

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held
Monday 22nd January 2024

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

The meeting commenced at 7.31 pm and ended at 8.45 pm.

Members of the public – 0

160/24 Declarations of Interest

The Clerk having confirmed that one of the items for spending would involve Old Parsonage Meadow, both Cllrs Argent and O'Connor declared a non-pecuniary interest. It was agreed that they would take part in the discussion but not in any vote. No further declarations of interest were made.

161/24 Minutes of 11th December 2023 Monthly Meeting

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

162/24 Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed that there were no matters to be raised.

163/24 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

The Clerk confirmed that there were none.

164/24 County Councillor's and District Councillor's Reports

A written report having been distributed to all councillors; Cllr Glen provided a brief verbal update:

- It has been agreed that requests to introduce 20mph zones by parish and district councils will be supported by HCC but with the entire cost being borne by the requesting councils. HCC will provide administrative support, signage etc and it is understood that this would be included in the overall cost. Further details will be provided in time.
- Thanked the Clerk for inviting representatives of Villages Opposes Warehouses (VOW) to attend next month's meeting. The formal application for the proposed warehouses off Junction 5 of the M3 is expected end January/early February.

Cllr Dorn:

- Flooding continues to be an issue, particularly following the rain earlier in the month when several houses in Crondall were flooded – some from the river and some streetside. Cllr Dorn has written to HCC, Environment Agency and Thames Water highlighting the issues and put in a call to other parishes, but it appears they were not as badly affected. Cllr Dorn stressed the importance of people reporting via the HCC reporting line;
- The recent Observation & Scrutiny report on fly tipping has raised some good suggestions;
- Cllr Dorn expressed disappointment that 77% of the Hart Shared Prosperity Fund has been allocated to the Waverley & Blackwater area for seemingly less “deserving” issues than in other areas of the district;
- Whilst HDC Planning performance is improving, it continues to be a concern, with deadlines being missed;
- The Winter Grant Scheme is now open for applications for families in need over the winter.

Given issues with planning applications where HDC have missed deadlines, Cllr Argent expressed concern that this might happen with the proposed Oak Park development. Cllr Dorn clarified that with additional information having been requested, the dates have been extended and there would therefore be no issue.

No further questions were raised and the reports were NOTED. Cllr Glen and Cllr Dorn left the meeting.

165/24 Representations by the public

The Clerk confirmed that there were no representations by the public other than the introduction of Part-Night Lighting which would be covered under a later Agenda item, ie the Clerk’s Report.

166/24 Planning Applications

Applications were considered in line with the previously circulated Planning Report and presented by the Clerk

23/02665/LDC	Itchel House Itchel Lane Crondall GU10 5PT	Conversion of outbuilding into a separate dwelling.
Recommendation: Objection but should the parish council choose to recommend No Objection then subject to the following conditions: • Ensure the structure both externally and internally meets building regulations; • Outstanding council tax for the property to be repaid to HDC. Proposed by Cllr Argent. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.		
24/00070/FUL	Land At Fleet Substation Farnham Road Crondall	Construction of an alternative underground cable route and associated works between Alton Road (B3349) and the Fleet Substation.
Recommendation: No Objection subject to Highway Authority conditions being met. Proposed by Cllr Argent. Seconded by Cllr O’Connor and AGREED unanimously.		
23/02171/OUT	Oak Park Golf Course Heath Lane Crondall GU10 5PB	Hybrid planning application to redevelop the existing 27-hole golf course into a 12 hole golf course. • Outline Planning Permission for the erection of eco-cabins and a solar array with

		associated access, landscaping, supporting infrastructure and associated works (approval sought for access only); • Full Planning Permission for the demolition of four existing outbuildings associated with Gazing's Farm and driving range; • Erection of a short game centre of excellence, starters hut, putting course and racquet area and retention and alteration of cabana, club house and greenkeepers shed to include the erection of a welfare building and associated parking, access, and landscaping, supporting infrastructure and associated works.
Recommendation: Reiterate Objection on the basis that the report in its current form does not provide any further clarity and raises more questions than it answers. Following a wide-ranging discussion about seeming inconsistencies within the report, Cllr Argent proposed that he and the Clerk devise a letter outlining the points, reasserting the parish council's overall objection to the application. Seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED unanimously.		
24/00104/HOU	2 Swanthorpe Cottages Swanthorpe Crondall GU10 5HQ	Demolition of porch and erection of a single storey side extension, two storey rear extension and alterations to windows and doors.
Recommendation: No Objection Cllr Worthington proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED unanimously.		

167/24 Election of councillor with remit for Flooding

The proposal that Cllr Gregory be confirmed as the Flooding Lead was AGREED unanimously.

REPORTS

168/24 Clerk's Report

A full written report having been distributed prior to the meeting, the Clerk outlined a recent request by one household within the vicinity of Croft Lane who have raised concerns about the introduction of part night street lighting, particularly in this area. Councillors discussed this at length, agreeing that if possible, Croft Lane being a relatively major road within Crondall should be removed from the initiative, with the lights remaining on. The Clerk confirmed assuming this was a possibility and would contact HCC to organise.

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

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

169/24 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 14 items including Payroll, valued at £4,808.80 was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Argent, and AGREED unanimously.

170/24 To CONSIDER and AGREE a list of items for spending

There were two items listed for authorisation, for which the Clerk provided a verbal update:

- New Burial Ground site investigation, walkover survey and letter report – a member of the public is interested in obtaining planning permission for a build on Old Parsonage Meadow (OPM) and would, bequeath a percentage to the parish council to be used as a new burial ground once the current one is full. Without this HDC will not grant planning permission as OPM is a protected green space and even then, it is not definite that they will consider a new burial ground reason enough to allow it. A

desktop survey of the area has identified the ground as high risk and likely not suitable for this purpose. As a result, further investigation is required before the matter can be progressed. Cllr Worthington proposed that CPC agree to cover 50% of the cost, with the remaining cost to be covered by either the applicant or landowner or a combination thereof. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED (in favour 3 : abstained 2)

- Addition of two solid metal gates in common with new compound fencing around the Tractor Shed was proposed by Cllr Argent. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREE unanimously.

171/24 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure report and Balance Sheet to 31st December 2023

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

172/24 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for December 2023

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

173/24 To NOTE the Internal Auditor's interim report and actions therein.

A copy of the report having been distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting, the following actions were NOTED:

- A correction to the September 2023 Minutes (94/23 Ratification of payments) – specifically a correction to reflect agreed payments list as £19,357.84 and not £4,766.04.
- To Minute the Notice of conclusion of audit for year ending 31st March 2023 which had been NOTED as part of the Clerk's Report to the September 2023 meeting.

GENERAL

174/24 Correspondence

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

175/24 Any Other Business

Cllr Worthington confirmed that the long-awaited work to clear the culvert on Bowling Alley is scheduled to take place, weather permitting, in the next few days. That section of Bowling Alley would be closed whilst the work is taking place.

Signed as a true record dated 26th February 2024