

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Monday 27th April 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:** Cllrs K Crookes, J Kennett - Hart District Council
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs M Harris - Parish Clerk
Cllrs S Gorys (until 8.55pm), Hart District Council
Seven members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.33pm and ended at 9.38pm

363/14 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

364/14 Minutes of 23rd March 2015 meeting

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** unanimously. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

Matters arising from the 23rd March 2015 meeting not covered by the agenda

365/14, 344/14, 319/14 Purchase of Roller

The Clerk reported that the roller had now been delivered.

366/14, 351/14 Ball Stop Netting and Fencing

Following the installation of the prototype fence CCC had been given the go ahead but there had been no progress to date. One councillor expressed ongoing concerns about this.

367/14, 358/14 Yew Tree at entrance to Hook Meadow

Cllr Bryant advised that he had assisted Sean to remove the branches as agreed with the Tree Officer. Sean would now tidy the remaining stumps.

368/14, 362/14 Damage to Croft Lane verges

The Clerk apologised that she had overlooked reporting this matter. Cllr Hebbbron advised that more damage had now been done. It was agreed that Cllr Hebbbron would take more pictures and submit these to the Clerk who would forward them with a complaint to the relevant authorities.

369/14, 352/14 Potholes

Cllr Lambert stated that the potholes reported at the previous meeting had been repaired.

370/14 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk, and Members questions received in advance.

The Chairman reported that SM who had left a secure mental health unit in Winchfield had been found and returned. During the past week the Crondall Scout Hut had been broken into and a large amount of internal damage caused. Some items of camping gear were stolen. Police were not now linking this to SM's disappearance.

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting is the AGM, which presents an opportunity for individuals to take on new roles. The Clerk was asked to circulate a pro-forma indicating the roles available. Members were asked to contact the Chairman to indicate which roles they are interested in.

371/14 Representations by the public

There were no representations other than on planning matters.

372/14 District Councillors' Report.

Cllr Gorys gave a brief update on the Hart Local Plan which was proceeding to the timetable previously advised, with consultation expected in September.

In response to a question Cllr Gorys explained that the work being undertaken at the entrance to Calthorpe Park School was to replace the Thames Water sewage pumping station. This work is due to be finished in March 2016 when the area will be landscaped and reseeded.

Cllrs Gorys was thanked for his attendance and update.

373/14 Planning applications

Councillors referred to the report circulated in advance by Cllr Lambert.

15/00859/HOU	1 Elm Cottage Pankridge Street Crondall GU10 5QX	Two storey rear extension
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Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION**

Subject to the inclusion of obscure glass in the new first floor side window

this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** unanimously.

15/00628/HOU	Orchard Court Church Street Crondall GU10 5QP	Single storey front extension to provide conservatory
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Mr Warren a resident of Orchard Court spoke against the application. He had three principle objections:

- The new wall which it was proposed be created to accommodate the conservatory would be out of scale and out of keeping with the remainder of the development
- The application was out of sympathy with the remainder of the development
- The destruction of the curved boundary wall which was intrinsic to the design of all the properties at Orchard Court.

Councillors took the opportunity to question Mr Warren further and noted the comments of the Conservation Officer; they further noted that there appeared to be an error in that the elevation plans were mislabelled.

Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION**, no seconder was found and the motion failed.

Cllr Roberts proposed **OBJECTION**

The proposal is not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings of the existing property or the existing development, as such it would be detrimental to the Crondall Conservation Area.

The elevation plans appear to be misleading with regards to the compass directional titles.

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

15/00882/FUL	Horsedown Farm Well Road Well Hook RG29 1TL	Temporary equestrian workers dwelling (extension of time for a further 2 years)
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This is a Neighbouring Parish application. The application is in Long Sutton and Well Parish.

Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION** this was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** unanimously.

15/00588/PRIOR	Barn at Longlees	Prior Notification under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended) of Proposed Change of use from Agricultural Barn at Longlees to Residential.
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This is a Neighbouring Parish application.

Cllr Lambert proposed **NO OBJECTION**

Note: Any S106 or CIL highway contributions must be spent on improvements to Redlands Lane. A Construction Method Statement approved before construction begins to route heavy traffic via the A287 and not Pankridge Street.

Crandall Parish Council are concerned that they are unable to have any input into the design features of this type of application

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

Cllr Lambert reported that a pre-application had been received in respect of 1 The Withies regarding a change of windows from brown to white.

374/14 To discuss the response of Hart DC to the Council's communication regarding the maintenance of Old Parsonage Meadow.

It was generally agreed that the response from Hart DC was disappointing. After discussion about the specific problems identified i.e. lack of maintenance, failure to maintain views etc.

Cllr Argent suggested, and after discussion it was unanimously **AGREED**, that Council should write to the owners requesting their attention to the matters highlighted and in particular to the welfare of the specimen trees on the site.

375/14 To consider setting up a Conservation Area Monitoring Group

The suggestion to set up a group arose out of recent discussions on the maintenance of Old Parsonage Meadow, however it had originally been suggested as a part of the Crondall Conservation Management Plan. Following discussion it was suggested that as the Council's Planning Lead Cllr Lambert might take the lead on setting up a group. Membership was discussed. Cllr Argent formally proposed setting up a working group, this was seconded by Cllr Roberts and **AGREED** unanimously. The Clerk was requested to write to Hart DC asking them to nominate a District Councillor representative, also to the Crondall Society and the Conservation Area Action Group asking them to nominate their representative to the group. Peter Hall asked that Council might also consider the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman suggested Mr Hall bring a formal proposal to the Council's June meeting.

376/14 Playground Update and Opening

The Clerk advised Council that following a successful opening celebration the playground was now fully operational and proving extremely popular. In response to a question the Chairman advised that a harness could be purchased for the accessible swing seat if a specific need was identified. The Chairman expressed concern regarding the location of the rocks adjacent to the scooter track and it was **AGREED** that these could be moved as long as their function as seats, jumps and stepping stones was not lost. It was noted that a long-armed ratchet and 27ml socket was required to tension the zip-wire, some felt that this should have been supplied as a part of the contract. The clerk was requested to approach the playground's suppliers regarding this matter. The final invoice awaits payment.

377/14 Letter to the Village Hall Committee

The text of a draft letter (responding to concerns raised by the Village Hall at the recent APM) having previously been circulated it was recommended for acceptance by Cllr Dorn.

This was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** unanimously. The Clerk was requested to send the letter.

378/14 Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan consultation

Crookham Village had requested a formal response from Crondall Parish Council. Cllr Dorn proposed use of the draft previously circulated, this was seconded by Cllr Roberts. Cllr Lambert felt unable to support the proposed draft due to the comments on social housing in urban areas. The response was **AGREED** (In favour 6:1 Against :1 Abstention).

379/14 Appointment of Trustees

The Council had received a request to appoint / reappoint Trustees to two local charities. During the course of discussion it became clear that Council had no clear idea of its relationship with these charities and its responsibilities with regard to appointments. It was therefore **AGREED** that the matter of appointments be deferred until the May AGM in order to allow the Clerk to obtain the necessary information and guidance.

380/14 Amendment of the Burial Regulations

In recent weeks it had become clear that the December 2014 Burial Regulations as written do not accurately reflect Council's wish in regard to the definition of 'eligible residence'. After considerable discussion and debate Cllr Dorn proposed the suspension of Standing Orders to enable a decision to be made on a matter which was within the 6 month limit. This was seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (In Favour 5:4 Against) including the Chairman's casting vote. Cllr Dorn then proposed agreement of a modification to the Regulations which would ensure the Parish Boundary is defined and that the only people classed as 'eligible resident' are those who have lived within the Parish for 10 years or who have been on the Electoral Roll of the Parish Church for ten years. This was **AGREED** (In Favour 5:4 Against) including the Chairman's casting vote.

381/14 Defibrillator proposal

Council felt it had insufficient information on this project. Cllr Roberts agreed to bring a fully 'worked up' proposal including costings and location to the Council's June meeting. This was welcomed as a positive way forward.

382/14 Finance - Payments and Purchases to be Made.

Cllr Hebborn questioned why the refurbishment of the 'horse' had cost so much more than the estimate? The Chairman explained that this was because certain elements of the work e.g. removing the old bearings had been more difficult and costly than expected. He pointed out that the refurbishment was still VFM at only 25% the price of a new horse. Further questions were asked about the new street lights which appeared to be on 'all day'. It was reported that the Clerk was active in trying to resolve this matter. Cllr Argent requested the addition of one additional payment - £30 for electricity.

Acceptance of the 'payments and purchases to be made' was proposed by Cllr Dorn, seconded by Cllr Fortune and **AGREED** (In Favour 6:2 Against).

383/14 Finance – Balance Sheet

There was no Balance Sheet report as it was the end of the Financial Year and the books were with the Internal Auditor. The Final Accounts would be presented to the Council's next meeting.

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384/14 Estates report.

As it was only a week from the Annual Parish Meeting where he had given a comprehensive report Cllr Bryant reported verbally to note no changes since the APM. He reported on the

state of the football field and that the Groundsman was preparing to get a quotation for the annual servicing of the power tools.

385/14 Memorial Applications and Burials.

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

386/14 Broadband update

Cllr Hebbroon had no new information to report.

387/14 AGM Reports

The Crondall Society – Cllr Roberts reported on the main activities during the past year, these being concerned with the management and maintenance of the Conservation Area and preparing an objection as a response to the proposed Watery Lane development. The Society had raised the issue of the map at the entrance to Hook Meadow and wondered whether it might be refurbished? Cllrs Lambert and Fortune agreed to investigate what might be possible.

Crondall Village Hall – Cllr Lambert provided a copy of the Annual Accounts for circulation. The Minutes of the AGM will be circulated when published. Cllr Lambert queried his role in relation to the Village Hall Committee contesting that it was one of liaison not representation. It was however pointed out that the Role List agreed at the Council's last AGM specifically used the word representative. Cllr Lambert indicated that if this were the case it was his wish to resign from this role with immediate effect.

388/14 Correspondence

No correspondence had been received other than that of a routine nature e.g. utility bills etc.

389/14 AOB:

- Cllr Groslin raised concerns about the old fencing to the rear of the houses at Chaundlers Croft that was encroaching onto the footpath. It was believed that the householder was responsible for this having erected a wood panel fence in front of the old fence. Cllr Bryant volunteered to establish the number of the property concerned so that the Clerk could write to the householder asking them to clear the path. The Chairman encouraged councillors to photograph and share such issues when they were discovered and be extremely clear on the location, this would allow them to be checked and action taken more effectively.
- Cllr Argent reported that 50% of the Precept had been received. He wished to offer his thanks to whoever was responsible for getting the pot-holes in Dippenhall Street fixed so quickly. He was concerned at the ongoing issues with the street lighting in the village. This was echoed by other councillors. Cllr Dorn proposed a special resolution expressing the Council's disappointment with the contractors and HCC's actions in regard to the PFI contract. This was seconded by Cllr argent and **AGREED** unanimously.
- Cllr Dorn reported briefly on the recent HDATPC meeting which he had attended and which notes he had previously circulated. He reported that he was now following up on a request at the meeting to view and understand Hart's schedule plan for the creation of the Local Development Plan, to which end he had arranged a meeting with Daryl Phillips and other Hart DC officers to view and discuss the schedule plan.
- Cllr Hebbroon reported on the large amounts of dog mess in the village, especially in the alley way to Well Road (Cllr Dorn had picked some up that very evening). The Clerk stated that she had tried to contact the Hart Dog Warden without success. Cllr Lambert said he would assist with this matter.

Signed as a true record dated 18/05/2015