

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held Monday 22nd November 2021

PRESENT

Councillor R Freeman-Griffiths – Chairman

Councillors D Argent, R Fitzhugh, N Lambert, J Taylor and S Worthington

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Glen – Hampshire County Council
A Angove – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES:

Councillors Crookes, Dorn and Kennett - Hart DC

No members of the public attended the meeting. *The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and ended at 10.04 pm.*

115/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

116/22 To approve and adopt the Minutes of 18th October 2021

The Minutes of the Council meeting were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously.

117/22 Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

- Estate Improvements (82/22) – “Currently use of the S106 money from Cala Homes is restricted to Hook Meadow. It was agreed that bearing in mind that the use of the money is for the development of recreation facilities, that a request be made to Cala and HDC that the definition be increased to include Farnham Road Recreation Ground.” The Clerk confirmed that a meeting with HDC had been arranged for 24th November to discuss this matter. An update of this meeting and any decisions would be provided to the Parish Council.
- Letter to Farnborough Airport re Remembrance Sunday – the Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent reminding them of the issues last year when planes were taking off and landing during the two minutes silence. No response had been received but it was noted that there was no local airplane activity at 11.00 am on Remembrance Sunday.

118/22 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

The Clerk updated the meeting on reports of vandalism in the village over the weekend, and asked Councillors to remind parishioners to remain vigilant and to report incidents of vandalism to the police. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the PCSO with a view to identifying any preventative action that could be taken, potentially in conjunction with the school.

The Clerk reminded councillors that, following the resignation of Cllr Douglas, there were now 2 vacancies for councillors the second of which was being advertised. Depending on the outcome, there will either be an election held after 2nd December or CPC will look to co-opt new members, potentially during the December meeting.

Parishioners have raised concerns about parking around the Broden Stables / Haycroft development, with many of the passing points being obstructed by parked cars. Whilst it is likely that this may in part be due to the works on Pankridge Street, the issue has nevertheless been raised with Cala Homes.

119/22 County Councillors' Reports

County Councillor - Cllr Glen:

With regard to the Wilson plant, no decision has yet been made, as further information regarding biodiversity is awaited. Current indications suggest that HCC are minded to agree to the development but Cllr Glen will ensure that the interests of Crondall parishioners are not overlooked by HCC. There will be a regulatory committee held in Winchester on 15th December at which CPC will request attendance. Cllr Glen requested that the Clerk re-send a copy of CPC's original letter of objection to him.

The retrospective permission for a waste plant at Calf Lane Quarry is presenting similar issues, with a liaison committee being established to include representation from HDC and Odiham.

Cllr Glen noted that he had not been contacted by a specific Particular Councillor as agreed, regarding the offer of a site visit around Crondall to view the state of the roads. Despite this, Cllr Glen confirmed that he had visited Crondall independently and in his opinion, felt that the roads around the village are in reasonably good condition, noting that there are some potholes on Pankridge Street. It was agreed that Cllr Lambert create a condition report, including photographic evidence, and descriptions of where, and why concerns exist for information for HCC. This would be done before the December meeting.

District Councillor – Cllr Crookes:

A written report had been distributed to all councillors with Cllr Argent expressing disappointment as it contained information relating to activities long since passed.

120/22 Representations by the public

There were no representations by the public.

121/22 Planning Applications

Applications were considered in line with the previously circulated Planning Report and presented by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths.

21/02537/FUL	28 St Cross Road Crondall GU10 5PG	Demolition of existing conservatory and two outbuildings and erection of a bike store and to serve host dwelling and two-bedroom dwelling with integral garage and new access from Chaundlers Croft.
Recommendation: To OBJECT on the grounds that the proposal would be contrary to policies SS1, NBE3 and NBE9 of HLP32, Saved Policy GEN1 and Crondall Neighbourhood Plan Policies 2d and 3 on the basis of: • Location: The site is not previously developed land and would represent "infill development" on a residential garden, which should be avoided given the lack of identified "need"; • Design and Character of the Area: The proposal would impact negatively on the character/appearance of the area as it would harm the spaciousness/openness feeling which are all strong positive features of the area. The meeting discussed the application in the light of its rejection by the Planning Inspectorate on the sole basis of no contribution being secure for SANG. Despite the Inspectorate concluding that the proposed development would not "harm" the character of the area, the principal issue is that the application constitutes a garden infill		

with a separate dwelling and that the detail had not changed since February 2021 when CPC considered it would have a harmful impact. There was some discussion about the number of 2-bedroom houses in Crondall and it was acknowledged that Broden Stables would introduce more 2-bedroom dwellings, however there was no basis to change CPC's decision.

Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed, seconded by Cllr Taylor, and AGREED (in favour 4: against 2).

21/02597/HOU	Thorns Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5NX	Demolition of lean to and erection of a single storey extension and associated alterations; sundry internal and external alterations.
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Recommendation: **No Objection** subject to the usual conditions being placed on the permission regarding prior approval of materials and a construction traffic plan to ensure appropriate traffic management is in place.

Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed, seconded by Cllr Fitzhugh and AGREED unanimously.

21/02203/HOU	Bathurst House Church Street Crondall GU10 5QQ	Erection of a single storey side extension following demolition of existing, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation to include the extension of the dormer window to the first floor south, erection of a boundary wall, erection of a detached outbuilding, creation of a pool, alterations to all windows to east, north and west elevations and doors to ground floor south elevation, insertion of window to ground floor west and internal alterations.
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Recommendation: **No Objection** subject to the usual conditions being placed on the permission regarding prior approval of materials and a construction traffic plan to ensure appropriate traffic management is in place.

Cllr Argent questioned one of the points made in Cllr Freeman-Griffiths slides about the prevention of harm or loss to the existing buildings. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths confirmed that the garage conversion was planned to be a barn-style building that is more in keeping with the main building. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed, seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously.

21/02645/FUL	Furney Copse Farm Crondall Road Crookham Village GU51 5SZ	Retention of temporary agricultural dwelling for 3 years.
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Recommendation: **No Objection** provided that:

- Given the acceptability of the proposal is based on the need for an agricultural workers' dwelling, the permission must be tied to the agricultural unit only;
- 3 year time limit;
- Appropriate SANG contribution is legally secured.

Clarification of the proposed 3-year timescale was sought. The reason for the requirement was for temporary accommodation (given the business is a relatively new enterprise). At the end of the 3 years the building would either need to be removed or a change of use applied for.. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed, seconded by Cllr Fitzhugh and AGREED (in favour 4: against 1, abstained 1).

21/02859/HOU	Bowling Hill Cottage Bowling Alley Crondall GU10 5RL	Erection of a side orangery
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Recommendation: No Objection.

There were no questions raised. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

122/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Clerk provided the council with a short update, highlighting the need for councillors (in addition to the Clerk) to submit proposals and ideas for commemorating the event for wider agreement.

123/22 Council's Budget and Precept for 2022/23

The Clerk had provided a draft proposal for the budget and precept for 2022-2023 prior to the meeting, which formed the basis for the discussion. It was noted that \$106 money, whilst included in the numbers, was not relevant to discussions about precept increases. The council, cognisant of cost-of-living increase in recent times, felt that there was little justification for a precept increase in the coming year. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed that the 2022/23 precept remain unchanged from the 2021/22 precept, seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously.

PROJECTS:-

124/22 Estate Improvements and the allocation of \$106 monies

A report including a number of quotes for re-surfacing in the Hook Meadow play area had been circulated by Cllr Fitzhugh. It was noted that the preferred option for shock pads for tall/high apparatus would represent a £15,000 saving on the alternative mulch option, but at £19,000 still represented a large sum. It was agreed that a like-for-like option be costed and reviewed by the council in December, with a view to finalising a decision on the way forward.

It was questioned whether metal fencing around the play area was in keeping with the environment, and it was agreed that a decision on the pros and cons of the different options would be made at the December meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Fitzhugh for all his hard work.

125/22 Conservation Area Review

Cllr Freeman-Griffiths provided a brief update on progress to date. A meeting with the consultants, ABA, and the Clerk, Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, District Councillor Dorn and a representative of the Crondall Conservation Action Group took place on 19th November 2021.

ABA had reviewed the current conservation area and recommended expanding it. HDC have responded confirming that they are willing to consider any proposed changes, which in turn would trigger paragraph 10.2 of the current Conservation Area document. These potential changes to the conservation area were discussed and it was agreed that ABA would prepare a formal outline which Cllr Freeman-Griffiths hoped to be able to present to the Parish Council next month or January 2022. In turn, these proposals are to be communicated to the village, whilst not part of the formal consultation process, feedback will form the basis for the next stages.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT:-

126/22 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 12 items including Payroll valued at £6,677.88 was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** unanimously.

127/22 To Consider and Agree a list of items for spending requests

The Clerk provided background on the spending request, namely professional services in connection with the completion of annual returns and cancelling of the FCA Registration of Crondall Community Store Limited. Cllr Argent proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Fitzhugh and AGREED unanimously.

128/22 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet to 31st October 2021

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

129/22 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for September 2021

The Clerk had confirmed in writing prior to the meeting that she had undertaken an independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for October 2021. No questions were raised. Council NOTED the Clerk's report.

REPORTS:-**130/22 Clerk's Report**

The report having been distributed in advance of the meeting; the Clerk drew the meeting's attention to some pertinent items.

- Headstone application authorisation – the Clerk explained the circumstances where an application for a headstone had been made which included a coloured floral design. Whilst there is one example of a coloured design in the Burial Ground, this headstone was installed before the changes to the Regulations in 2015. The proposed design does not fall into the current regulations and is further complicated, not only because the applicant is a former councillor but also because he commissioned the design without seeking prior approval. The Clerk therefore sought Councillor's input on whether to allow the design or not. There was a short debate where it was noted that a recent application along similar lines had been rejected and that it was important not to set a precedent where it would appear decisions are made favouring former councillors. Cllr Argent proposed that the application in its current form be rejected in favour of an etched floral design, with no added colour. This was seconded by Cllr Lambert and AGREED (in favour 4 : against 1 : abstained 1).
- Croft Lane Bus Shelter – feedback on the new bus shelter has been generally positive, although several parishioners have questioned the need for a new bus shelter given the lack of a public bus service. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the decision had been made to replace the bus shelter to provide shelter during inclement weather for children catching school buses.

The Clerk confirmed that due to vandalism of the Croft Lane bus shelter, particularly to the roof and one of the sides, Parish Council agreement was required to proceed with remedial works. It was noted that this bus shelter is used quite regularly and agreement was given.

- Video Conferencing and proposed Mill Lane defibrillator – Cllr Taylor volunteered to take on the responsibility for these projects following the departure of Cllr Douglas.
- Crondall/Ewshot Community Fibre Project – Cllr Worthington agreed to liaise with Ewshot Parish Council, with a view to representing CPC on this project.

The report was NOTED.

131/22 Road and Traffic Report

As agreed previously in the meeting, Cllr Lambert confirmed that he would be liaising with Cllr Glen with a view to providing the Parish Council with an up-to-date written record of road and traffic issues throughout the parish. This should, where relevant, include photographic evidence.

132/22 Footpaths Report

Cllr Taylor provided a verbal update, confirming that she would be meeting with Mr Butler to discuss the footpath by the winery and would report back to the Parish Council.

133/22 Correspondence

It was confirmed that all email correspondence has been circulated to councillors.

134/22 Any Other Business

With a view to the ongoing issues with vandalism from a small group of teenagers, Cllr Lambert questioned whether there was anything the Parish Council could do to help. The Clerk suggested she liaise with HDC and the PCSO to identify any schemes or help that may be available. In addition, it was suggested by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths that the PCSO be approached to present to the Parish Council at a future monthly meeting or the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk requested that Councillors agree whether, in light of the restricted ability to set up the meeting in the Church Room due to the café, they wished to continue holding the monthly meetings there or would prefer to move to the Village Hall. It was confirmed that Councillors would email the Clerk their opinion.

Signed as a true record dated 20th December 2021