

## CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL

### THE MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 AT 8.30 P.M. IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs. Argent, Behagg, Bredin, Dorn, Passmore, Payne, Shelford (Chairman), Vincent.

Apologies: Cllrs. Dobby, Hebborn, Sisk, Wilkinson, District Cllrs Glenn, Singh

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 396/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence had been received from the above.

#### 397/09 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (Appendix 1) were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

#### 398/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) The Chairman advised that despite the PC revoking its decision of refusal on the Beechwood application for fencing and gates it had been refused by Hart District Council (HDC).
- b) The Chairman had been appointed as the PC Representative for the Crookham Almshouse Charity.
- c) No other items were raised from the previous minutes.

#### 399/09 Announcements

The Chairman advised that he had not received a response to his e-mail to Mr. Geoff Bonner HDC regarding the Establishment of new Parishes (Appendix 2). He also advised that he would be at the main meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> October but away for the rest of that week.

#### 400/09 Declarations of interest

Cllr Dorn advised an interest in item 401/09 c (i) regarding the appeal relating to Land at Junction A287 and West of Crondall Road, Crookham Village as he had written as an individual to the Inspectorate.

#### 401/09 Agenda Items

- a) Consideration of Current Planning Applications; to include Public Participation: Mr. Robin Collett had asked to speak on agenda item 7 401/09 c (i) below.
  - ii. Stillers Farm, Ewshot Lane, Ewshot 09/02115/FUL Creation of new field track with agricultural hard standing and storage building. (Spencer)

Cllr Vincent presented the application details. The hard standing had some new porta cabins on it which were not included as part of the application. The PC was advised that it needed to consider the comments from the Highways Officer who had made a recommendation for refusal of the application with regard to poor access on to Ewshot Lane. Cllr Shelford advised that the site had close board fencing made up of different coloured fence panels.

Cllr Vincent advised that the farmhouse is a listed building and the conservation officer had commented but advised the application would not affect the SPA. The Planning Committee recommended refusal on the grounds of the situation with the highway as per the Highway Officers comment. Cllr Argent was concerned that this is another instance that if approved with the drawing provided, with no mention of the porta cabin, then it would be assumed the cabins are accepted. Cllr Bredin questioned the materials used in that it was understood that contaminated materials had been used in the hard core.

The Chairman proposed the recommendation of refusal; Cllr Argent seconded; agreed unanimously...  
Add note that it is believed that the materials used are contaminated.

Recommended: Refusal with addition of note regarding contaminated materials.

Recommendation: Refusal as above; Cllr Argent seconded; all in favour.

iii.5 The Withies, Crondall 09/01977/HOU Additional information received. Erection of timber frames car port extension onto existing garage (Baxter)

Cllr Vincent presented the details of the application. This application was approved at the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September Item 382/09 a (iv) but the PC objected to the height of the new car port as no dimensions had been provided. HDC had now advised that the ridge height would be 5.1 m and this would be lower than the height of the original garage. The Planning Committee therefore recommended approval.

Recommendation: Approval

Recommendation: Approval - Cllr Vincent seconded; all in favour.

iv. Boys Club (Old Gymnasium) Croft Lane, Crondall 09/02019/FUL Installation of two retractable awnings to the side of the existing nursery. (Rutherford)

The proposal had been made by Stepping Stones to add two awnings because they want to enable the children to play outside when it is raining. Cllr Passmore advised that the Nursery School had previously received a complaint from the Dower House regarding noise from the children which would be relevant to this application and the Dower House had objected to the application. Robert Hammond was the owner of the old gym but no proof that he had been contacted. The Conservation officer had no concerns and it would not affect the street scene. The Planning Committee recommended approval.

Recommendation: Approval CD sec. 7 in favour; 1 abstention.

Recommendation: Approval – Cllr Dorn seconded; 7 in favour; 1 abstention.

b) Speaking at HDC Planning meetings – confirmation of letter (Appendix 3)

The PC had received a letter from HDC in June regarding speaking at HDC planning meetings. The PC had felt that the proposed scheme was not very good and would be difficult to operate. It was agreed that Cllr Argent would draft a letter to Mr. Robert Jackson (HDC) explaining the problems which would be experienced by the PC with the proposed scheme, whilst Cllrs Payne and Vincent were going to attend the Planning meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October where the matter would be discussed. Unfortunately the PC did not have an opportunity to discuss the letter and, although it had not been circulated to everyone, the Chairman had made the decision that it should be sent.

If anyone had any points as to whether it should or not be sent they should raise this so that Cllrs Payne and Vincent can raise the PC's concerns at the HDC Planning Meeting on 7th October.

Proposal: Sending of the retrospective letter: Cllr Behagg seconded; all in favour

c) Update on Appeals and Enforcement actions

- i. Land at Junction A287 and West of Crondall Road, Crookham Village Appeal Hearing 18th November 2009 – PC to speak at hearing.

Mr. Robin Collett had asked to speak on behalf of the residents on this item. Mr. Collett advised that they all understood that they must be sympathetic to the Travellers situation but HDC have provided an enforcement notice and the residents support the notice. The present occupation of the site is with 3 mobile homes by 14 people. The application is for 8 units at present and 4 brick structures. If granted the application would allow expansion of the site. HDC are currently carrying out an assessment. Regarding what has happened at Crondall Road we do not know what their needs are or why should they go to the top of the list. Other residents follow the planning system and they feel that the applicants should not be allowed to ignore the rules. Mr. Collett's group fully support the enforcement notice but felt that if to allow more time would be kinder then perhaps this should be allowed.

The Chairman then advised that the point at issue for the agenda item was to recap the situation. The Clerk had written to the Inspectorate to advise that we would like to speak at the hearing in order to mark a place should we want to speak. So we can if we wished send a PC member to represent the Parish Councils view and to speak to the Inspectorate. He asked the Councillors if that was what they wanted to do and who should represent the PC. A full discussion was held.

The Chairman then proposed that the PC form a working group to consist of Cllrs. Argent, Behagg, and Vincent and that the group works up a draft of text which would form a submission to the Inspectorate and then decide whether to present this at the hearing. Cllr Payne seconded; all in favour.

402/09 Correspondence

No items raised from the Correspondence.

403/09 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Web Site – suggested link to Crondall Weather' web site.

The Chairman advised that Cllr Hebborn had drawn his attention to the web site 'Crondall Weather' and had suggested the PC web site should provide a link to it. It was felt to contain good information but the site does carry advertising. The Clerk was asked to circulate an e-mail with a link to the site and all were asked to look at the Weather Site and decide if it would be a good idea to link to it. The matter would be on the agenda for 19<sup>th</sup> October in order to make a decision.

- b) Cllrs Dorn and Vincent had met with the Vicar Rev. Karen Hutchinson and the School Governors regarding a letter going out to parents of pupils in years 4, 5 & 6 regarding the separate views of Crondall and Ewshot parents on school places in Hampshire.
- c) Cllr Argent asked about the matter of a contribution towards the Cricket Club Pump. Cllr Hebborn felt the PC should not pay towards it and that the Grounds Committee had not yet made a decision about it. It was agreed that this item should be put on the main agenda for a decision.

The meeting closed at 21.32 pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

APPENDIX 1 MINUTES OF MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

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APPENDIX 2 ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PARISHES E-MAIL SENT TO GEOFF BONNER – NO REPLY RECEIVED.

**From:** Garry Shelford [garry@high-view-house.freeserve.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 September 2009 13:02  
**To:** Geoff Bonner - HDC  
**Cc:** Gillian Baker; David Argent - CPC; Mark Passmore - CPC; Jane Payne - CPC  
**Subject:** Establishment of Ewshot Parish

**Attachments:** Ewshot Crondall Split - suggested procedure.doc  
Dear Geoff,

As you will be aware, it is now six weeks since Crondall PC representatives met with you and Andrew Tiffin to discuss the above. The Parish Council is becoming increasingly concerned that the time available to make our internal arrangements regarding the boundary changes is eroding. Without a decision as to how Ewshot Parish is to be created, either by reducing the existing Crondall PC or dividing it, we can make no progress at all. We are unable to discuss their future employment with our small staff - a situation which is becoming extremely unsettling for them, we can make no plans regarding the division of shared assets, etc.

Furthermore we are still awaiting the breakdown between the two existing wards of the present income derived from Council Tax. This again inhibits any planning for the future.

When we met, I think we were all agreed that to retain the existing Crondall PC as an entity - although reduced - would be highly preferable. You pointed out, however, that if Crondall Ward councillors were to remain in office until the normal election date of 2012, the same would have to apply to Ewshot Ward councillors - an obviously unacceptable position. We understood that this was the problem that Shared Legal Services were currently attempting to resolve.

In the event that this is the case, I venture to forward a possible solution (see attached). Whether or not this is legally acceptable - the situation remains that we feel very strongly that we must progress.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Garry Shelford

APPENDIX 3 LETTER TO HDC REGARDING SPEAKING AT PLANNING MEETINGS.

**Draft letter (and/or e-mail) to  
Robert Jackson, Interim Development Services Manager, Hart District Council**

{ date }

Dear Mr Jackson

**Speaking at Planning Committee Meetings**

This letter is in response to your e-mail of 21<sup>st</sup> July. Unfortunately, because this arrived just as Crondall Parish Council took its regular and brief Summer “breather” from its routine meetings, it was not possible for it to be considered until earlier this month.

From your e-mail, it appears that the only change in the District Council Planning Committee (“DCPC”) Public Speaking arrangements is that Town/Parish Councils are now to be formally given written notice of the Planning Committee’s agenda, just two weeks prior to each DCPC meeting, but will have no “priority” over other candidates for Public Speaking – it will be first come, first served, unless two or more such candidates (whether “for” or “against”) are able to sort out between them who should act as a single representative speaker.

Crondall Parish Council holds “Planning” meetings on Mondays, approximately monthly. Agendas for such meetings have to be published no later than the preceding Wednesday (in order, amongst other reasons, to enable parishioners, if they so wish, to apply to speak at the meeting and to prepare for it).

If we were to receive notification of a DCPC Meeting on or just before the Tuesday before the above-referenced Wednesday, it could appear on the agenda for the following Monday’s Planning Meeting, could then be discussed at that Meeting, a valid decision made whether or not to seek to speak at the DCPC Meeting, and a request to speak submitted in time for the deadline you have imposed (12 noon on the Thursday before the DCPC Meeting).

However, in most cases, it seems we would either receive notification too late for consideration at the immediately following Crondall PC Planning Meeting (and by the time it could be considered at the next such meeting it would be far too late) or we would receive notification in plenty of time for the next Crondall PC Planning Meeting, but by then your own deadline would also have passed!

In short, the arrangements you describe seem likely to be impracticable for most of the time as far as Crondall PC is concerned – and we imagine even less practicable for any smaller Parish/Town Councils who probably hold their own Planning Meetings even less frequently.

Whilst any proposal to “increase democracy”, as far as the planning process is concerned, is most welcome, it does not on the face of it seem that this particular proposal is likely to achieve that, and Crondall PC would very much appreciate learning of any alternative proposal you might have (or of course, if it’s the case, an explanation of how we have misunderstood what has been proposed).

Yours sincerely