

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING
Monday 28th October 2024

PRESENT	Councillor I Taylor – Chairman Councillors D Argent, K Best, S Gregory, G O'Connor and S Worthington
APOLOGIES:	Cllrs G Smith Councillor J Hale – Hart DC
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Glen – Hampshire County Council Councillors C Dorn and S Highley - Hart DC A Angove - Parish Clerk

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was concluded at 9.25 pm

89/25 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

90/25 Minutes of the Meeting on 23rd September 2024

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

91/25 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

No announcements were made and the Clerk confirmed that no Members' questions had been received.

92/25 External Reports

Cllr Glen (HCC) provided a written report prior to the meeting and further reported:

- ❖ The planned improvements to the road on Doras Green have been postponed until 2025;
- ❖ HCC had made some important decisions that week which agreed budget cuts to HCC's services:
 - £7.5m had been taken away from highways maintenance budget but there was hope for new Government funding for highways.
 - Winter road services and street lighting would also be affected.
 - Parish grants would cease.
 - Cllr Glen was, however, pleased to report a reprieve on tier 3 and 4 household waste recycling centres (HWRC) which meant Hartley Wintney HWRC would remain open
- ❖ Cllr Glen chaired the Bowling Alley Liaison meeting on 5th November. The subject of permitted earth dumping between plant and the t-junction was raised and is being looked into.
- ❖ Cllr Glen gave apologies for the November council meeting.

Cllr Highley (HDC) reported:

- ❖ A working group set up to evaluate the effectiveness of the Multi Agency Flood Forum (MAFF) is in the final stages of the review and hope to be able to report back soon.
- ❖ There is no news on Warehouse Junction 5. It is worth noting that J7 warehouse developer is still very active, with the application being considered on 7th November. The development is included in the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Local Plan and it is understood that the application is recommended for approval. If J7 does go ahead it lessens the need for another warehouse so

close to J7. At this stage, however, it would be unwise to believe that the J5 development will not progress further, so continued vigilance is required.

Cllr Dorn (HDC) reported:

- ❖ Has gathered data following the heavy rain on 14th October, with the resultant briefing sent to the EA, HDC and TW under limited distribution.
- ❖ Recent incident at The Withies when Thames Water commenced work, blocking in residents without prior warning. Going forward, clear plans will be communicated in advance.
- ❖ A number of vehicles in the village were damaged from ball bearings shot from catapults. The local police are aware and dealing with it.
- ❖ The revised Oak Park PREAPP has been published. Cllr Dorn will be submitting comments, but first impressions indicate that flood assumptions are not realistic and are concerning.
- ❖ Cllr Dorn has been liaising with Cllr Worthington about cameras to deter fly tipping and when necessary, aid in prosecution.
- ❖ Local community groups working with the Armed Forces can apply for new funding from HDC to strengthen their support and outreach. Organisations can bid for up to £4,000 in total from the Armed Forces Community Support Fund for projects and activities that benefit serving members, their families, veterans and cadets in Hart.
- ❖ The Government is consulting on introducing powers for local authority members to apply to the relevant authority for a dispensation to attend formal council meetings remotely and vote by proxy in certain circumstances.
- ❖ Draft Sex Establishment Policy will be considered by the HDC Licencing Committee.

(Cllrs Glen, Dorn and Highley left the meeting)

93/25 Representations by the public

There were no representations by the public.

94/25 Planning Applications

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

24/01910/FUL	Land Between Bowenhurst Farm House & Plough Lodge Mill Lane Crondall	Change of use from a single dwelling Use Class C3 (residential) to a mixed use comprising Use Class C3 (residential) and Use Class E (gymnasium).
Recommendation – No Objection. Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED (unanimous)		
24/01986/LDC	4 Pankridge Street Crondall GU10 5RQ	Replacement of four single glazed sash windows with double glazed windows and replacement of front door.
Recommendation – No Objection. Following a brief discussion, where the lack of information on which to base an informed decision was raised, Cllr Argent proposed “no comment due to lack of data”. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED (in favour 4 : abstained 2)		
24/01899/HOU	Cedar House Farm Lane Crondall GU10 5QE	Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing open canopy to rear.
Recommendation - No Objection. Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthing and AGREED unanimously.		

24/02051/LDC	Goddards (Landscape Contractors) Ltd Goddards Farm Bowling Alley Crondall GU10 5RJ	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for foundations laid to implement planning permission 18/02853/FUL.
No recommendation given due to no information being available on the HDC Planning Portal. A brief discussion identified the nature of this application and the history, on which basis Cllr Argent proposed “no objection”. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED (in favour 5 : against 1).		

95/25 Proposed redevelopment of Oak Park Golf Course (24/01991/PREAPP)

A written report having been distributed prior to the meeting, members considered the details of the new Oak Park Golf Course PREAPP, concluding that whilst there had been some change since the previous planning applications, there still remained significant areas of concern. A response noting the preapp and that comments on the previous PREAPP, to the extent that they still apply, remain, was proposed by Cllr O'Connor. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

REPORTS

96/25 Clerk's Report

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was NOTED. A number of items were raised, requiring councillor input and agreement:

- ❖ An appeal concerning proposed wording to a headstone in the burial ground was considered. Cllr Argent proposed that the appeal be rejected on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the nature of an old village burial ground. Seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED (in favour 4 : against 1 : abstained 1).
- ❖ A change of electricity providers from SSE to Octopus following significant dissatisfaction with service was NOTED.
- ❖ It was AGREED in Cllr Smith's absence, that Cllr Taylor would represent the parish council at Remembrance Sunday wreath laying.
- ❖ A request to open Hook Meadow for overflow parking during the Phyllis Tuckwell fair in the Village Hall was considered with members deciding that it would be problematic due to the wet ground and lack of manpower available to coordinate throughout the day.

97/25 Outdoor Gym

Members considered the proposal for an outdoor gym on Hook Meadow. Cllr Taylor proposed that the project be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED (in favour 4 : abstained 2).

Three quotes having been sought, the options were considered on the basis of design, value for money and suitability for the location. Cllr Taylor proposed Fresh Air Fitness “Big Rig” proposal. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED (in favour 4 : abstained 2).

98/25 Burial Ground Gate

Following damage to the double vehicle access gate, quotes for either their repair or replacement were sought. It was established that repairing the gates was not practicable due to the level of damage. Cllr Taylor proposed that the quote from Dogmersfield Forge for fabrication, fit and finish (including powder coating) be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Best and AGREED unanimously.

99/25 Wildlife Cameras

Following a brief verbal update, it was agreed that Cllr Worthington would provide a proposal on whether to go ahead on the project or not at the November meeting. The Clerk offered to liaise with HDC regarding any assistance they could provide.

100/25 Roads, Traffic & Footpaths

Cllr Taylor confirmed that he would be setting up a public meeting in the next month with a view to gauging public feedback on road calming measures and parking and would then report back to the council.

101/25 New Burial Ground

The Clerk confirmed that there was no progress to report on the OPM option but would chase the applicant with a view to gauging a definitive statement on whether it is likely to proceed. Separately a desk top report on an alternative site would be sought.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

102/25 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 11 items including Payroll, valued at £5,361.00, was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and **AGREED** unanimously.

103/25 To CONSIDER and AGREE a list of items for spending

Two items for spending, namely:

- ❖ CPRE (Caimpaign to protect Rural England) annual membership renewal - £150.00
- ❖ New Burial Ground Gates - £1,320.00

were proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and **AGREED** unanimously.

104/25 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet to 30th September 2024

No questions were raised and the Council NOTED the report.

105/25 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for September 2024

The Clerk confirmed that an independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for September 2024 has been undertaken. No questions were raised. Council NOTED THE Clerk's report.

106/25 Correspondence

It was confirmed that all email correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

107/25 Any Other Business

Cllr O'Connor expressed thanks on behalf of the parish council to Mr James Longcroft for his recent work clearing the village pond.

108/24 Move to In-Committee Meeting

Cllr Taylor proposed that the main meeting be concluded, prior to the meeting continuing in-Committee to discuss staff matters. Cllr Taylor, 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 Argent and **AGREED** unanimously.

(The Clerk left the meeting).

Signed as a true record dated 25th November 2024

Payment Ratifications

Supplier/Payee	Payee	Inv/Account. Ref.	Inv/DD. Date	Description	£ Gross	NB
Royal Mail	Supplier	I802809419	14/10/24	PO Box Delivery: 12 months service	424.20	
Chambers	Supplier	P732369	30/09/24	Dumpy Bin hire: September 2024	81.71	
Andy Loos	Supplier	905463	30/09/24	Portaloo: 4 wks 1 day September hire	136.08	
Sage	Supplier	05099308	04/10/24	Payroll: 04/10/24 – 03/10/24	12.00	/
Larkstel	Supplier	I366	01/10/24	Bin Collection: September 2024	251.40	
Octopus Business Energy	Cllr Argent	A47107ED7 + 2	17/10/24	Security deposit payments re supply transfer	371.73	
HALC	Supplier	INV-6848	05/07/24 ¹	Councillor training	57.60	
Guardwell	Supplier	533387	08/10/24	Alarm service & maintenance - renewal	294.00	
Amazon	Clerk	INV-GB-136058191-2024-115783	25/10/24	Cable ties (street furniture poppies)	15.37	
Cartridge People	Clerk	GB241028-LA6302787 ²	28/10/24	Printer ink cartridges	87.63	
Payroll: October 2024	Staff salaries, PAYE, NICs, E'ee Pension Contributions				3,629.28	
TOTAL					5,361.00	

NB1: D/D

¹ No record of original invoice having been received, hence late payment

² Order number

Purchase/Expenditure Authorisation Requests

Item	Proposed maximum ££ (excl. VAT)	NB
CPRE (Campaign to protect rural England) annual membership renewal	150.00	2
New Burial Ground gates	1070.00	
Powder coating of said gates	250.00	
TOTAL		

NB2: Last year we paid £125