

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held

Monday 25th March 2024

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

The meeting commenced at 7.31 pm and ended at 8.46 pm.

Members of the public – 1

193/24 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

194/24 Minutes of 26th February 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

195/24 Minutes of 20th November 2023 In-Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the 20th November 2023 In-Committee meeting were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Taylor and **AGREED** unanimously.

196/24 Matters Arising

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

197/24 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

Cllr Freeman-Griffiths provided an update on the Conservation Area review, confirming that the documentation, including the boundary change, had been approved at the recent HDC Cabinet meeting. The CPC website has been updated accordingly, with a link to all the documentation available. The consultation documentation will remain on the site until after the APM in April.

198/24 County Councillor's Report

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

- Attended the recent "Yarn in the Barn" get together of local farmers which was held Penn Croft Winery. Very positive initiative dealing with, among other things, mental health amongst farmers;
- Wilson Plant meetings continue to be positive. A resident had reported traffic outside of the agreed hours and this is being investigated. The disintegration of the road has been reported;
- HCC Financial Futures Consultation closes on 31st March and all parish councils are urged to consider responding;

- Following the success of the previous VOW public meeting a second has been arranged to take place in Hook on 28th March.

Cllr Freeman-Griffiths thanked Cllr Glen for his update. No further questions were raised and the report was NOTED.

199/24 Representations by the public

The Clerk confirmed that a representation had been received from a parishioner looking to start a regular netball game in Crondall. Councillors are requested to consider adding netball lines to the tennis court and purchasing netball goals. The approximate numbers, based on previous quotes, were included under Agenda item 14b (items for spending) and it was agreed would be voted on then.

200/24 Planning Applications

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

24/00427/FUL	4 Glebe Road Crondall GU10 5PJ	Erection of a three bedroom dwelling with associated hard and soft landscaping and cycle store and alterations to hard and soft landscaping to existing dwelling.
Recommendation: Objection on the basis of the proposed development is contrary to: - Para. 124 of the NPPF, which states that planning decisions should support development that makes efficient use of land whilst taking into account the desirability of maintaining an area's prevailing character and setting (including residential gardens); - Highway safety – there are no pavements to Glebe Road and more and more cars are parking on the edge of the Road. Building more houses on residential gardens is making this situation worse as cars and unsafe. This alone is changing the character of Glebe Road; - Policy SS1 of the Local Plan, by not being located on previously developed land and not on an allocated site; - Policy NBE3 of the Local Plan, by not providing an Appropriate Assessment or mitigation for the Thames Basin SPA; - Policy NB4 of the Local Plan, by not providing any BNG; - Policy 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan, which directs where new residential development should go. The proposed site is not allocated; - Policy 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan requires development to demonstrate good design, which requires "soft landscaped front gardens and landscaped front boundaries should be retained or enhanced." It was acknowledged that the parish council had objected to the similar application for 16 Glebe Road but that HDC had provided consent. This being the case and with no change it was agreed that the parish council's position had not changed. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Taylor and AGREED (in favour 5 : abstention 1)		

With no declarations of interest affecting the following applications, Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed no objection. Seconded by Cllr Taylor and AGREED unanimously.

24/00501/HOU	Highcroft Penn Croft Crondall GU10 5PX	Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension, associated internal changes and hard landscape alterations.
24/00527/HOU	2 Swanthorpe Cottages Swanthorpe Crondall GU10 5HQ	Demolition of porch and erection of a single storey side extension, first floor rear extension and alterations to windows and doors.

24/00562/HOU	Pheasant Copse Mill Lane Crondall GU10 5RP	Erection of a single storey rear extension.
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201/24 Community Emergency Plan

Members considered correspondence from HDC which offered a Community Emergency Plan template. Following discussion, it was AGREED:

- Cllr Gregory would review the template in partnership with the Clerk and report back to Councillors;
- The Clerk would seek clarification from HDC about their statutory responsibility for emergency planning, request a copy of Hart's emergency plan and enquire whether the Community Emergency Plan would become an appendix to the Hart Plan.

202/24 Crondall Trust

The trust's Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023 was NOTED. Councillor considered the proposal that Samantha Raymond join as the new trustee to replace Honor Porter who is stepping down. Proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED (in favour 5 : abstention 1).

203/24 Annual Parish and April 2024 Meeting

Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed that the April 2024 monthly meeting date be changed to 29th April and be held straight after the APM. Seconded by Cllr Taylor and AGREE unanimously.

REPORTS**204/24 Clerk's Report**

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

205/24 Roads, Traffic & Footpaths Report

Cllr Taylor confirmed that an updated report would be issued shortly but currently there are no further updates. Cllr Argent raised a concern that the village shop may be losing valuable trade because of non-shoppers parking in the area in front of the shop despite the small existing sign stating it's for shoppers only during opening hours. He asked whether signage could be painted on that area of the road itself, to reinforce the message.

206/24 Flooding

Cllr Gregory provided a brief verbal update, confirming that Cllr Dorn is currently working on an indepth flooding report which in turn it is hoped, will feed into the parish council Emergency Plan.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT**207/24 Ratification of payments**

The circulated list of 15 items including Payroll, valued at £11,654.40 was proposed by Cllr Freeman-Griffiths, seconded by Cllr O'Connor, and AGREED unanimously. Cllr Argent outlined a number of issues with SSE Energy Solutions billing, which has been problematic since the introduction of new smart meters.

208/24 To CONSIDER and AGREE a list of items for spending

There were two items listed for authorisation, namely the addition of netball markings to the tennis court (£140.00) and purchase of two netball goals (£255.00). The Clerk confirmed that a request had been received from a member of the public interested in starting a weekly netball game on the tennis court.

The figures provided were based on the figures originally quoted when the tender for the tennis court resurfacing was considered and are likely to have increased but are to provide the parish council with a ballpark. Whilst councillors were broadly in favour of the proposal, there was some concern about the impact of the extra lines on tennis play. Cllr Freeman-Griffiths proposed that the initiative and corresponding costs be agreed in principle and be discussed at a later date once details had been looked into. Seconded by Cllr Taylor and AGREED unanimously.

Cllr Argent raised the possibility of using the s137 monies to provide financial support to the VOW campaign. The Clerk clarified that until the planning application has been considered and the parish council position established, it would be imprudent. In the meantime, the Clerk committed to establishing whether there would be any restrictions to such a proposal.

209/24 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure report and Balance Sheet to 29th February 2024

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

210/24 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for February 2024

The Clerk confirmed that she had undertaken an independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for February 2024. No questions were raised. Council NOTED the Clerk's report.

211/24 Risk Register 03/2024

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

212/24 Asset Register 03/2024

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

GENERAL

213/24 Correspondence

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

214/24 Any Other Business

- Cllr Argent enquired about the landscaping around the pillbox on Hook Meadow. The Clerk confirmed that it had been agreed that the original proposal of a gravel path had been rejected due to issues of the gravel migrating into the grass and causing safety concerns when mowing. It had, therefore, been agreed that the area would be reseeded. Additionally, it had been advised that the sign be positioned close to the structure to provide additional security and minimise damage.
- Cllr Smith reminded the Clerk that the Village Hall Chairman had requested a copy of the parish council's insurance in light of their decision not to have the trees cut back this year. The Clerk confirmed that a copy of the parish council Public Liability insurance is available to be viewed in both parish council buildings but would forward a copy.

Signed as a true record dated 29TH April 2024