

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday 11th December 2023

PRESENT

Councillor R Freeman-Griffiths – Chairman

Councillors D Argent, S Gregory, G O'Connor, I Taylor, and S Worthington

APOLOGIES:

Councillor G Smith

Councillor J Glen – Hampshire County Council

Councillors C Dorn, J Kennett, and J Hale – Hart District Council

IN ATTENDANCE

A Angove - Parish Clerk

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.45 pm.

Members of the public – 0

141/24 Declarations of Interest

Three declarations of interest were made:

- Cllr O'Connor declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Application 23/02551/HOU (Beech House) and confirmed that she would temporarily leave the meeting when the application is discussed;
- Cllr Argent as a neighbour of Beech House, agreed that he would not take part in the vote relating to this planning application;
- A non-pecuniary interest in the Farnborough Airport expansion proposal was declared by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, confirming that he would not take part in any vote and only join the discussion, in so far as to provide information and/or clarification.

No further declarations of interest were made.

142/24 Minutes of 20th November 2023 Month Meeting

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

143/24 Minutes of 23rd October 2023 In-Committee Meeting

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

144/24 Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed that following last month's meeting, enquiries had been made concerning the state of Redlands Lane and particularly relating to progress of the end of the Haycroft build condition report. Initial feedback is that it is unclear whether the development has been signed off yet and that whilst an initial condition report had been created at the outset, it would be difficult to prove whether damage is due to normal wear and tear or caused by construction traffic. The Clerk will continue to pursue this directly with both HDC and HCC arguing a balance of probability would indicate that the deterioration of

the road and verge is due to increased traffic and in particular heavy construction vehicles directly linked to the development.

145/24 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

Three announcements were made:

- Conservation Area Review – further to the update provided in the Clerk’s Report, the Clerk and Cllr Dorn have met with HDC in an attempt to have the topic included on the January Agenda for approval. Whilst efforts continue, it is looking increasingly likely that it won’t be considered until March.
- Penn Croft Winery – potential breaches of planning conditions have been raised with HDC and are being looked into.
- Hook Meadow Pill Box – a request has been received for the balance of the CPC donation after the cost of the security door (circa £150.00) being paid to the Crondall Conservation Society (a registered charity) who are responsible for the completion of the outstanding works. Separately, with the pill box being a parish council “asset”, responsibility for remedial works following recent vandalism of the gate padlock falls to CPC to rectify. With this in mind, councillors raised the possibility of welding the gate shut to prevent further problems and cost and that, with this expenditure in mind, any outstanding monies from the donation be held back until there is a clearer picture of costs involved.

146/24 County Councillor’s and District Councillor’s Reports

Having forwarded his apologies, Cllr Dorn had provided the following update which was read out by the Clerk:

- *As probably updated by the Clerk, we have been pressing Hart hard to close-out the Conservation Area document at Cabinet. I have emailed Cllr Neighbour making a strong case to take it to January Cabinet, but no news yet.*
- *Hopefully you’ve seen the revised bin collections over Christmas and allowances for more rubbish at this time.*
- *Solar Farm at Long Sutton, the application has not yet been validated. I don’t know what’s missing but expect it to be resolved in early January.*
- *I had a site meeting with Thames Water at Redlands Lane, to review the drainage related inputs to the sewer from the golf course. They have been “noted”.*
- *Oak Park application: Hart looking to appoint 2 experts to review the business case. I have asked about publication of a redacted version, which they now have and are comparing to PPG guidance before publication to the website. I fear it will have most of the useful material redacted.*
- *Farnborough Airport expansion application: Hart submitted their case, largely based on the Motion I took through full Council a few months ago, but gratefully acknowledge some useful inputs from CPC meetings!*
- *Junction 5 warehouses. Obsidian presented to a rather unforgiving crowd at Odiham PC a few weeks ago. I think we can expect an application in the New Year.*
- *The Environment Agency’s new flood warning system for Crondall is now live, sign up via their website, if you haven’t yet.*

147/24 Representations by the public

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

148/24 Planning Applications

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

23/02053/FUL	Plume Of Feathers Ph The Borough	Installation of new and replacement exterior lighting to car park.
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	Crondall GU10 5NT	
<p>Recommendation: Objection on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient information to assess the potential impact of the proposed lighting on residential properties; Height of luminaries could increase the area of illumination and make luminaries beyond the site boundary giving rise to glare and nuisance; Style of lighting is not in keeping with the Conservation Area; CPC recommends that lower level lighting should be considered that would provide the same security and safety outcomes - recommendation being low-level, bat-friendly downlighters. <p>Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.</p>		
23/02579/LBC & 23/02595/LBC	Plume Of Feathers Ph The Borough Crondall GU10 5NT	Strip and re lay section of plain clay tiles on the west elevation (Church Street). Service and repair rainwater goods. Spot repair sections of degraded timber framing and brickwork on the west and north elevations, removing past inappropriate cement repairs to timbers.
<p>Recommendation: No Objection subject to LPA approving materials prior to commencement. Councillors welcomed the proposed improvements. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Taylor and AGREED unanimously.</p>		
23/02399/HOU	6 Orchard Court Church Street Crondall GU10 5QP	Demolition of side lean-to extension and erection of two single storey rear extensions, remove a small window to the rear and insertion of two new windows to the side, removal of the chimney and fireplace, and change the internal room layout.
<p>Recommendation: No Objection Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.</p>		
23/02551/HOU	Beech House Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5NY	Erection of detached double garage.
<p>Recommendation: No Objection Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED (in favour 4 : abstained 2) <i>Note: As agreed, Cllr O'Connor left the meeting for the duration and did not take part in the vote.</i></p>		

149/24 Farnborough Airport Planning Application (23/00794/REVPP)

As agreed at the previous meeting, the Clerk had drafted a letter for approval outlining the parish council's objection to the application. No questions were raised and Cllr Argent proposed the letter be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED (in favour 5 : abstained 1).

150/24 Draft budget and Precept 2024/25

A background report and figures having been distributed prior to the meeting, it was noted that no comments or further projects for consideration had been received from any Cllrs. Councillors had been requested to review the report which proposed a 2024/25 Precept 3% higher than for 2023/24. Cllr

Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED (in favour 4 : objection 1 : abstention 1)

REPORTS

151/24 Clerk's Report

A full written report having been distributed prior to the meeting, no questions were raised, and the report was NOTED.

152/24 Roads, Traffic & Footpaths Report

Following last month's road condition report which had been distributed to HCC, Cllr Taylor has received notification that all potholes and issues have been included for fixing, with one exception – of the four issues on the junction of Bowling Alley and the A287, two have been accepted and two not. Cllr Taylor continues to push for the remaining two to be included. Cllrs thanked him for all his efforts to date.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

153/24 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 9 items including the second payment for the resurfacing of the tennis court and Payroll, valued at £6,901.72 was proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Taylor, and AGREED unanimously.

154/24 To CONSIDER and AGREE a list of items for spending

There were no spending items for consideration.

155/24 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure report and Balance Sheet to 30th November 2023

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

156/24 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for November 2023

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

GENERAL

157/24 Correspondence

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

158/24 Any Other Business

Cllr Worthington raised two items for information:

- The ultrafast broadband will be rolling out early in 2024. As a Ewshot led initiative, it will start there and then spill into the relevant Crondall areas, although it is not clear how much of Crondall will be included.
- A visit to investigate the flooding on Bowling Alley scheduled to take place at the end of November has not taken place due to flooding. Cllr Worthington continues to chase HCC to ensure that this is remains a priority.

Signed as a true record dated 22nd January 2024