

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Monday 20th APRIL 2009 AT 7.30 PM. IN CRONDALL CHURCH ROOMS

Present: *Cllrs: Argent, Behagg, Hebbbron (Vice Chairman), Payne, Passmore, Shelford (Chairman), Sisk (arrived 19.40), Vincent (arrived 20.48 pm), Wilkinson, G. Baker (Clerk)*

Apologies: Cllr. Bredin, Dobby, Dorn, Payne, Vincent (arrived 20.48 pm), Sisk, District Cllrs Glen, Singh.

295/09 APOLOGIES

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

296/09 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

297/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters were raised from the previous minutes.

- Cllr. Sisk joined the meeting at 19.40 p.m.

298/09 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, AND THE CLERK

The Chairman welcomed residents, the Press and District Councillor (DC) Bennison. He advised that a permanent Travellers camp had moved in over the weekend and that the meeting would request a review of how far things have gone as far as Hart District Council (HDC) are concerned, from DC Bennison. The Chairman then advised that in the session usually given over to Public Participation there would be a short question and answer session. If the Parish Council (PC) could not answer a question or runs out of time we would take a note of questions and try to respond at a later date.

The Chairman urged everyone to speak clearly and only speak through the Chair so that the Clerk can keep up with what is said to assist with the accuracy of the minutes.

The Chairman advised that he would be on holiday from 28th April - 7th May and therefore would not be at the next Planning Meeting on 5th May 2009.

He asked if there were any questions from the members – none were raised.

299/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declaration necessary.

300/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were members of the public in attendance wishing to raise questions on the situation regarding the recent establishment of the travellers Site. It was decided that any questions would be covered following the District Councillors (DC) Report at 301/09.

Flight Lieutenant Matt Roberts (RAF Community Liaison) would be speaking on the Commercial Flight situation at RAF Odiham following DC Bennison's report.

301/09 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT.

DC Bennison advised that there was a major item to be aware of in that there had been an application for two new houses on land between 2-3 Glebe Road, Crondall. This application goes back to November 2004. This application was held up because of SPA issues then taken to High Court with 6 other applications as test cases but the case was lost there. It was held in abeyance until January this year when the SPA was sorted out allowing people who wanted to develop land could contribute to the SPA fund and thereby mitigate the affect on SPA land. This application had been revived with about ten other applications held in the system at HDC. DC Bennison has a copy of another report which goes through the history of the applications. And will leave this for the PC to view.

One other thing to come out of this on Planning on April 16th 2009 the Planning rules changed for refusals of planning appeals and these must now be lodged in 12 weeks. There will not be an opportunity to offer additional comments at appeal stage.

The suffixes to household applications will have different initials in front of application numbers. DC Bennison also advised that HDC will be offering swimming free for over 60 years and under 16 years.

Cllr Argent asked DC Bennison whether the plan for changes on appeal deadlines and the matter of a third party being unable to raise further issues is an HDC decision or nationwide. DC Bennison advised it is nationwide. The comment was made that this will mean that if someone misunderstands the issues of an application they could not raise these at a later date.

With regard to the situation regarding the Travellers a temporary stop notice had been issued on that Tuesday at 3.30 pm. and HDC were told there would be a planning application arriving on the Friday or Monday. The planning application had not yet been validated and no Case Officer allocated to it. The application was for 4 plots - 3 for permanent travellers and 1 temporary plot. This matter has nothing to do with enforcement. It was now with the Planning Team and would be treated as a normal Planning Application. It will come to the Parish Council in due course and Cllr Bennison would suggest that is when it should be discussed.

HDC, along with all other councils, have been looking for more traveller sites. Hart has 2 permanent sites - one at Penny Hill and one at Star Hill with 20 plot each with waiting list for both sites

Cllr Shelford asked members of public for any questions

Question: If they own the site does this make any difference to our chance to move them on. Cllr Bennison advised that HDC are going through the land registry to check that they do own land; if they do not own it, it would be trespass. He advised that HDC have a very well run routine when travellers move onto HDC and Hampshire County Council (HCC) land as they would then be trespassing and

can be removed within 5 days. If it is a private individuals land and they do not want them on their land HDC can help remove them from their land but this can take up to 28 days.

Depending on the ownership of the land this will now go through the planning system in the normal way.

Mr. Lambert (resident) asked what the reason was for the lack of traveller site in the HDC area. Cllr Bennison advised that Hampshire is very poorly served in the way of traveller's sites and other counties have more traveller sites, but HDC want to put more sites in.

If the application is approved could the site be expanded by other applications for further sites? Cllr Shelford advised that there is other land adjacent to the present site which they could purchase and expand the site, but this would go back to the same problem of a planning issue which would be the only way of stopping them developing as already.

Cllr Argent advised that there had already been an application made for two children from this site to attend the local school and there are places available. As local residents already have problems getting their children into local schools and these children will be nearer the catchment area this will increase the problem.

Mr. Lambert (resident) asked if the gate to Crondall Football ground should be blocked to avoid someone moving onto this land. The Chairman agreed that it is a good point.

Cllr. Argent thanked Cllr. Bennison for attending the meeting and answering questions. All added their thanks.

Flight Lieutenant Matt Roberts – RAF Odiham had been invited to give the PC a few words on the question of Commercial flying in and out of RAF Odiham. F/Lt. Robert's Station Commander had asked him to be a representative of RAF Odiham in the community and if any resident has a question about RAF matter affecting the community they should contact him.

Project Belvedere was a Government Project which placed the RAF Odiham under threat of closure. Project Belvedere has now made a report back to the Cabinet which advised that everyone would remain where they are. However, when Project Belvedere was first started the Odiham Station Commander was thinking of ways to keep the base open and scoping was carried out to allow Commercial Flights from Odiham. This was advertised and the public had seen notices of the proposal and raised their concerns. The Company who was to operate the commercial flights has gone into liquidation and RAF Odiham no longer need to do anything to prove viability. F/Lt. Roberts confirmed that RAF Odiham is not intending to operate any commercial flights from the base in the near future.

District Cllr. Bennison asked when the Project Belvedere decision had been taken. F/Lt. Roberts advised that it had been in the last month. There is a possibility that the Government will reject the decision but this should not affect the decision to run flights from Odiham.

F/Lt. Roberts told the meeting that RAF Odiham would be bringing a Chinook to the Crondall fete and that the Crondall Society had asked him to talk on his time in Afghanistan at the May 13th Crondall Society AGM

302/09 AGENDA ITEMS

a) Travellers' Site, Crondall Road – update

See above update from District Cllr. Bennison at 301/09.

b) Proposed revision of Standing Order 28 to read as follows:

28 CHAIRMAN'S TERM OF OFFICE

(a) Subject to para (b) below, there shall be no restriction on the number of times the Chairman of the Council can stand for re-election as Chairman.

(b) A person standing for re-election as Chairman, whose re-election would result in him or her serving more than two consecutive years in office, shall withdraw his or her candidature if any other member of the Council also stands, and is duly and properly proposed and seconded, for election as Chairman

Cllr Argent had put this proposal forward. He advised that Standing Order 28 currently states that the Chairman's Term of Office is for two consecutive years. He does not understand why this should apply if they wish to continue in the position. This was the reason he had asked for the proposed change to Standing Order 28; this with the provision that if the Chairman wanted to stand for more than two years in a row and any other member of the Council also stood for election to the position, and was duly and properly proposed and seconded, then this would go to election in the normal way.

The Chairman proposed the amendment to delete para.b Cllr Argent proposed the above amended revision; Seconded Cllr Wilkinson; all in favour.

Cllr. Argent referred to rule 49 b of the Standing Orders which states:

1. VARIATION, REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

*a) Any or every part of the Standing Orders, with the exception of those printed in **bold type**, may be suspended by resolution in relation to any specific item of business.*

A resolution to permanently add, vary of revoke a standing order shall, when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next meeting of the Parish Council."

c) Insurance Policy Renewal

The Parish Council had received details of the Insurance Policy for the coming year which included a quote for a 3 year 'Long Term Agreement'. The details had been circulated to all members.

The Long Term Agreement had been rejected last year on grounds that it removed our flexibility on insurance cover. With the re- arrangement of the Crondall and Ewshot Parishes twelve months hence it would seem to be a very difficult situation to sign up to a policy which would be need to be varied in 1 years time. Apart from this it was proposed that the PC renew the policy as it is only a small increase and we had received good service. The Chairman proposed that we proceed with renewal as quoted

Proposal: To renew the Insurance Policy as quoted; Cllr Hebbro seconded; all in favour.

d) Funding for planting of tree (£100) as July payment – Brandon Bungalows

Neighbours of the planting site have been consulted regarding the proposal to plant a tree in this area and all are happy with the proposal. The planting of the tree will cost £100. A question was asked as to what the £100 will cover and the Council were advised that it covers supply, planting and maintenance of the tree and replacement for a period of 3 years. A further question was raised

as to what type of tree would be planted – a Birch tree. The Chairman proposed approval of the expenditure;

Proposal: To spend £100 on supply and planting of tree; Cllr Passmore seconded; 7 in favour 1 abstention.

e) PCC Youth Worker reporting

Laura Barber will be starting as the Youth Worker and in agreement with our previous decision to make a grant to the PCC towards the cost there is a Payment Request to be paid tonight. The Vicar had asked the Chairman what sort of reporting would we require on the Youth Workers activities; His feeling was that it would be sufficient for her to come to every other main meeting and talk to us about what she has been doing. Cllr Wilkinson agreed as the Youth Worker might want to talk to us about amenities. Cllr Hebbroon suggested that if she is reporting to the church she could copy this to us, unless something particular to report. Cllr Hebbroon asked if anyone knew what had happened about the Youth Bus and if it still exists and is available to parishes as this might be of interest to Laura. It was finally suggested that she might like to come to a PC meeting to meet everyone and if she is making a written report to Parochial Church Council then copy us.

Cllr Shelford took the cheque and will pass this to Rev. K. Hitchinson and speak to her about communications with the Youth Worker.

f) Annual Assembly 11th May 2009

An update on the progress on arrangements for the Annual Assembly was required as the Chairman is away for the week before hand. Cllr Passmore had made arrangements for refreshments to be served by the Bell Ringers. PS David Wheatstone had agreed to attend to speak on Police matters.

Order of meeting will be: Chairman first with introduction of what the PC has been doing in the last year; then the Chairs of the Committees would present an overview of their Committee's projects; the Finance Officer would provide a Financial Statement and there would be a brief report from the ASB working group. Cllr Passmore advised that they were awaiting production of leaflet to encourage people to report items and had been awaiting confirmation that the 101 number would continue and so will now go ahead with leaflet. It was agreed that the agenda would cover other Committees activities and finishing with the ASB Working Group which would then hand over to Police Sergeant David Wheatstone; then comments from Flight Lieutenant Matt Roberts to finish.

It was agreed that we use our own projector and screen. The Chairman advised that if people want to use any form of presentation on the computer to make sure the Clerk has it in time to set up. Community trusts Accounts are also made available.

➤ **Cllr. Vincent arrived 20.48.**

g) Annual Meeting 18th May 2009

It was agreed to add in the election of the new Finance Sub Committee at this meeting.

It was agreed that the meeting would move to Committee Reports at 3030/09 whilst waiting for Cllr. Vincent to set up the planning applications.

- h) Land adjacent to 2 Bourley Road, Church Crookham. 02/00539/OUT **Amended Plans**.
Application for approval of reserved matters in respect of outline planning permission Erection of Class B1(a) and (c) development and associated works. (Gregory Gray Associates)

Cllr Vincent presented the application and advised that the applicant is running two Planning Applications in parallel. This application is for reserved matters i.e. landscaping etc. The parking spaces will be shared with the Peter Driver centre. The design has been revised to reflect the Vertu building design. There will be 10 small business units with a re-cycling facility; There will be 18 parking spaces shared between the business units and the Peter Driver Centre. Hart originally asked for 18 parking spaces to be provided and, although they now feel this is insufficient, they cannot change these requirements now. Currently the Peter Driver Centre does not have any parking spaces. The application has not been approved because the HDC Planning Committee have asked we need to look at parking spaces asked for by Hart DC the design of the building and the entrance gates. Hart District Council says they are entitled to 18 spaces for the Leisure centre, one space for the bottle bank and then shared between business units. The application has been before the Planning Committee and been deferred on those three points. We have been asked if we approve the new design features. The gates are presumably to stop spaces being filled up when sport area in use.

Cllr Vincent proposed that we approve this application as the proposal retains the Peter Driver Centre, and the loss of this facility was the reason we objected to the previous application.

(Recommendation: Approval of application)

(Recommendation of approval: seconded Cllr Hebbroon; 8 for approval;
1 abstention.

- i) Secondary School Places – update

Cllr. Vincent advised that 100 parents attended the meeting with Cllr. Kirk. The Admissions and Liaison person advised that they cannot guarantee places but expect all 2009 pupils will gain places at the catchment schools. They do not perceive there will be any problem in 2010 but their figures were challenged. They are not going to change the catchment area but will take away post codes for catchment areas. There will be a further meeting in 2-3 months time. In the short term Crondall children should all get into catchment schools.

- j) Web site update

The Chairman advised that the web site is moving ahead. The Chairman asked for volunteers to look at the draft arrangement for a consensus of opinion on the format. Cllrs. Argent, Hebbroon and Passmore volunteered.

303/09 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- k) Grounds Committee – minutes of the meeting 6th April 2009 (**Appendix**) had been circulated.
Refurbishment of the Pavilion – work complete and Painting Direct paid;
Torro mower replacement – new model Grillo purchased at £475;
Replacement hedge trimmer – purchase of this had been deferred;
Cricket for Kids – the PC had been asked for the use of Ewshot Recreation Ground for this weekly event. The Grounds Committee recommend that this be approved. All agreed. The Clerk is to confirm to applicant all ok;

Replacement swing seats – 4 new flat seats and chains are to be purchased.

Replacement staves were to be purchased and a letter sent to farm land owner to repair holes in hedges to reduce entry by dogs.

Cllr Behagg had drafted a lease for the football pavilion and will circulate for agreement at the next meeting;

The Committee had agreed to the scheme to plant trees on Ewshot Recreation Ground proposed by local residents; Cllr Bredin to Liaise.

A letter is to be sent to the applicant to say we have agreed to the planting;

Churchyard Paths – HCC will release money and check work half way through. Cllr Passmore advised that kerbing setts and gravel to go on top of tarmac has been agreed. Aldreds now aware they have the contract and that they need to schedule the work;

Cllr Wilkinson asked what had happened to the Play Area chains which children walk along in Crondall as they are very close to the ground;

Cllr Shelford raised the poor condition of landing pits on the slides at Ewshot; Clerk to purchase play bark to replenish.

- l) Traffic and Lighting Committee - minutes of the meeting 6th April 2009 (Appendix 4) had been circulated.

The PC was asked for any questions on the report circulated. Cllr Shelford had received a letter from a resident regarding moving the 30mph limit sign further up Well Road and it was noted that is already in hand and had been with HCC for approx two and a half years to relocate the sign..

Cllr Shelford advised that there are a lot replicated signs just off the A287 and he would bring 'photos to the next meeting;

Cllr Hebborn advised that the PC had only been notified today of the closure of Dora's Green Lane after the road had already been closed.

- m) Memorial Applications and Burials

The Clerk advised that there had been a request for one memorial tablet to be laid in the Memorial area. A point was raised that no tablets/stones are to be laid on the ground in the Memorial area. Clerk to check validity of request.

- n) Finance Report to include agreement on Invoices to be paid.

Cllr Passmore raised the question of an estimated reading for the Football Pavilion and it was agreed that the meters should be read before the next invoice.

Proposal: Agreement of Finance report and Payment Requests; Cllr Hebborn seconded; all in favour

304/09 CORRESPONDENCE

No items from the Correspondence Pack required discussion.

305/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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