

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.30 PM. IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs: Argent, Dobby (arrived 20.05), Dorn, Hebborn (Vice Chairman), Payne, Passmore, Shelford (Chairman), Vincent, G. Baker (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. Behagg, Bredin, Dobby (for late arrival), Sisk, Wilkinson.

404/09 APOLOGIES

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

405/09 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2009 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

406/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters were raised from the previous minutes.

407/09 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK

The Clerk advised that Faye Poulter of Hart District Council (HDC) had asked if Councillors could make the Conservation Area Review 'walk-about' on 16th November. Cllr Dorn had circulated details to Councillors asking for confirmation of their availability on that date and would pass details of the final representatives to the Clerk.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions from the Members but none were raised.

408/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman asked if there were any Declarations of Interest necessary with regard to agenda items but none made.

409/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation to report.

410/09 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT.

Cllr John Bennison first advised that with regard to the Conservation Area Review he was pleased that it had now been started. Ms. Faye Poulter (HDC) needed confirmation of the availability of Councillors for the walk-about on 16th November. Preparation work is now in hand and there would now be a public exhibition for one week and also a public meeting for interested parties. The matter would then hopefully go to HDC Cabinet probably March/April next year – date to be confirmed.

The Basingstoke Canal issue has not gone to cabinet yet but this would probably happen in December. Regarding the Agenda item regarding Speaking at HDC Planning Meetings, Church Crookham Planning Chairman had spoken for the allotted three minutes for the first time at the recent HDC Planning meeting and it had worked well.

Appeals: Blue Prior applications had gone to appeal on 13th October; Rose Cottages, Ewshot Lane would be heard on Thursday 22nd at HDC Civic Offices; the appeal for Land at Junction A287 and West of Crondall Road, Crookham Village would be held on 18th November

The Planning Application for the 60 bed nursing home on the border of Crondall Parish with Church Crookham at the Peter Driver Centre, Bourley Road was coming up the following Wednesday.

Road closures: Redfields Lane to the junction with A287 would be closed for the week commencing 26th October with re-routing via Beacon Hill.

Affordable Housing - there is going to be a show, regarding Affordable Housing available in the area, taking place at the Princes Hall, Aldershot on Thursday 22nd October. Cllr Bennison would leave the leaflet with the Clerk for publishing.

The Chairman asked if members had any questions for Cllr Bennison. Cllr Vincent asked about the bus stops on Beacon Hill as at the last meeting Cllr Bennison had advised that there would be a new stop at the top of the bridle path and it had not been provided. Cllr Bennison advised that several bus stops had been put in incorrectly and there should definitely be one just down from the bridle path and he would contact HCC and get this corrected.

411/09 AGENDA ITEMS

a) Review of Planning Applications due to short response time:

- i.1a Woodpecker Close, Ewshot 09/01962/HOU two storey rear and side extensions, partly over existing flat roofed out-crops.

Cllr Vincent presented the application details. Woodpeckers Close is on the Marlborough Hill estate. There was no specific location plan provided. The Conservation Officer was happy with the proposals but wants a protection zone around the Scots Pine trees to protect them. A Bat report had been provided and confirms there are no bats in the area. There was a tree report from the applicant and the methodology as to how trees will be protected. There had not been any objections from neighbours. The Marlborough Hill residents Association confirmed that neighbours are well aware of the proposals. The Planning Committee recommended approval.

Recommendation: Approval; Cllr Argent seconded; 6 in favour; 1 abstention.

- ii.The Dormers, Church Street, Crondall 09/02312/HOU construction of an outbuilding of timber construction for the purpose of a home office/studio.

Cllr Vincent presented the details of the application. She advised that there had not been any comments received from neighbours of the application site. The roof of the studio would be nearly 3 metres high. The Conservation Officer had asked for a more aesthetic shingle roof design. Cllr Hebborn pointed out that the proposed location is right in middle at the end of a field and so will be visible. The Planning Committee recommends approval but only on planning grounds and this to be subject to conditions as laid down by the Conservation Officer being adhered to.

Recommendation: Approval but only on planning grounds and this to be subject to conditions as laid down by the Conservation Officer being adhered to.

Recommendation: as above; Cllr Shelford seconded; 5 in favour; 2 against; no abstentions

- Cllr Dobby joined the meeting at 20.05

- b) Appeal against Enforcement Notice - Land at Junction of A287 and Crondall Road, Traveller site. Draft PC response.

The PC's draft response was not yet available. The Chairman had spoken to Cllr Argent about the PC's possible response and it was felt that the PC would not have much to say at the Appeal hearing, other than its original response, or be in a defensible position. However, the PC had agreed it would have a speaker at the appeal, and had unanimously nominated Cllr Argent, provided that said speaker thought it would be viable to speak. The PC still has until 18th November and therefore 2 more PC meetings in which to finalise a decision on this. There was a suggestion that, as with the Crondall Lodge garage appeal, when the PC spoke and were supported by the Crondall Society, as the Crondall Society are going to speak at this hearing it may be a good idea for them to speak supported by the PC. Cllr Argent believed a decision should be deferred until the next meeting. The Chairman asked if all were happy to do this and all agreed.

- c) Speaking at Planning Committee Meetings – update from HDC Planning meeting

The PC had received a solution from Robert Jackson (HDC) as to our concerns, which had been circulated (Appendix 1). The Chairman suggested the PC leave the matter as it is until an application is received upon which the PC strongly wishes to speak on. As Crookham village have successfully used the system then that would seem acceptable. Cllr Vincent advised that at the recent Planning meeting the rest of the Parishes viewed the system positively and if the response timing was short then they were delegating the items to their Planning Committees.

- d) PFI Street Lighting Maintenance Contract with report from HDAPTC meeting

The Chairman advised that the PFI Street Lighting Contract has progressed rapidly and he will provide a report from the recent HDAPTC meeting on this. However, more has since occurred. Cllr Argent has reviewed the contract and produced four pages of questions on the contract. Hook PC is grossly dissatisfied with the contract. Cllr Argent then read out responses from Hampshire County Councils (HCC) Julian Higgins regarding the contract which basically meant 'take it or leave it.' HCC would not provide details of the Maintenance Provider. Energy costs would be subject to adjustment 'from time to time.'

The Chairman suggested the PFI Contract should be dealt with by the Traffic & Lighting (T & L) Committee for a bit longer in order to come up with a proposal as to what action should be taken as it is not certain whether we would benefit financially from it. Cllr Argent felt that although the PC would benefit at the moment it cannot be certain that it would continue as energy prices can change. Cllr Dorn felt that the HCC approach didn't deal with the transfer of risk in exchange for a fixed fee.

The Chairman suggested the decision regarding the PFI Contract be deferred until after the next T & L meeting and added to the agenda for the Planning meeting of 2nd November.

The Chairman then provided a report from the recent HDAPTC Meeting regarding the PFI Hook and Hartley Wintney Parish Councils have been in contact quite regularly on the matter. Geoff Bonner (HDC Chief Executive) attended the meeting and announced that the arrangement for the formation of the three new parishes was going very well, however, Cllr Shelford advised that when it came to Crondall PC it was not going ahead well at all.

- e) Parish Boundary Changes

The Chairman advised that the Working Group had met with Geoff Bonner, Chief Executive of HDC, and Andy Tiffin of Electoral Services on 14th August. The PC had then received a letter after two months which should have answered all of our questions; it answered one or two but left a lot unanswered. There was some concern as to how the Parish of Crondall should be split- i.e. 'wind up' in business terms and form two new parishes or should the existing Crondall PC continue with reduced electorate and Councillors. This new letter makes it quite clear that Crondall PC will continue with fewer Councillors. The number of Councillors for Crondall from 1st April 2010 would reduce but to eight Councillors instead of the seven currently covering the ward. The Chairman had asked why and the answer was more or less 'that is how it is going to be'. The letter also talks about elections and insists there will have to be an election in Crondall as well as in Ewshot. That would take place on 6th May 2010 and Councillors elected would then stay in office until 2012 when there would be further elections to fit in with the normal election cycle. There was no explanation of this. There were also some questions which the Chairman would like Councillors to comment on such as the division of assets. Lists of the various assets with the suggested allocation to the new Crondall or Ewshot Parish had been circulated to all (APPENDIX 2). The Chairman proposed that if all were happy with the suggested split of the assets then the PC would proceed with this.

The Chairman asked for Councillors comments on the split of assets. Cllr Dorn asked if there was anything we should be allocating to the 'northern fringe' of the parish. The Chairman advised that the 'northern fringe' had advised that they had no interest in the PC's assets.

Regarding the value of the assets it was asked which value would be used. The Chairman advised that the values listed in the assets register were for insurance purposes and were written up by about 5% each year for replacement values. Cllr Argent could not see anything that should be written down for more than 5 years and thinks the 20% 5 year figure should be used.

The only item that had a high residual value is the Speed Indication Device (SID) and the Chairman would recommend that it be left in Crondall and other parishes could use it and be charged accordingly.

Cllr Argent proposed that the PC should use the list of items remaining but remove the figures from lists of assets located in each ward and those items to be shared have the 20% values left on. Cllr Shelford seconded; all in favour.

f) Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) AGM - report by Chairman

The Chairman advised that via Cllr. John Bennison the Chairman had received an e-mail sent out by the clerk working for the three new parishes which stunned him. The Chairman read the letter out to members.

(APPENDIX 3) This was regarding an order which lists the constitution of Parishes. Reference the new Ewshot Parish, elections for Ewshot and Crondall shall be held simultaneously on 6th May 2010. The Chairman asked Cllr Bennison to advise HDC that the PC is extremely cross that the order had been signed without the PC being given knowledge of it and that it feels this was a totally rude and cavalier attitude. The Chairman then advised of a letter which Cllr Argent had drafted and which had been sent to Andrew Tiffin and Geoff Bonner (HDC) the previous evening (Appendix 4)

Cllr Argent felt that it was also not just that we had not been told but that Geoff Bonner had advised that the PC would see the order and be asked for its input. The Chairman advised that he attended the HAPTC meeting on Saturday 10th October when he spoke to the Chief Executive Steven Lugg and raised with him the problems being experienced and asked for advice on how this change should be set up. Mr. Lugg offered to come and talk to the working group about it. Cllr Dorn asked if the letter had been circulated to all before sent out; the Chairman advised that it had been the working group's action, as it had wanted to get it to HDC that morning and Cllr Argent said the working group had not exceeded its remit and not committed the PC to anything.

HALC AGM – There had been a presentation on road safety extolling the virtues of the Village 30 schemes. Crondall PC was in the second tranche which is now completed. Apparently most drivers caught in the 30 mph limit areas were local drivers.

SID – roundels with 30mph which light up as drivers approach it are being made available to PC's to purchase and install. PC may be able to do this itself in the future but there are health and safety issues with this.

Affiliation fees – these include a levy to NALC. The fees are set on per capita of electorate. In Hart Church Crookham and Ewshot were not mentioned Crondall 2573 fees due of £497.00 The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Eleanor Greene Treasurer at HCC and ask for the anticipated electorate for Hart District.

g) Web Site – links

The question had been asked whether the PC should have a link to the Crondall Weather web site which carried a lot of advertising. The Chairman asked if members had looked at the site and if they had any comments.

Following general discussion the Chairman proposed the PC proceed with a link to the Weather web site; all in favour.

h) Cricket Club pump – PC contribution to cost of repair

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

412/09 **PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a) Grounds Committee – minutes of the meeting 5th October 2009 (Appendix 5) had been circulated.

Minutes taken as read.

The Chairman asked about the situation with the swings for Hook Meadow; Cllr Passmore had sorted parts for the swings. Cllr Bredin would install.

A new gate post had been installed at Ewshot Recreation Ground.

It had been agreed that the Grounds Committee could proceed with the moss killing on the tennis Courts etc. under its remit.

The Church gates had been taken off and pushed up in the hedge. This would be added to the next Committee agenda.

- b) Traffic and Lighting Committee - minutes of the meeting 5th October 2009 (Appendix 6) had been circulated.

Cllr Argent proposed that the PC adopt the minutes as read and had nothing else to report.

It was noted that the light in Redlands Lane was still working and that SEC may supply an led light as an alternative.

Cllr Hebbroon asked if the timing of the lights changed automatically when clocks alter as a few are out of synch with the new time.

- c) Memorial Applications and Burials

The Clerk advised that there had been two burials; one new headstone and one additional inscription.

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

The Finance report for October 2009 was signed as a correct record of the finances. The Chairman proposed acceptance; Cllr Dorn seconded; all in favour. Cheques were signed by Cllrs Hebbroon & Passmore.

413/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing was raised from the Correspondence list.

414/09 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Faye Poulter had asked if Councillors could make the 'walk-about' 16th November. See above.
- b) The Chairman had received several complaints about anti social behaviour in the Green Springs area. Sentinel Housing Association had sent out a letter to local tenants asking for them to be advised of any inconvenience or disturbance being caused by their tenants in the village. It was suggested that a letter to Sentinel is drafted and reviewed at an 'In Committee' meeting after the Planning meeting on 2nd November. The letter would outline incidents experienced so far and suggest a meeting with the PC's ASB working group to consider future action. The Chairman invited Cllr Bennison to comment and he informed members that there had been three meetings on this subject and another was scheduled for November.

- c) Transport Representatives meeting – there was currently no PC Transport Representative nominated and it was agreed to put the nomination and attendance of the Transport Representatives Meeting on the next Traffic & Lighting Committee agenda for 2nd November
- d) Cllr. Payne noted the CPRE seminar on 11th November and advised it was free to all Councillors should they wish to attend.

The meeting closed at 21.28 hours

Signed.....

Dated.....

APPENDIX 1 LETTER FROM HART DISTRICT COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 1 (411/09 (c))

Date 6 October 2009
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Dear Gillian

Re: Speaking at Planning Committee Meetings

Thank you for your letter of 28 September 2009 concerning the above.

I do appreciate the difficulties that you envisage, but may I suggest a potential work round for you.

When the Parish looks at the application initially I assume that it must know at that time whether it is one which is particularly contentious or one of particular importance to the Parish Council which might lead to the Parish wishing to express its views verbally to the District Council.

Consequently, it could then flag up for itself these applications then and if and when you are notified these applications are on the agenda for the District Council planning committee that you could respond appropriately having been previously authorised to do so.

Clearly, it might be that you would only wish to speak if the recommendation was "X", but you could know this at the time of your initial consideration and factor it in to your decision. Hart's letter sets out what the recommendation will be so you will know that then.

The notifications as to what is on the Planning Committee are sent out by first class post a fortnight before the Planning Committee meeting (2nd Wednesday of the month) so you should receive them on a Thursday.

I hope this provides a satisfactory way forward.

Yours sincerely

Robert Jackson
Development Control Manager
Planning Services



APPENDIX 2 (411/09 (e))

PARISH BOUNDARY ASSETS LIST

From: Garry Shelford [garry@high-view-house.freeserve.co.uk]

Sent: 26 October 2009 10:19

To: Gillian Baker - CPC Clerk

Cc: David Argent - CPC; Mark Passmore - CPC; Jane Payne - CPC

Subject: Establishment of new Parishes - Crondall Parish Assets

Attachments: 0001 SHARED ASSETS - WDV's agreed 191009.xls; 0001 ASSETS Located in Crondall - agreed 191009.xls; 0001 ASSETS located in Ewshot - agreed 191009.xls
Good Morning Gillian

Here are three lists of assets similar to drafts discussed last Monday but with values removed from the lists located in each ward and the written down values over 5 years (20% pa) against the shared items. They are Excel spreadsheets so I hope they transmit ok.

I think these could now go to Andrew Tiffin with a note to say they were agreed at the PC meeting of 19 Oct but are substantially identical to the drafts we sent him previously.

Thanks
Garry

APPENDIX 3 (Item 411/09 (f))

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Dear All,

Hart have managed to stick to the deadline and the Order for the creation of the new parishes was signed and sealed last night. A copy is attached which is not quite the final version as it contains a few spelling mistakes/typos. I can forward an electronic copy of the final version when available. Obviously there is also a large number of maps/plans - these are not included in the electronic version attached.

You will notice this is part 1 of the Order. The Order is in two parts to take account of the need to set budgets in a few months' time. The second part will basically set out what those budgets will be.

Regards,
Jan

(See attached file: Draft Order Part I 15.10.09.doc)

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APPENDIX 4 (Item 411/09 (f))

Mr. Andrew Tiffin
Hart District Council
Fleet
Hants

16 October 2009

Dear Andrew

Establishment of the parishes of Ewshot and of Church Crookham – electoral matters

Thank you for your letter of 8th October, addressed to Gillian, our clerk, which follows the meeting which I and three fellow Councillors had with you and Geoff Bonner on 14th August.

You have kindly clarified several issues, but before going on to seek further information from you on a number of important areas which your letter doesn't address, I do – with respect – take issue with the second paragraph of your letter – it is certainly far from the case that the information you've now provided is merely what we knew already!

You concluded your letter with the suggestion that we should contact you if there were any queries. There are, as follows:-

1: Elections

What is the legal basis for requiring *all eight* positions in the “new” Crondall Parish Council to be subject to an election in May 2010?

The existing seven Crondall Councillors were all originally elected on the basis of a four year term which does not expire until 2012. These Councillors therefore, in effect, offered their services based on what now turns out to have been a false prospectus.

If the new Crondall PC *has* to comprise eight Councillors (bearing in mind that the justification for changing from seven to eight disappeared once the Crondall/Ewshot split was decided), why cannot the existing seven continue the term for which they were elected in the first place, and just the single additional “vacancy” be subject to an election?

2: Elections (again)

What is the legal basis for requiring the new Crondall PC to face *yet another* election, a mere two years later, in 2012?

It clearly isn't simply to bring the different parishes into line – do all Hart parishes have their normal 4-year-cycle elections in 2012?

Parish Councils need Councillors who offer their services in the expectation that they will at least be expected to contribute conscientiously, and with reasonable medium/long-term strategies, to the parish. It is far from clear that local democracy will be served by inviting people to stand for election, knowing that they will have to do so again a mere two years later!

3: Elections (cost)

All of us should be looking to save unnecessary expenditure, whether at District or Parish Council level, yet these proposals mean that, in the space of two years there will be at least three – possibly four – parish council elections: two in Crondall and one (or two – your letter seems slightly unclear on this point: see 4 below) in Ewshot.

At our meeting on 14th August we were assured that the District Council would do everything possible to minimise costs, but it is hard to see any connection between this assurance and the current proposals for multiple elections.

Since we were also told at the 14th August meeting that all such costs – minimised or not – would be the Parish Councils' responsibility, this is a major concern for us – what may be insignificant sums to the District Council are significant burdens to a Parish Council, and especially to the two smaller PC's resulting from this change.

Given that whichever elections ultimately take place are only necessary as a result of the District Council's decisions (taken in the face of consistent objection from the current Crondall Parish Council!), I would ask you once again to give an assurance that all election costs will be borne by the District Council.

4: Shadow Councils and Ewshot's election arrangements.

You say in your letter that the twelve existing Crondall Councillors will continue as Councillors for the reduced Crondall Parish from 1st April to four days after 6th May 2010 (barring a General Election!).

On the one hand, this seems to remove the need for any "shadow council" for the new smaller Crondall Parish. On the other hand it creates such a need in the new Ewshot Parish, yet the obvious candidates for this shadow council – the existing five Councillors – will by definition not be eligible or available (unless they are permitted, and are willing, to sit on both Councils simultaneously, albeit only for six weeks or so). What is the District Council's intention?

Your letter makes no mention of the new Ewshot Parish Council having to face a second set of elections in 2012. Please confirm whether or not this is the plan.

5: The Order

At our 14th August meeting we were promised sight of any draft Order, that our comments and inputs would be actively sought and carefully considered, and that any resultant Order would incorporate the result of this two-way liaison.

Please confirm that this is still the District Council's definite plan, and let me know when a first draft of the Order will be available.

6: Staff Contracts.

Apart from seeking our confirmation that both staff contracts (i.e. the clerk and the Groundsman) will stay with the new Crondall Parish Council, your letter is silent on the much more fundamental issues surrounding the costs of employing, or terminating the employment of, these two individuals.

We attempted to make it very clear at our 14th August meeting that, following the "split", neither of the resultant smaller Parish Councils could possibly afford to continue to employ either of these two individuals (let alone both of them) on their current terms. Between them, they cost the current Parish Council (in very round figures) about £40,000 a year. This sum alone exceeds the likely total precept of either of the new smaller Parish Councils!

As you know, making the Groundsman (who has many years service) redundant would be extremely expensive, quite apart from the risk and possible consequences of any allegedly "unfair" dismissal.

We discussed with you at our 14th August meeting the desirability of ensuring the Groundsman's continued employment on (more or less) unchanged terms, by writing into the Order a requirement that the new Ewshot Parish Council continues to use (and pay for) his services, on the current basis, until his employment by the new Crondall Parish Council terminates. At what point would such a condition be written into the Order? We can see no other way of avoiding what would otherwise be a substantial – and unaffordable – termination "package", unless the District Council is prepared fully to underwrite such an approach.

7: Other Contracts.

Arrangements regarding other contracts and assets will be the subject of discussion at the PC's meeting on Monday 19th and I would hope that a policy decision will emerge.

In connection with the two specific questions (both numbered 3) in your letter:-

- As far as Ewshot Recreation Ground is concerned, surely the District Council, or their legal advisers, is able (and certainly better able) to ascertain title here.
- As far as bus shelters are concerned, these are all, to the best of my knowledge, situated on public highway verges with the implicit authority of the County Council. This is certainly the case with the one single bus shelter located in Ewshot and which is to be transferred.
- As far as grit bins are concerned, these are also, to the best of my knowledge, situated on public highway verges, and as I'm sure you're aware, these are in fact installed (and topped up) by the County Council.

8: Precept.

At our 14th August meeting we were assured that, within the following two weeks or so, we would be provided with full details of the council tax banding for the two new Parish Councils giving the current level of contribution to the existing precept, without which information it is pretty well impossible for either parish to embark on any sensible planning. Given that this information is surely already available on the District Council's own database and presumably readily accessible, and that our meeting was over two months ago, I really must ask that this information is provided to us without further delay.

I apologise for going on at such length, but each of the issues I've raised is, I believe, of considerable importance, and each really must be addressed and resolved as a matter of some urgency. The task of making this "split" a success is hard enough as it is, falling as it does on the shoulders of unpaid volunteers, many of whom have to hold down a full-time job as well – it is, frankly, unfair and unreasonable to make it harder still by denying the PC full and frank responses to our enquiries, action which is rapidly threatening to push everything into a last minute scramble.!

I look forward to hearing from you very shortly.

Yours sincerely

Garry Shelford

Chairman

APPENDIX 5 (Item 412/09 (a))- GROUNDS COMMITTEE MINUTES 5TH OCTOBER 2009
APPENDIX 6 (Item 412/09 (b))- TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE MINUTES 5TH OCTOBER 2009

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