

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Monday 26th October 2015 in Crondall Church Rooms

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Roberts - Crondall Parish Council
Cllrs S Gorys, J Kennett - Hart District Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr K Crookes - Hart District Council
Mrs M Harris - Parish Clerk
There were no members of the public in attendance

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and ended at 9.23pm

129/15 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dorn reminded Council of his standing declaration regarding his consultancy role with Hart District Council.

130/15 Minutes of 28th September 2015 meeting

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Dorn, seconded by Cllr Bryant and **AGREED** (In Favour 5:1 Against, 1 Abstention). The Chairman signed the Minutes.

Matters arising from the 28th September 2015 meeting not covered by the agenda

131/15, 111/15, Lighting replacement progress – the Clerk advised that all lights had been installed and were understood to be working correctly, however Cllr Lambert stated that there was a problem with a light (day burning) on Croft Lane, at the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park, which he would report to HCC.

132/15, 112/15, Parish Footpath Map – Cllr Fortune had nothing further to report.

133/15 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk, and Members questions received in advance.

There were no Members questions.

The Chairman advised that there had been a further problem with the Council's website which had required it to be reinstalled from a back-up thereby losing some recently added material. It was down for one night but was now up and running again. It had been determined that this incident was the result of a server problem with the Council's host provider. It was noted that the Council's current 'host' had not performed satisfactorily in recent months and that an alternative would be sought for the coming year.

134/15 Representations by the public

There were no representations.

135/15 County and District Councillors' Report

Cllr Crookes advised that the ground breaking ceremony for the new Leisure Centre had taken place and work was on track. The Council's budget for the next couple of years looked okay at this stage although the authority would be subject to any central government

changes/requirements. The Housing Options paper (part of the Local Plan) will be the subject of an additional Cabinet meeting in November. In response to a question Cllr Crookes stated that he was aware of the Odiham Neighbourhood Plan but not the detail. Cllr Argent was interested in their proposals to protect a specific area of land from further development. The Clerk was requested to investigate with the Odiham Clerk how this was proposed to be set up legally.

136/15 Planning applications

Council considered the planning report supplied by Cllr Lambert.

15/02226/FUL	Bowenhurst Farm Bowenhurst Lane Crondall	Change of use of the land from ancillary hard standing to a Construction Training Centre; including the siting of two temporary office units and associated parking.
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Council reviewed the changes which had been made against those proposed in previous applications. Following discussion Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION**, *Subject to strict conditions and enforcement should they be breached with relation to working hours, vehicle types and noise monitoring.*

This was seconded by Cllr Dorn and **AGREED** (in Favour 6:1 Against).

15/02164/FUL	Bowenhurst Lane Crondall GU10 5RP	Change of use from paddock to mini-golf course with associated ground works, drainage and landscaping, conversion of stables to reception, stores and wcs, conversion of ménage to parking and formation of new access.
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Council were familiar with this proposal having had the opportunity to review it in detail at the pre-application stage. Cllr Lambert recommended **NO OBJECTIONS** subject to the following conditions:

Highway and parking conditions

No floodlighting

Operating hours

All Highway Contributions to be spent on Mill Lane

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

15/02378/HOU and 15/02379/LBC	Chaundlers Farm Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5NX	Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, demolish single storey link between existing house and barn, installation of dormers to front roof pitch, construction of a new garage, various layout changes to the interior of house and barn which includes removal of walls and creation of partitions and openings
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Council was advised that the previous application (for which they had commented NO OBJECTION) had been withdrawn by the applicant following advice from the Conservation Officer who wished the applicant to consider an alternative design and materials for the

proposed orangery and other changes. Council spent a considerable time discussing this application in the light of the proposed changes. A number of proposals were made and defeated as Council strove to express their concerns that the applicant was being forced down a path which resulted in a design and materials less appropriate to the situation than those originally proposed. A majority wished to support the applicant and their sensitive proposals for the work on this site but felt unable to support the revised 'orangery' design and materials.

Cllr Lambert proposed '**NO OBJECTION** to this well thought-out design' – to include some clarifying notes to confirm Council's support of the previous design. This was seconded by Cllr Dorn but the motion **FAILED** (In Favour 3: 4 Against).

2nd Motion

Cllr Hebborn proposed **OBJECTION** *due to the proposed redesign of the orangery, however Crondall Parish Council supports and has no objection to the remainder of the application.* This was seconded by Cllr Bryant and **AGREED** (In Favour 4: 3 Against).

15/02298/HOU and 15/02299/LBC	Byrons Cottages Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5PE	Erection of a two storey extension and internal alterations
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Cllr Dorn proposed **NO OBJECTION**

Subject to materials to match existing.

This was seconded by Cllr Lambert and **AGREED** (In Favour 5: 1 Against).

15/02452/HOU	Court Lodge Croft Lane Crondall GU10 5QF	Construction of a replacement three bay garage following demolition of the existing garage and shed.
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Cllr Dorn proposed **NO OBJECTION**

This was seconded by Cllr Lambert and **AGREED** (In Favour 5: 1 Against).

15/02471/HOU	Travers Farm Well Road Crondall GU10 5HJ	Demolition of existing double garage and construction of new triple garage with room above. Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of an Orangery.
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Cllr Dorn proposed **NO OBJECTION**

This was seconded by Cllr Lambert and **AGREED** (In Favour 5: 1 Against).

Cllr Lambert reported two pre-applications, one for The Brambles (to bring it into one property) and one for a new property in the grounds of Itchel Manor. Cllr Lambert volunteered to circulate the information to councillors. Any planning applications for these projects would be discussed on their merits by Council as they came forward.

137/15 Odiham Neighbourhood Plan consultation

It was generally agreed that the proposed Plan would not affect Crondall. It was **AGREED** that Odiham PC should be thanked for offering Crondall PC the opportunity to comment.

138/15 Update on the Crondall Conservation Area Working Group

Cllr Lambert reported that it had been difficult to arrange meetings but one was scheduled for 9th November but which would not involve Cllr Gorys as he was unavailable. Cllr Lambert was confident that there was some work that could be done and they were trying to make a start. A report to the Council's November meeting was promised.

139/15 Future of the Village Shop

Cllr Dorn stated that he had hoped to have more to share but understands the minutes of the last meeting are still in preparation. The working group has been exploring options, have consulted other community shops and are making good progress. It is likely that there will be a public meeting on 20th November. The purpose of the working group is to create some ideas to present to the village i.e. looking to the future, not advising the current owner on how to manage the shop. Some concerns were expressed about the change in early morning opening hours and it was wondered whether this might present an opportunity for a volunteer.

140/15 Flood Forum update

Cllr Dorn reported briefly on the two local flood forums, a (higher level) multi-agency forum including Hampshire CC and the Hart Flood Forum for parishes and key agencies chaired by Cllr Crookes (at a working level). Unsurprisingly some of the same issues arose at both meetings and lack of progress on some issues was frustrating. Cllr Dorn had undertaken a local Hart river walk with the Hart Flood Risk Representative (Susanna Hope) and a number of issues had been identified for action. On the whole there were many positive signs of owners taking responsibility for their areas. Cllr Dorn was thanked for his role in this initiative.

141/15 Payments and Purchases to be made.

Cllr Groslin queried the street lighting bill. Cllr Argent stated that the bill was actually less than the bill for the same quarter last year. Cllr Dorn asked that Cllr Argent query the lack of a promised credit for the day-burning of some 'new' lights. The payments and purchases to be made were proposed by Cllr Dorn, seconded by Cllr Groslin and **AGREED** unanimously.

142/15 Finance – Balance Sheet

There were no questions on the Income and Expenditure Balance Sheet report to the end of September 2015. Cllr Dorn proposed that the report be **NOTED** and this was agreed unanimously.

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143/15 Estates Report.

Council had received a report, circulated in advance. The report was **NOTED**.

The Clerk reported that a large water bill for the pavilion was shown to be due to a leak in the vicinity of the water meter. Prior to the leak a new meter had been fitted by SE Water and after investigation they agreed to repair the leak (at their expense) and reassess the bill.

144/15 Memorial Applications and Burials.

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

145/15 Correspondence

The Clerk had been contacted by Mr Peter Hall asking whether the Council had received a reply to the letter sent to the owners of Old Parsonage Meadow. He requested that, had no reply been received, that the letter be re-sent. No reply having been received it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would update and resend the letter requesting attention to the maintenance of the meadow and its trees etc.

146/15 AOB:

Cllr Lambert made a number of comments and queries

Car Parking Pay Machines – was this a sensible suggestion (following the meeting with Cllr Morris)? Cllr Argent advised that payment by mobile phone was common these days so no cash was stored. Cllr Dorn also noted that it was not felt that paid parking was appropriate to Crondall and that Cllr Morris had been informed of that view.

Heath Lane potholes – these were poorly filled. Cllr Lambert was advised to report this to HCC in the usual way.

Did Stepping Stones Nursery make a contribution to the new Play Area? The Clerk advised that they did not make a direct contribution but facilitated contributions.

Councillors living in the village. Following a query regarding where councillors live the Chairman stated that it was not his role to check up on people, furthermore this would not affect their role as councillors for the current term as long as they attended the requisite number of meetings.

RFO. When will the Clerk take over the Council's finances? The Clerk is the RFO and is therefore responsible for this, but is assisted by Cllr Argent who manages the day to day transactions.

Dog poo bags

Cllr Groslin suggested a Poo Bag Campaign with advice on where you can get a bag if you need one. Cllr Lambert advised that he has a box of bags available for distribution.

Working party

It was advised that there would not be a working party on the cemetery wall as Sean believed clearing the ivy etc. was his role and it would be undertaken over the winter months. Cllr Argent felt that a working party to clean local street signage would be welcomed.

HATPC

Cllr Argent advised that he had attended the recent meeting and the notes had been circulated.

Assets of Community Value

Cllr Argent requested this be made an Agenda item for Council's next meeting.

HALC AGM

Cllr Dorn attended and advised that there had been discussion regarding the devolution of tasks to parish councils e.g. cutting grass verges and clearing drains. On the surface this sounded like a good idea but there were concerns that the money to provide these services would not be handed down from principal authorities. There were thought to be pros and cons with principal authorities having greater buying power but with parishes having lower overheads and more flexibility. Cllr Argent believed these were ideas that might be worth exploring.

Pothole by the shop

Council was advised that this had been brought to the attention of HCC.

Signed as a true record dated 23/11/2015