

## **CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 AT 7.30 PM. IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Cllrs: Behagg, Dorn, Hebborn (Vice Chairman), Payne, Passmore ( from 8.20 p.m.), Shelford (Chairman), Sisk, Wilkinson, G. Baker ( Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Bredin, Argent, Dobby, Vincent, District Cllrs Glen and Singh

256/09 Apologies for their absence had been received from the above Councillors.

257/09 The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **258/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters were raised from the previous minutes.

#### **259/09 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, AND THE CLERK**

The Clerk apologised for not being able to attend the last two meeting and thanked Cllr Payne for taking the minutes. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council (PC) had received a number of offers to provide a web site for the PC. He advised he would take this matter over and go through the options and report back at the next main meeting.

#### **260/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were necessary.

#### **261/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Lambert asked about the proposed work to the Churchyard Paths and that it had not been available in the public domain. The Chairman said it had been in the public domain via the meetings but had not been put on the PC Notice Boards. Mr. Lambert also raised his concerns that the tarmacadam surfacing is not in keeping with the church area. He felt the proposal should be reconsidered. He said he was quite surprised that the path at the school is not to be done. This was discussed in item 263/09 e) below.

Mr. Lambert noted that the minutes now show that Cllr Glen and Singh send their apologies but would like to know when they both last attended a PC meeting. The Clerk will find out this information and send the response to Mr. Lambert and note this in the next minutes.

Mr. Lambert also asked about what he called the 'privileged persons list'. As he believes other members of the public are sent copies but he is no longer included. The PC advised that there is no 'privileged persons list' only working contacts of which Mr. Lambert is not one.

#### **262/09 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr. Bennison would be attending another meeting after the PC meeting and therefore, following his report would only stay for the discussion on the Crondall Lodge application at 263/09 a).

Cllr Bennison advised that although Heath Lane should have been closed from 2<sup>nd</sup> February, due to the snow this did not happen. Doras Lane should be closed for three weeks but hopefully not at same time as Heath Lane is closed.

The Pyestock enquiry should be finished by 28<sup>th</sup> May. Also the Waterfront Business Park should finish on or by 12<sup>th</sup> May with response from the Inspectorate following. A SANG this site was to be fields off of Crondalls Lane.

The Redfields Garden Centre application has gone through HDC Planning Committee and now be recommended to HDC full council as it was a departure from the development plan.

The paper on the Interim Avoidance Strategy for the Thames Basin will free up the planning procedures which have been going on for the last three years. This will cover the whole of Crondall and Ewshot which will allow Crondall to be open to development. This means that any individual who pays towards the SANG mitigation land at Hitches Lane and satisfies all other requirements will be allowed development permission.

The briefing on the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) where developers and individuals can put forward sites for development will be published at the end of March. After the consultation a revised SHLAA will be issued and PC's will be consulted on this.

Recycling – it is proposed that Community Glass Collecting bins throughout Hart DC will be changed to a smaller 660 litre bin which will be emptied by Hart DC employees. There is a suggestion in the budget that glass collection should be put back to once a month and this will go to the HDC Cabinet at the end of this month.

Cllr Passmore joined the meeting at 8.50p.m.

The result of the ballot of Ewshot residents as to whether it should separate from Crondall P.C. was: 619 ballot papers issued; 370 returned (60%); 73 against wanted to remain part of the existing parish; 297 votes were in favour of Ewshot becoming its own parish. The paper will be written up by the Election Office and go to HDC Cabinet next month and full council after that.

#### 263/09 **AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Crondall Lodge, Church Lane, Crondall. 09/00156/FUL Retention of garage with amended roof design, not to exceed 5 metres in height. Amendment to permission reference 07/02489/FUL

Cllr. Sisk made a presentation on the application. After viewing the plans it was agreed that the current proposals do not answer our previous concerns. We did not approve a 5 metre high building in the first case and if we do approve now we would be providing a way out of the current situation for the applicant. Our concern is that if the height remains as is it would be totally out of keeping with the street scene. We would point out in our response the lack of dimensions on the drawings.

Recommendation: Objection. With a note added that if they are to rebuild then a 4 metre height would be more acceptable and that the drawings are completely devoid of any dimensions which make it difficult to make an informed decision.

Recommendation: Objection

(Recommendation of Objection seconded by Cllr Shelford; carried unanimously.)

- b) Finalise budget for 2009/2010 and Five Year Capital Spending Plan.

Cllr Shelford advised that based on the budget figures quoted it is proposed to keep the precept at the same level as the last financial year. After clarification on some points such as burials, interest etc the PC all agreed they were happy with the budget and the level of precept.

After discussions it was agreed to remove the £4000 for the repair of the brick wall included in the Churchyard path maintenance quotes. Cllr Shelford proposed the budget and the Five Year Spending Plan be accepted.

Proposal to accept the Budget and Five Year Spending Plan: seconded by Cllr Dorn; all in favour. It was agreed that Cllr. Dorn should e-mail the final spreadsheets to the Chairman and Clerk

c) FOI Publication Scheme

A revised publication scheme had been distributed to all for information. Cllr. Dorn suggested that heading of the Schedule of Charges should be changed to 5 pages. The Chairman proposed that if we change this then the scheme be issued. Cllr Dorn seconded; all in favour.

d) Football Pavilion Refurbishment – approval of placing of refurbishment contract

Cllr Behagg presented the background details of the work required. Three quotes had been obtained and are noted on **Appendix 1**. It is intended that the PC would get the Pavilion up to a good standard and then hand over maintenance to the Football Club to carry out ongoing maintenance, which will be checked by the Grounds Committee every six months. The question of whether VAT was included in the price quoted although there was no VAT number on the quotation. This would be checked and the Grounds Committee advised.

Proposal: Placing of order with Painting Direct. Cllr Wilkinson seconded; all in favour.

e) Churchyard Paths - approval of proposal to award contract to commence work

Cllr Passmore presented details of the work to be carried out. It is intended to use edging sets to match the existing stones in churchyard; the surface of the paths will be black bitumen which will need to cure for 6 months and then to top coat this with grit of sandstone colour. There is a low wall to be rebuilt. Cllr Dorn asked what the Church's opinion of the final finish was. Cllr Passmore advised that it is happy with the proposed work.

The total cost will be £36,200 spread over two years. We need to submit this to Hampshire County Council (HCC) formally by 26<sup>th</sup> March as have agreed to provide a £10,000 grant towards the work. Cllr Hebborn advised that as the previous council took a decision to get quotes and proceed with the work and as the current quotes are half the price of the HCC quotes the work should go ahead. Cllr Passmore said that the repair to the low wall, which runs up side of the churchyard, at a figure of £4,500 could be left out of the proposed work to keep the costs down. Cllr Wilkinson asked about the safety aspect of leaving this work out and it was agreed that it is not in such a poor condition to be a danger to the public. Cllr Dorn enquired as to the quality of the contractors work and was advised that all quotes include the provision of good ground work. Cllr Shelford proposed the PC should proceed with the work over the next 2 years but leave out the work on the low wall.

Proposal: To proceed with the work over the next 2 years but leave out the work on the low wall.; seconded by Cllr. Behagg; 1 against; remainder in favour.

f) Tree Planting - approval of cost

Cllr Wilkinson advised that it would cost £125.20 to supply and plant a tree outside Brandon Bungalows. She suggested a Silver Birch with a tree guard. Cllr Behagg asked if the residents had been consulted and are in agreement to have a tree planted in this area. Cllr. Wilkinson will consult with the residents and report back.

g) Annual Assembly Preparation

This item was deferred to the next main meeting.

264/09 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

a) **Grounds Committee** – minutes of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 (**Appendix 4**) had been circulated.

- i. The work to be carried out on the trees on the western boundary of the Churchyard (item 4 of Grounds Committee report) requires hire of a ‘cherry picker’ type vehicle at £264 and the Grounds Committee requested PC approval.

Proposal to hire a cherry picker at cost of £264: Seconded by Cllr. Passmore; all in favour.

- ii. Regarding replacement of the Torro Mower the Grounds Committee are looking at funding for this or rental

b) **Traffic and Lighting Committee** - minutes of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 (**Appendix 5**) had been circulated.

- i. Outstanding items from HCC are being progressed regularly. The Redlands junction is subject to six monthly checks and reports.

- ii. The hedge at The Borough by Crondall Stores has now been cut back to the boundary.

- iii. Cllr Dorn asked if the Clerk could find out what is happening regarding the proposed road works to be carried out at Heath Lane.

c) Anti Social Behaviour Working Group (ASBWG) (verbal report)

Cllr Passmore said that the working group had met three times to go through ideas. It had also met with PC Bowman and he had taken a number of youths into the police station under caution and it would seem that the parents did not know that their children were causing such a nuisance and have grounded them. Reported instances of anti-social behaviour had been growing rapidly but since 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 when the youths were taken in to the Police Station no further incidents had been reported. Police have done a very good job and the parents have taken the right action. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this through the minutes. Cllr Dorn advised that reporting through the 101 number system has been very effective in gathering evidence, and a good list of incidents had been put to the youths which they have admitted to. The 101 number has to be funded by HCC and it was suggested that The PC should write to HCC about the 101 number and ask them to maintain the line. Cllr. Passmore was asked to draft a letter to HCC with a copy to HDAPTC and ask them to also write to HCC about retaining the 101 number. It was agreed that a letter should also go to PC Bowman (with a copy to his superior) to thank him for doing such a good job. (see also Police Report **Appendix 2**)

- d) Memorial Applications and Burials  
The Clerk advised that there would be one burial on 20/2/09
- e) Finance Report to include agreement on Invoices to be paid.

The Payments on the Finance Report (**Appendix 3**) for February 2009 were agreed and cheques signed. It was proposed to approve the Finance Report. Cllr Sisk seconded; all agreed.

265/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing was raised from the Correspondence List

266/09 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No items raised.

The meeting closed at 21.57 p.m.

Signed.....

Dated.....

## APPENDIX 1

Information on quotes received for item 8d of the Agenda for 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

### Refurbishment of Football Pavilion

There is a need to refurbish the inside of Football Pavilion before it deteriorates to the point where it is both a health hazard and unsafe to use.

The Grounds Committee has drawn up a specification of work (see below) and asked three local builders to tender. The quotations received are as follows;

- a) Painting Direct - £3535 inclusive of VAT
- b) Challis Renovations Ltd - £3282 plus VAT which comes to £3774
- c) Leith Builders Ltd - £4790 plus VAT which comes to £5508

The Grounds Committee is confident that all three firms tendering can meet the standards required of the contract. Painting Direct has close connections with the Football Club. Not only is this the cheapest quote but the firm should have a greater interest in ensuring the quality of the work.

The Council is asked to approve the letting of the contract for the refurbishment to Painting Direct. The work to be overseen by the Grounds Committee and to begin as soon as possible.

## APPENDIX 2

### POLICE REPORT

The details that I can give you for the PC are similar to the information I gave you last evening, I will put it in some sort of order, but if you find an easier way to put it over please feel free,

#### 1. Anti social behaviour.

Calls to Hants Police and Hart (101)

Nov 2008 8

Dec 2008 12

Jan 2009 25

#### 2. Criminal Damage

Calls to Hants Police and Hart (101)

Nov 2008 4

Dec 2008 7

Jan 2009 10

The anti social behaviour calls have shown that there is now a willingness to call, and because of those calls, the times and days could be used for intelligence purposes, allowing me to see where and when the problems were. Although 25 call in January appears to be a large number there were 2 distinct areas, firstly around the village hall and church area and secondly around Handcroft/Ashley Close. The areas are quite specific, and are 2 different groups, but both have now stopped and there have been no reports in the first area since 22/01/09 and no calls to the second area since 30/01/09. On both occasions I was on foot patrol in the village and dealt with both incidents.

The damage incidents are mainly in the areas of the Croft Lane, Hook Meadow, and Well Road. The last incident reported was on 15/01/09.

I have formally interviewed 5 young persons, and have 2 more to deal with. All those dealt with so far have been honest and I believe genuine. The parents have been extremely supportive and helpful in being able to put this to an end, and were not aware of the extent of the wrong doing.

I am able to say that at the time of writing this on Friday 13 February at 12.30hrs there have been no crimes reported in Crondall since 20 January 2009, and there have been no reports of anti social behaviour in Crondall since 30 January 2009.

## APPENDIX 3

### CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2009

#### EXPENDITURE:

The following cheques were presented for authorisation and signature:

2165 SJB Services (Repair taps)	56.00
2166 HALC (Clerk Conference)	40.00
2167 HCC (LGPS)	278.79
2168 Audit Commission	460.00
2169 Viking Direct (Stationery)	103.39
2170 G. Baker	996.73
<u>2171 J. Brown (Pay due + Exp)</u>	38.56
s/o J. Brown (4 weeks @ £281.50)	1126.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3099.47</b>

#### RECEIPTS

The following receipts are to be credited to the general account on 20th January 2009

551 JDA Cox (Cox/Burton Wedding)	118.25
552 A & W Goddard (Andrews)	164.00
553 A & W Goddard (Andrews)	60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>342.25</b>

Balance of general account re statement dated 29/01/09	2543.37
Less unrepresented cheques and standing orders	1324.59
Balance at 16/02/09	<b>1218.78</b>
Transfer from deposit to general account	2500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3718.78</b>
Plus Receipts	342.25
Less Payments	3099.47
Balance of general account at 16/02/09	961.56

Balance of Deposit Account at 16/02/09	45,239.42
(Includes Deposit Account Monthly Interest)	3.93
Less transfer to General Account	2500.00
Forecast Balance of general account at 28/02/09	961.56
Forecast Balance of deposit account at 28/02/09	42,739.42
Forecast Total Funds at 28/02/09	43,700.98