

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday 21st March 2022

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

Two members of the public attended the meeting, including Mr Assael who had registered to address the meeting. *The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm and ended at 9.36 pm.*

187/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

188/22 To approve and adopt the Minutes of 21st February 2022

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

189/ 22 To approve and adopt the In-Committee Minutes of 20th February 2022

The Minutes of the Council in-committee meeting were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (in favour 5 : against 1)

190/22 Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

- Burial Regulations (178/22) – the Clerk confirmed that the new Regulations and corresponding charges agreed at the previous meeting would be introduced from 1st May.
- Footpath 2 (186/22) – with the help of NE Hampshire Ramblers and local volunteers the footpath had been successfully cleared. The Parish Council extended their thanks to all those involved.

191/22 To approve and appoint a new Councillor

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the election process used to date, and confirmed that one candidate had put themselves forward within the timescales, adding that following the recent resignation of Cllr Taylor due to work commitments, there are currently two vacancies. As a result, this vacancy would need to be advertised as before to allow parishioners to opportunity to request a by-election. The Clerk requested the candidate, Mr Blue Hammerton, provide the councillors with a brief introduction and respond to any questions, which he duly did.

A number of questions were raised by Councillors, including whether Mr Hammerton felt that living outside the parish, he would be able to represent and understand the concerns of the village. Mr Hammerton felt he classed himself as a villager, having spent much of his childhood living there and was keen to reintroduce much of the activities and feel of that time.

The candidate was requested to temporarily leave the meeting to allow the Parish Council to discuss his application. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed that in light of the recent resignation of another councillor and the potential of a by-election, the decision be postponed so that both vacancies can be voted on together. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed the deferral of the co-option along these lines. Seconded by Cllr Fitzhugh and **AGREED** (in favour 5 : against 1).

Mr Hammerton was informed and confirmed that he was content with the deferral decision, was still interested in the vacancy, and would await an update from the Clerk.

192/22 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Facilities Survey had gone live and to date the response had been positive. Results would be reported to the Parish Council at the next meeting, with a view to providing the Parish with a full update and plan at the May Annual Parish Meeting.

In addition, the Clerk confirmed that she was looking into the provision of a shed/building for the youth of the parish. This is not to pre-empt the outcome of the questionnaire but was in response to a discussion with a member of the public. They, along with Rev Tara have liaised with HDC and Fleet Phoenix, a local charity which specifically looks to create opportunities for early intervention with young people in the Hart district.

There were no further announcements.

193/22 County and District Councillors' Reports

District Cllr Chris Dorn provided a verbal update, specifically:

- Confirmed that he would keep posting the more major roadworks on the Crondall FB page but does encourage people to sign up to OneNetwork and set their own personal areas for which they can receive email updates.
- The Hart budget includes planned cost savings, but next year will force difficult decisions that have been avoided for now. Although a balance budget, many District Councillors felt they were unable to support it, as it contained unplanned spend, in particular a £250k 'slush fund' for climate change projects. Although very much in favour of such projects, there was no information, plan, or vision (9 months after a 'climate emergency' had been declared) on how the money might be spent.
- The Local Plan Assessment is being delayed as Hart await government clarity. Cllr Dorn feeling that they could do more sooner. The target will never stay fixed for long.
- The annual Brownfield Register has been published. It is quite modest as it only includes smaller sites that owners ask to be listed and are considered "developable".
- Parishioners have until 4th April to register for postal votes.
- Cllr Dorn announced that regrettably Cllr Ken Crookes will be standing down and our huge thanks to him for over 17 years of service to the Ward and District. The Conservatives' candidate at the forthcoming election will be Jon Hale (ex-Chairman of Odiham PC). Other political parties are available.

Cllr Argent requested clarity on who is responsible and therefore should be contacted to clear the old roadwork signs littered around the village. Cllr Dorn confirmed that Highways falls under HCC and he would liaise with Cllr Glen.

County Cllr Glen, having sent his apologies, had provided a written report, which had been distributed prior to the meeting.

194/22 Representations by the public

- Hook Meadow Pill Box refurbishment project – following last month’s meeting Mr Assael sought confirmation from the Parish Council that they do support the project and in particular sought to gain clarity on financial support. It was explained that not having been included on the Agenda as a specific proposal, the Parish Council could not vote on the topic and that whilst the general idea has been “warmly” received, until the outcome of the questionnaire is available, along with the necessary impact on finances, no decision could be made about available sums.

With the pill box situated on Parish land, Mr Assael suggested that a councillor be appointed to act as a liaison with the project going forward. Cllr Worthington confirmed that he would be happy to take on the role were a project to proceed.

It was agreed that a motion in support of the project would be included on next month’s Agenda but that in the meantime, Mr Assael could communicate with the wider village. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths pointed out that any reference to Parish Council potential support must be approved by the Clerk prior to publication.

195/22 Planning Applications

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

Cllr Lambert left the meeting, stating that he did not support Cllr Freeman-Griffiths’ recommendation regarding the first planning application but did not provide further information.

21/02852/HOU	7 Glebe Road, Crondall GU10 5RP	Demolition of sunroom and erection of a two-storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch.
<i>Recommendation: Objection on the basis that the proposed side extension would appear to provide a separate dwelling with kitchen, bathroom and living/bedroom space and front door. No explanation has been provided as to why these are required – such as “caring” needs.</i> <i>Should Council propose a different recommendation and have “No Objection”, then it is recommended that a condition be asked for, stipulating that the side extension is ancillary to the main dwelling and cannot be occupied as a separate dwelling or living accommodation.</i> Cllr Argent questioned the rationale for recommending that the application be objected to as Cllr Freeman-Griffiths had not indicated any contravention of planning regulations. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths clarified that the plans implied that the applicants are creating an annexe or separate dwelling. In itself this is not an issue but does need to be acknowledged as part of the submission, as an application for a SANG would then need to be included. The concern is that by not acknowledging this, the applicants may be seeking to avoid this requirement. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED (in favour 5 : abstained 1) <i>Cllr Lambert re-joined the meeting.</i>		

22/00210/FUL	Bowenhurst Golf Centre, Mill Lane, Crondall GU10 5RP	Part conversion of golf green keepers' shed building to dwelling and insertion of windows to front and rear.
<i>Recommendation: Objection on the above grounds being:</i> • <i>Not in a sustainable location - whilst the property is on the same side as the M&S store co-located with the BP Garage, it is still a distance from this limited amenity;</i> • <i>Poor Quality: not considered this conversion to represent "good design" or acceptable accommodation that should be encouraged ;</i> • <i>No Need: there is no "need" given the 10.4 year housing supply in Hart;</i> • <i>Biodiversity: No evidence provided that SANG mitigation has been/can be provided;</i> • <i>Contrary to: HLP SS1, NBE1 and NBE3 and NP Policy 1 and Policy 2d and Policy 3.</i> Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.		
22/00370/HOU 22/00371/LBC	Rambler Cottage, Dippenhall Street, Crondall GU10 5NX	Replacement of 7 Georgian style windows and 2 Georgian style doors.
<i>Recommendation: No Objection subject to a condition requiring the prior approval of materials and colour.</i> Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.		
22/00389/FUL	Itchel Cottage Itchel Lane Crondall GU10 5PT	Change of use of existing stable outbuilding to accommodation ancillary to main dwelling.
<i>Recommendation: No Objection subject to conditions requiring prior approval of all external materials and the conversion to be in accordance with the approved plans.</i> Cllr Worthington questioned whether this was a surreptitious bid for change of use. It was clarified by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths that the application did not include facilities such as a bathroom, which would make it habitable. Their inclusion would have to form a separate application. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously.		

196/22 To agree the content and format of the Annual Parish Meeting (Monday, 9th May 2022)

The Clerk provided a brief verbal update on the proposals for the meeting, outlining that, if available, the meeting should be held in the Village Hall. It was agreed that in view of the recent Community Safety meeting, a speaker/guest would not be invited this year but that the meeting would serve to update the community not only on the year's events but on the next steps following the recent Facilities survey and the Conservation Area review.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT:-

197/22 To Note the Asset Register 03/2022

No questions were raised, and the report was **NOTED**.

198/22 To note the Risk Register 03/2022

The Register having been distributed prior to the meeting, the Clerk provided a brief verbal overview. No questions were raised, and the report was **NOTED**.

199/22 To Consider and Agree request for donations:-

- **Hart Swimming Club** – whilst viewing the application favourably in principle, it was requested that clarity on roughly how many Crondall residents are members of the Club be sought and the application be considered at next month's meeting.
- **Crondall Events** – it was proposed that whilst the Parish Council is keen to support the event, greater clarity on what was needed should be sought and presented at next month's meeting.

200/22 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 9 items including Payroll valued at £5,336.30 was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Argent, and **AGREED** unanimously.

201/22 To Consider and Agree a list of items for spending requests

The items listed for authorisation, namely the provision of £1,000 for tree surgery work required following the recent storms was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Worthington, and **AGREED** unanimously.

202/22 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet to 28th February 2022

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

203/22 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation February 2022

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

REPORTS:-

204/22 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**.

205/22 Correspondence

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

206/22 Any Other Business

Cllr Lambert updated the meeting on the next stage of the Farnborough Airport consultation on airspace changes beginning on 1st April 2022. All information can be found on the FACC website.

Cllr Worthing confirmed that the collaboration with Ewshot for superfast broadband had received notification that more households would be needed to sign up. As the project led by Ewshot, these additional numbers would be from their parish.

Signed as a true record dated 25th April 2022