

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday 25th April 2022

PRESENT	Councillor R Freeman-Griffiths – Chairman Councillors D Argent, R Fitzhugh, N Lambert and S Worthington
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr C Dorn – Hart DC A Angove – Parish Clerk
APOLOGIES:	Councillor G Smith Councillor J Glen – Hampshire County Council Councillors K Crookes and J Kennett - Hart DC

One member of the public attended the meeting. *The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.30 pm.*

207/22 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fitzhugh declared a non-pecuniary interest as a near neighbour of planning application 22/00501/HOU (Imley Cottage) but it was agreed that the interest was such that it would not prevent him from taking part in the discussion and subsequent vote.

208/22 To approve and adopt the Minutes of 21st March 2022

The Minutes of the Council meeting were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (in favour 4 : against 1).

209/22 Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

The Clerk confirmed that there were no matters arising not otherwise on the Agenda for the meeting.

210/22 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

There were no announcements.

211/22 County and District Councillors' Reports

District Cllr Chris Dorn provided a verbal update, specifically:

- Sadly announced the death of Cllr Sharyn Wheale, a long standing Hart District Councillor.
- A287/Redfield roundabout, work has started. It is understood that this is inconvenient, but this is the plan agreed by HCC Highways. Cllr Dorn confirmed that, where possible to de-conflict with other works this will be done, but HCC is reluctant to change much and with the A287 roadworks lasting a year other works cannot be delayed. As a result, there will be occasional conflicting closures.
- Green waste collection have been suspended due to staff shortage, as many organisations struggle with finding sufficient drivers and the “pingdemic” affects crews. Hart is prioritising general waste collection. Following strong pressure from the Conservative Group, residents should have their contracts extended to compensate.

- Concerns remain about the situation at Hart with a constantly evolving budget situation and seeming obscuration in how various grants are accounted for. The situation is complex, and Cllr Crookes has been doing sterling work highlighting these issues.
- A Fleet resident has been ordered to pay more than £2,000 after pleading guilty to cutting down protected trees in a conservation area.
- Residents across the district are experiencing the lack of preventative work that used to be undertaken by the Dog Warden. The loss of this service has negative impacts for many residents.
- Cllr Dorn confirmed that he had been following up on some individual resident issue, expressing disappointment that 28 Finns Business Park is being re-submitted.
- The Flood Forum will be taking place in May (the Clerk confirmed details had been received and forwarded to the relevant councillor).
- Following on from the recent Community Safety meeting, an update meeting had been held where it was confirmed that the police are not receiving as many reports of antisocial behaviour, but they were pursuing further action with one individual (for the purposes of confidentiality, no further information was provided). Hart will be running schemes in the various parishes over the summer, details of which will be distributed once available.
- Parishioners on the affordable housing scheme were reminded to re-register.

Parish Councillors made a number of observations including noting that it was felt that reports of anti-social behaviour in the village, had lessened.

County Cllr Glen, having sent his apologies, had provided a written report, which had been distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr Argent noted that there was a focus within the report on what HCC are doing to help Ukraine, questioning whether Hart are running similar schemes. Cllr Dorn confirmed that all details can be found on the HDC website.

In addition, Cllr Argent questioned whether Cllr Dorn was aware of the frustrations around the position on how many roles can be included in the Parish Councillor by-election. Cllr Dorn confirmed that he was aware but would raise the matter with Hart.

212/22 Representations by the public

The Clerk confirmed that no representations had been received.

213/22 Planning Applications

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

22/00431/HOU	Little Dares Pankridge Street Crondall GU10	Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and replacement of window to ground floor rear with bi-fold doors.
Recommendation: No Objection subject to a (1) condition requiring all construction vehicles to park off-road within the boundary of the property so as to minimise the construction impact on Pankridge Street and (2) prior approval of all external materials.		
No questions were raised. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Fitzhugh and AGREED unanimously.		

22/00501/HOU	Imley Cottage Church Street Crondall GU10 5QQ	Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, insertion of window and canopy to front elevation, and internal works.
Recommendation: No Objection subject to a (1) condition requiring a construction traffic management plan to minimise disruption on Church Street and (2) prior approval of all external materials. Cllr Lambert noted that there are already issues with traffic due to ongoing developments on Church Street and due to the lack of parking available on this particular property, any work would exacerbate this. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths agreed that it was an issue, hence the inclusion of a construction traffic management plan. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.		
21/03250/FUL	Street Record Alton Road Odiham, Hook,	Underground cable route and associated works between Alton Road (B3349) and the Fleet Sub-station.
Recommendation: No Objection subject to: • Condition requiring HDD when the cable crosses Coxmoor Woodland, hedgerows and important habitats and water areas; • Condition requiring pre-commencement archaeology investigation works with any findings recorded; • Condition requiring replacement planting where any tree/hedgerow is removed on a 2 for 1 basis. No questions were raised. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Fitzhugh and AGREED (in favour 4 : abstained 1)		
22/00615/AMCON	28 St Cross Road Crondall GU10 5PG	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) attached to Planning Permission 21/02537/FUL dated 22/12/2021 to substitute existing drawing for revised drawing.
Recommendation: Objection on grounds that: • The description of development in the planning permission refers to an “integral garage”. This is being removed by the revised plans, which cannot happen through a variation. A new planning application should be submitted • The increased elevations are unacceptable in that they would have a negative impact on the character/appearance of the area. The proposed elevations are similar to that dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate for these reasons. Cllr Argent questioned whether the proposed amendments would in turn cause issues with agreed parking policy and suggested that this be included within the response to HDC. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed with the additional inclusion of a possible breach of parking standards. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED (if favour 3 : against 2).		

214/22 To consider the results of the recent Facilities survey and agree next steps, including the identification of a Parish Councillor to lead the project.

The Clerk had distributed a report outlining the response to the survey and suggested way forward. Cllr Lambert expressed disappointment at the number of responses received. Parish Councillors agreed but that at this stage, all avenues of communicating the survey had been exhausted and it was important that the Parish Council act on feedback received, if responses to surveys are to increase going forward.

Within the report the Clerk had recommended that based on feedback, Councillors should concentrate on the four facilities which have received the most responses and weigh them up against certain criteria, including cost, feasibility, complexity of provision, availability of resource to manage it and in

turn, speed with which it could be introduced. There is definitely an appetite within the village to “do something”, with particular criticism of past initiatives taking too long etc. There are often reasons for these delays, not least of which is the need to go out to tender for larger projects and other considerations such as planning but these don’t necessarily hold much sway from a PR point of view.

Following a wide-ranging discussion, Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed that the Clerk investigate the installation of a youth shelter on Hook Meadow including design, costings and location. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths confirmed that he would liaise with Hart re any planning restrictions and Cllr Fitzhugh as Estate Lead agreed to be the contact point for the Clerk moving forward.

215/22 To consider and agree the request for Parish Council support for the regeneration of the Pill Box on Hook Meadow, including any financial implications.

Unfortunately, Mr Assael who has been promoting this venture was unable to join the meeting but the Clerk had provided the meeting with a report prior to the meeting outlining the situation to date and confirming that following on from last month’s meeting, where it was agreed that in general the Parish Council was in favour of the regeneration project, Mr Assael was now seeking confirmation of any financial contribution, specifically to cover the cost of adding a metal door and bars to the entrance and windows of the pill box.

Copies of two quotes had been provided to councillors and based on this, it was proposed that a one-off contribution of £1,000 be made with a view that any remaining funds would be raised through other means such as contributions from parishioners. This was proposed by Cllr Worthington, seconded by Cllr Lambert and AGREED (in favour 4 : against 1).

216/22 To agree the content, format, and proposed change of date of the Annual Parish Meeting

Due to availability issues, it was proposed that the meeting, originally scheduled for 9th May be postponed to 30th May 2022. The new date was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Argent, and AGREED unanimously.

A copy of the proposed parish communication having been previously distributed to all Parish Councillors; the Clerk confirmed that a copy of the template would be forwarded to the relevant councillors with an outline of what would need to be included on their slides. Cllr Lambert confirmed that he would source drinks and glasses for the meeting.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT:-

217/22 To note the Internal Auditor’s Interim Report

No questions were raised and the report was NOTED.

218/22 To Consider and Agree requests for donations:-

- **Hart Swimming Club** – following on from last month’s meeting, where it was agreed that the application be considered once further information on how many Crondall residents are members of the Club, it was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths that at this stage the Parish Council would rather concentrate their financial attention on initiatives more directly associated with the village. Seconded by Cllr Fitzhugh and AGREED unanimously.
- **Crondall Events** – following last month’s meeting, the Clerk had had a discussion with Mrs Shepherd of Crondall Events to gain a greater understanding on what the plans for the Jubilee

weekend are and how any financial contribution from the Parish Council would be used. The Clerk suggested, in view of the length of the event and importance, that a one-off contribution of £1,000 be made. This was proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr Worthington, and AGREED unanimously.

219/22 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 13 items including the repairs to the playground equipment and resurfacing, annual SAGE and HALC fees plus Payroll valued at £31,297.43 was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Argent, and **AGREED** unanimously.

220/22 To Consider and Agree a list of items for spending requests

The items listed for authorisation, namely the provision of £1,000 towards the refurbishment of Hook Meadow pillbox as agreed earlier in the meeting was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Worthington, and **AGREED** (in favour 4 : against 1).

221/22 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet to 31st March 2022

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

222/22 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation March 2022

The Clerk had confirmed in writing prior to the meeting that she had undertaken an independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for March 2022. No questions were raised. Council **NOTED** the Clerk's report.

REPORTS:-

223/22 Clerk's Report

A full report had been circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. No questions were raised, and the report was **NOTED**.

224/22 Correspondence

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

225/22 Any Other Business

The Clerk confirmed that she had received a first draft of the new website but had as yet not had the opportunity to review it.

Cllr Argent requested that a communication be sent out to the parish asking that out of date flyers attached to telegraph poles within the village be removed.

Signed as a true record dated 23rd May 2022