

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2009 AT 8.30 P.M. IN CRONDALL CHURCH ROOMS**

Present: Cllrs. Argent, Behagg, Bredin (for Grounds Committee meeting only), Dobby, Dorn, Hebbroon (Vice Chairman), Passmore, Payne, Shelford (Chairman), Vincent, Wilkinson

Also in attendance District Cllr Bennison, one member of the public

Apologies: Cllrs. Bredin (left at 8.30 p.m.), Sisk, District Cllrs Glenn, Singh

267/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence had been received from the above.

268/09 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 2nd February 2009 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

269/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Hebbroon asked if the list of problems being experienced with e-planning ref. 252/09 had been started. Cllr Shelford advised that this would be started as PC is now using equipment in meetings. Cllr Argent asked if there had been any response to the Parish Councils' (PC) decision to keep the precept level the same. Cllr Shelford circulated reports from the Farnham Herald on the PC's precept level.

270/09 Announcements

There were no announcements

271/09 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest in relation to agenda items.

272/09 Agenda Items

- a. Consideration of Current Planning Applications; to include Public Participation:
 - i. Vertu Ltd. Beacon Hill Road, Church Crookham 09/00057/MAJOR Outline Planning application for an extension of production floor space (up to 1,150 sq. m) and an extension of office floor space up to 1,1530 sq. m) and associated car parking spaces.

Cllr Vincent gave a brief planning history of the current site and explained the application. The previous outline planning permission had expired and this application is again for Outline Planning Permission. Vertu wishes to extend the manufacturing facility and add another third wing. The application states that the staffing levels will not increase and parking will not be an issue.

Recommendation: Approval as the Highways and Case Officers are happy that there will be no increase in staffing numbers or parking problems.

Recommendation of Approval: Seconded by Cllr. Shelford; 9 in favour; 1 abstention

- ii. Holly Cottage, Church Street, Crondall 09/00162/FUL Conservatory to rear of property (Corker)

Cllr Vincent explained the detail of the application. The proposed conservatory design is constrained by the first floor windows of the existing house, preventing a pitched roof design to the conservatory. The aluminium window material is at odds with that of the conservation area.

Recommendation: Refusal due to use of poor materials, poor design and being inconsistent with conservation area and a grade II listed building.

Recommendation of Refusal: Seconded by Cllr Dobby; unanimous decision to recommend refusal.

- iii. Holly Cottage, Church Street, Crondall 09/00176/LBC Conservatory to rear of property (Corker)

Listed Buildings consent – recommendation as above.

Recommendation: Refusal due to use of poor materials, poor design and inconsistent with conservation area and a grade II listed building.

Recommendation of Refusal: Seconded by Cllr Dobby; unanimous decision to recommend refusal.

- iv. 1 Rose Cottages, Ewshot lane, Ewshot 09/00263/FUL Six new dwellings with associated access, car parking and amenity space (Tuakana Developments)

Cllr Vincent advised the PC that the proposed development site originally formed the gardens of the 2 cottages, the existing cottages would be retained with smaller garden plots to each and had been sold by the developer, Tuakana. In 2005 there had been an original application for development that had been refused by both the PC and HDC.

In 2006 there had been a second application that was again refused by the PC as it was perceived by them to be outside of the settlement boundary. The application was refused by HDC due to its proximity to the SPA. The Application went to appeal but was later withdrawn. Due to recent ‘lifting’ by HDC of the SPA restrictions the Developer has resubmitted an application. Parking spaces total 14.

Recommendation: Approval

(Recommendation of approval: Seconded by Cllr Dobby; 7 in favour; 2 abstentions; 1 against.

b) Update on Appeals and Enforcement actions

There were no updates on the above.

With regards to the electronic planning system it was suggested that the PC make notes of any problems experienced with the process and put together a list for HDC following one more planning meeting.

c) Ewshot Parish Ward Consultation - to consider any further response to HDC beyond our letters of 23 June and 2 September 2008.

Cllr Dorn had sent out an e-mail with a draft response to HDC just before the meeting which was intended as a basis for discussion (see Appendix 1. As several Councillors had not had time to read this it was proposed that the Chairman read out the draft response. The draft letter was addressed to Mr. Geoff Bonner The Chief Executive of Hart District Council (HDC). Cllr Shelford believed that paragraph 4 was a completely unsound premise as we did not know who would want to remain as Councillors or whether they would want to continue in either of the two new parishes. The current break down of Councillors was to be retained i.e. 7 Councillors at Crondall and 5 at Ewshot. It is not clear what expenses would be incurred. Cllr Shelford would check the minutes of the meeting of September 2008 with HDC to find out/why how the final decision was to be made to restrict the consultation to Ewshot Ward electors..

Each Councillor was given three minutes to state their view of the decision. In brief these were:

Possible Constitutional problems with the way the split has been divided;
Saddened by the outcome of the vote and concerned that there was a lack of understanding of the situation by parishioners; ill advised manipulation by some who should be able to see the bigger picture;
Concerns that the proposal is flawed due to double costs of operating a second parish;
Disappointment that Crondall electorate had not been consulted and thereby allowed to express a view on the situation;
Concerns that Ewshot was making a retrograde step;
A procedural question as to whether HDC can ask people to vote again on what was decided two years ago in the elections;
Concern over the financial split and how it would affect both parishes;
Concerns as to whether a parish could be run on a reduced precept;
A request that the point needs to be made that the Ewshot Parish extends beyond the central village area;

Cllr Passmore asked if there is any means of reversing the decision to split the parishes. The Chairman advised that this would presumably be by the same process i.e. by a petition asking for a boundary review.

A proposal was made by Cllr Dorn that the letter read out (Appendix 1) should be sent to HDC Democratic Service working group.

Proposal seconded by Cllr. Argent; 9 in favour; 1 against. Motion carried. The letter is to be sent as it stands.

- d) Consideration of request to agree to contribute to funding of the Call & Go Community Transport in the parish.

The Chairman had sent a paper out with the proposal to decide whether a contribution towards the service of £1586.37 for a small number of residents can be justified or whether this service should be retained for the benefit of the users. The subject was discussed fully.

Proposal: The PC are prepared to contribute to Call & Go the amount quoted in the e-mail from Mr. Chris Cornwell (HDAPTC) of 13/02/09 of 1586.37 for access to the Call and Go service, including service in Ewshot, for the next 12 months; this to be reviewed thereafter.

Proposal seconded by Cllr. Dobby; 8 in favour; 1 against; 1 abstention

- e) Annual Assembly Preparation

Cllr. Shelford suggested the PC should invite PC Bowman in to speak on anti social behaviour. All agreed.

273//09 Correspondence

The Chairman advised that a questionnaire had been received about local strategic partnerships and that one parish had circulated its response. Cllr Dorn had looked into this and advised that the PC has until 20th March to respond.

There were no other items on the correspondence list to be discussed.

274/09 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Cllr Wilkinson asked for the matter of planting of a tree at Brandon Bungalows to be added to the next agenda.
- b) Cllr. Vincent asked for Traffic & Lighting to find out why there has been soil dumped at the entrance to the SPA opposite the bridle path.

The meeting closed at 21.58 pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

DRAFT LETTER AS PER ITEM 272/09 e) APPENDIX 1

Mr Geoff Bonner
Chief Executive
Hart District Council
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
Fleet
Hants GU51 4AE

Dear Mr Bonner,

Ewshot Ward Ballot Results

We thank Mr Andrew Tiffin for informing the Parish Council of the result. The Parish Council met on 2nd March 2009 and discussed these results. The following matters were resolved:-

1. The Parish Council acknowledges that a large majority of the Ewshot ward electorate who voted favour a split.
2. The Parish Council considers it undemocratic that Crondall ward electorate was not permitted to express their views, as they will be just as affected by the proposed split.
3. It is evident that both Wards will incur additional expenses if this split is imposed by Hart District Council. We, therefore, request that all such identified costs (for both new Parish Councils) are fully underwritten by Hart District Council.
4. Given that the new Wards will utilise their existing Councillors, who were elected by their individual ward electorates in 2008, we see no logical or democratic need to conduct (and incur the expense of) fresh elections before 2012.