

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

PRESENT	Councillor R Freeman-Griffiths - Chairman Councillors D Argent, N Lambert, G O'Connor, G Smith, I Taylor and S Worthington
APOLOGIES:	Councillor J Glen – Hampshire County Council Councillors C Dorn, J Kennett, and J Hale - Hart DC
IN ATTENDANCE	A Angove - Parish Clerk

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 7.29 pm and ended at 9.16 pm.

110/23 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

111/23 Minutes of 24th October 2022 Council Meeting

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

112/23 Minutes of 26th September 2022 In-Committee Council Meeting

The Minutes of the In-Committee Council meeting were proposed for acceptances as an accurate record by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Argent and **AGREED** (in favour 5 : abstained 2)

113/23 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

Cllr Freeman-Griffiths provided an update on the Wilson Plant retrospective planning application, confirming that permission had unfortunately been granted. CPC had requested that should permission be granted, a condition of this should be the repair of the road around the site. This was, however, not included. Cllr Glen has requested that a CPC representative be included in the Liaison Panel going forward.

Updates were also provided on the recent request for the release of some S106 money for the youth shelter, which has been approved by HDC and on the Parish Councillor vacancy, which has now been advertised for co-option.

Cllr Argent thanked Cllr Freeman-Griffiths on behalf of the meeting for his outstanding written submissions for the Wilson Plant hearing. It was questioned, despite the strong arguments against, why permission had been granted. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths explained that on balance HCC believed that there is a need for the facility to avoid further landfill. The decision does, however, not set a precedent. It was noted that as part of the agreement traffic will be able to approach the facility from both directions, conditions have only been imposed on exit. Whilst it is unlikely any decision will be

revoked, Cllr Freeman-Griffiths took the action to write and enquire about the rationale for these conditions and suggest that they be widened to include both entering and exiting traffic.

114/23 County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Glen's monthly report had been distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Clerk provided a short verbal update on behalf of Cllr Dorn, welcoming the opening of the roundabout on the A287 and the release of the S106 money as outlined by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths earlier in the meeting.

No questions were raised.

115/23 Representations by the public

The Clerk confirmed that no representations had been received by the public.

116/23 Planning Applications

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

	Yew Tree Cottage Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5NX	Removal of modern unauthorised stone floor coverings and sub-base to 3 ground floor rooms and laying of new breathable Limescrete floor slabs.
Recommendation: No Objection, subject to HDC Heritage and Conservation officer having no objection having regard to the heritage impact to the building. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Taylor and AGREED unanimously.		
22/01649/HOU	15 Chaundlers Croft Crondall GU10 5PH	Erection of a two-storey side extension following demolition of existing detached garage and blocking up of door to ground floor front and rear.
Recommendation: No Objection, subject to external materials to be approved by the LPA. Following a short discussion, including whether it was felt that the proposed design was not in keeping with others in the area, the applicant addressed the meeting, confirming that HDC have already indicated that the difference in roofline would be an issue and that he would be adjusting the designs to correct this. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths clarified that at this stage, the PC can only vote on the application as it stands. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously.		

(One member of the public left the meeting)

117/23 Citizens Advice Hart

Sam Mabbott, CEO Citizens Advice Hart gave a highly informative presentation, detailing the work and challenges faced by Citizens Advice in the Hart area with particular emphasis on work with parish residents. Councillors were keen to understand what the PC could do support the organisation. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise awareness of their work via the PC's communication channels such as the website and social media plus liaising with both the village school and Church Parish Council. Councillors emphasised that during the current financially difficult period, it is important for

the PC to raise awareness of sources of aid and support. Councillors thanked Mrs Mabbott for taking the time to increase understanding.

(Mrs Mabbott left the meeting)

118/23 Grant Application – Victim Support

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had distributed details of a request for funding from Victim Support. It was agreed that the Clerk would request more detail, specifically how the organisation has benefited Crondall parishioners.

119/23 Draft Budget and Precept 2023/24

A detailed budget breaking down costs including proposed projects had been distributed to all Councillors. It was acknowledged that it would be important to minimise any Precept request in the current financial climate but that this would need to be balanced against the increasing costs the PC are facing, particularly but not only energy.

It was noted that with the change in legislation around red diesel, it would be necessary to off-set some of this on the cricket club as the requirement to keep Hook Meadow suitable for play, requires an extra mow a week. The Clerk confirmed that she would be seeking to have the annual review meeting with Mr Ranger after the Christmas period.

Cllr Argent proposed the Precept be increased by 4.9%. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

120/23 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 9 items including Payroll, valued at £6,427.86, was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Smith, and **AGREED** unanimously.

121/23 To CONSIDER and AGREE a list of items for spending

There were no items for spending.

122/23 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure report and Balance Sheet to 31st October 2022

No questions were raised, and the Council NOTED the report.

123/23 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for October 2022

The Clerk confirmed that she had undertaken an independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for October 2022. No questions were raised. Council NOTED the Clerk's report.

REPORTS

124/23 Clerk's Report

Cllr Lambert questioned the proposed location of the Youth Shelter, clarifying that in his opinion it should be sited by the main gate on Croft Lane. The Clerk confirmed that the location had been agreed following extensive liaison with outside parties including the local police and Fleet Phoenix, but offered to speak to the local police once more and report back to the Parish Council. Additionally, it was agreed that an itemised quote (distinguishing between the Shelter itself and its installation) be sought, so that the potential cost of moving the shelter should the position prove not to be ideal can be allowed for.

No further questions were raised. Council **NOTED** the report.

125/23 Conservation Area Review

A written report having been distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting, Cllr O'Connor provided a verbal update on recent meetings with Alan Baxter Associates. HDC have provided some clarity on a number of points, including whether they would be supportive of a boundary review. Cllr O'Connor confirmed that she would be sending through a further update with draft documentation by ABA for discussion at the next PC meeting.

126/23 Roads, Traffic & Footpaths

Cllr Taylor confirmed that a copy of the Road Condition report had been submitted to HCC and copied to Cllr Glen. To date no response had been received.

127/23 Correspondence

All email correspondence has been circulated to Councillors and any physical correspondence was made available at the meeting.

128/23 Any Other Business

Cllr Lambert enquired whether Speedwatch was still active. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths confirmed that the team had recently been out but are obviously dependant on availability of volunteers.

Signed as a true record dated 12th December 2022