Confidential Minutes)

Council discussed the Broden Stables Statutory Review costs.

Signed as a true record dated 27/07/19