

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday 20th November 2023

PRESENT	Councillor D Argent – Interim Chairman ^{see 119/24} Councillors S Gregory, G O'Connor, G Smith, I Taylor, and S Worthington
APOLOGIES:	Councillors R Freeman-Griffiths and G Smith Councillors J Kennett, and J Hale – Hart District Council
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Glen – Hampshire County Council Councillor C Dorn – Hart District Council A Angove - Parish Clerk

The meeting commenced at 7.38 pm and ended at 9.22 pm.
Members of the public – 0

119/24 Appointment of Interim Chairman

In the absence of both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the Clerk asked for proposals for an interim Chairman to chair the November meeting. Cllr Taylor proposed that Cllr Argent take on the role. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

120/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Argent as a neighbour of Greensleeves (planning application 23/02511/LBC) confirmed he would not take part in the discussion or vote. No further declarations of interest were made.

121/24 Minutes of 23rd October 2023 Month Meeting

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

122/24 Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed that there were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

123/24 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

There were no announcements or members questions raised.

124/24 County Councillor's and District Councillor's Reports

A written update having previously been distributed; Cllr Glen provided a brief verbal update on the M3 Junction 5 PREAPP. Councillors confirmed that it had been discussed at the November meeting and that the decision had been made to make no further comment until the planning application. Separately it was noted that the decision on the Junction 7 warehouse application is being appealed and, whilst this is a different applicant, the outcome may have an impact on the Odiham application.

Cllr Dorn provided a verbal update:

- With reference to the proposed junction 5 warehouse development, even if direct access to the motorway is included in the design, there will be a significant knock-on increase on the surrounding roads and the A287 in particular. It is understood that there is no identified customer for the warehouses at this stage.
- Farnborough Airport have submitted their formal planning application to Rushmoor Borough Council with the deadline for third party response now being 17th December 2023.
- Whilst it does not affect Crondall particularly, Hart's recent Local Cycle & Walking infrastructure plan was disappointing. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee have sent it back for revision, but it is understood that the parties are reluctant to do so.
- New parking standards are to be introduced, with the ratio being roughly one car parking spot per bedroom.
- The revised Viability Assessment documentation provides more guidance around affordable housing in new developments and in particular the clear condition that developers will need to prove why affordable housing is not financially feasible.
- Planning continues to be an issue, with tree planning being particularly behind.

(Cllrs Glen and Dorn left the meeting)

125/24 Representations by the public

The Clerk confirmed that there were no representations by the public.

126/24 Planning Applications

Applications were considered in line with the previously circulated Planning Report and presented by Cllr O'Connor.

23/02015/FUL	Dares Farm Farnham Road Ewshot GU10 5BB	Erection of two 3-bedroom dwellings with associated parking and landscaping following demolition of the existing warehouse.
Recommendation: Objection on the basis that: • The proposal is contrary to NBE1 • The proposal is contrary to Policy 1 of the Crondall Neighbourhood Plan Councillors discussed in some detail the benefits of this development over and above planning legislation and the lack of sustainability of the plot. Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed but the motion was not seconded. In view of the previous discussion, Cllr Argent proposed that no comment be registered. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED (in favour 3 : abstained 2)		
23/02269/FUL	Terranova Crane Sales Bowenhurst Farm Bowenhurst Lane Crondall GU10 5RP	The use of land and existing ancillary hard standing for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles and the retention of a maintenance shelter and associated enhancements to existing landscaping and bund.
Recommendation: Objection on the basis that: • Insufficient light and noise assessments have been provided • Impact of noise and light on neighbouring properties • The existing business is in breach of planning conditions		

Proposed as listed with the additional caveat that should the application be approved, a condition be added that landscaping and bund work would need to be completed before any other work commences. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREE unanimously.		
23/02511/LBC	Greensleeves Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5NY	Renovation and extension of existing pool building.
Recommendation: <u>No Objection</u>		
Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED (in favour 3 : objected 1 : abstained 1)		

127/24 Farnborough Airport Planning Application (23/00794/REVPP)

The details having already been communicated to parishioners, the Clerk had provided a written report outlining the details of the application and in particular highlighting any changes from the consultation earlier in the year. Whilst councillors welcomed the removal of extended operating hours, it was agreed that the concerns outlined at the September meeting remained. Cllr Argent proposed that the Clerk draft a letter outlining the parish council's objection to the application and that this be discussed for approval at the December meeting. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

128/24 Tractor Shed

An invitation to tender for necessary repair works plus additional security measures was issued to three companies on 15th October 2023 requesting quotes. Of the companies approached, only one has submitted a quote, which was presented to the parish council for approval to proceed. Cllr Taylor proposed the work progress as outlined in contractor's letter of 7th November over a timeline to be agreed by the Clerk with the contractor. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously.

129/24 Draft budget and Precept 2024/25

A detailed budget breaking down costs including proposed projects had been distributed to all Councillors. Cllr Argent gave a verbal overview of the proposed numbers, noting that to date, only a couple of councillors had proposed any projects for inclusion in the budget. With this in mind, councillors were requested to review the numbers and provide the Clerk with any other proposed projects or items for inclusion prior to the December meeting where the budget and precept for 2024/25 would be proposed with a view to it being finalised. The report was NOTED.

REPORTS**130/24 Clerk's Report**

A full written report having been distributed prior to the meeting, the Clerk updated councillors on feedback received to date on the ongoing part-night street light initiative, where one parishioner has raised concerns about the safety of switching off streetlights after 01.00 am on unclassified roads. It was agreed that as the initiative had only been in operation for a couple of weeks, in order to gain a full understanding of its worth, a longer period was needed and will be included as an agenda item at the January meeting.

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

131/24 Roads, Traffic & Footpaths Report

A copy of a report prepared by Cllr Taylor and sent to Hampshire County Council had been distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr Taylor confirmed that, in addition, all issues identified had been reported on Fix My Street.

A member of the public had raised concerns about the pinch point on Pankridge Street, having damaged two of their tyres hitting the kerb which was difficult to see. The issue has been raised with HCC but it was noted that whilst signposting is clear, the kerb would benefit from increased visibility. A cone has been placed on the pinch point as a temporary measure.

Cllr Gregory raised concern about the continued bad state of Redlands Lane. The Clerk agreed to contact HDC Planning to check on the status of the post-Broden Stables condition report and resultant fixes.

132/24 Environment & Flooding

Cllr Worthington provided a verbal update on the work to clear the Bowling Alley culvert, which had been promised by the end of Autumn. This will now take place by the end of the financial year, due to access issues to the culvert. Flood and Water Management teams at HCC have also been brought into the loop.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

133/24 Charitable donation to Citizen's Advice Hart

A written request having been received for funds under s137, Cllr Argent proposed a donation of £250.00. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

134/24 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 11 items including the second payment for the resurfacing of the tennis court and Payroll, valued at £23,303.22 was proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and AGREED unanimously.

It was noted that the Clerk would ensure that the payment just approved for the tennis court did not include payment for the outstanding works, ie acrylic coat and lines, which is to take place in spring 2024.

135/24 To CONSIDER and AGREE a list of items for spending

Two items for spending, namely the two-stage work to the tractor shed as agreed under 128/24 valued at £9,000.47 and £8,309.42 was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Argent, and AGREED unanimously.

136/24 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure report and Balance Sheet to 31st October 2023

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

137/24 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for October 2023

The Clerk confirmed that she had undertaken an independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for October 2023. No questions were raised. Council NOTED the Clerk's report.

GENERAL

138/24 Correspondence

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

139/24 Any Other Business

No items were raised.

140/24 Move to In-Committee Meeting

Cllr Argent proposed that the main meeting be concluded, prior to the meeting continuing in-Committee to discuss staff matters. Cllr Argent, therefore, moved that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and **AGREED** unanimously.

(The Clerk left the meeting).

Signed as a true record dated 11th December 2023