

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.00^{PM} ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2009
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, VILLAGE WAY, CRANLEIGH

During the first fifteen minutes of the meeting, members of the public with a legitimate interest in the parish were able to ask questions relevant to the work of the council. There were no members of the public and one member of the press in attendance. The Clerk, Pauline Whitehead and the Assistant Clerk, Mrs Vivien Edwards were present.

Cllr BA Ellis * (Chairman of the Council)
Cllr BH Cheesman* (Vice Chairman of the Council)
Cllr B Arendell
Cllr C Baily
Cllr J Bainbridge*
Cllr Dr V Dawes
Cllr Mrs JE Dodd*
Cllr Mrs P Ellis*
Cllr Mrs M Foryszewski
Cllr D Gallacher*
Cllr Mrs R Hurlley* (arrived late and tendered apologies)
Cllr K Reed*

PRESENT*

1. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19TH NOVEMBER 2009

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2009 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The Council accepted apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr B Arendell, Cllr C Baily, Cllr Mrs V Dawes and Cllr Mrs M Foryszewski.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs J Dodd declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 19a 'Mobile Cinema at the Village Hall' as she is the Arts Centre observer for the Parish Council.

Cllr B Cheesman declared a personal interest in item 11a 'Knowle Lane transfer' as a member of the Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust.

It was noted that any changes in member's interests should be notified to the Clerk so that appropriate action can be taken.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked those councillors who attended the Power of Wellbeing training on 26th November. Unfortunately there were insufficient members trained for Cranleigh to adopt the Power of Wellbeing, but it was hoped that this could be achieved in the future.

The Christmas Light turn on event in Cranleigh had been a complete success and the Chairman extended his congratulations to the Cranleigh project co-ordinator for all of her hard work and enthusiasm.

Pupils at St Cuthbert Mayne school had visited the Village Hall to view the Millennium Wall Hanging as part of a Christmas Cranleigh trail.

The Waverley Borough Council Monitoring Officer had attended a meeting to give advice on how the Parish Council should approach its potential interest in four planning applications submitted by the PCT, relating to the provision of a new health centre in Cranleigh, one of which will be on land owned by the Parish Council.

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The Mayor of Waverley has started an initiative within Waverley to recognise the contribution that the Armed Forces have made to security, particularly the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment. Members unanimously supported the Mayor of Waverley's invitation to add Cranleigh's support to this initiative.

5. QUESTIONS

There were no questions given in writing at least seven days in advance of the meeting from members of the public living or working in the Parish who were present at the meeting.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee Vice Chairman presented the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th December 2009, these were RECEIVED.

7. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee Vice Chairman presented the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 24th November 2009, these were RECEIVED.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The amended and final expenditure list for November 2009 of £26,764.63, and the expenditure list to December 17th 2009 for £22,300.16 was presented to the Council by the Clerk and AGREED.

Members AGREED the Financial Report to 30th November 2009 and noted the explanations within the report along with the Earmarked Reserves and special bank accounts.

9. PRECEPT

The Council AGREED to set a precept for the 2010/2011 financial period of £240,364 (two hundred and forty thousand, three hundred and sixty four pounds). The proposed precept figure represents an increase on the 2009/10 funding of just below 6% and increases the Band D tax payment from £43.17 per annum, to £45.76 per annum.

Reductions in bank interest on reserves, the necessity of putting £10,000 aside over the next five years to replace the Village Hall roof and the freezing of the compensatory grant from Waverley Borough Council have contributed to the increase.

The precept for 2010/11 will allow the Parish Council to make investigations into a composting system, give greater support to the Cranleigh co-ordinator and create six more plots at Elmbridge allotments in addition to maintaining current services and making provision for the replacement of existing assets.

The provisional meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee scheduled for 22nd December will now be cancelled.

10. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY IN CRANLEIGH

This item was deferred to January to allow Cllr Mrs R Hurtley to present it.

11. KNOWLE LANE LAND TRANSFER

Cllr B Cheesman declared a personal interest in this item and remained in the Chamber.

Members AGREED that the work specified in the Schedule to the Contract for the Knowle Lane land transfer should be postponed until Spring 2010, to allow the ground to recover from the considerable amount of rain which had fallen over the autumn/winter period. This will be communicated to the solicitor so that when the land transfer documents are prepared, there will be a covenant to that effect.

12. RECREATION REPORT

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An award of £25,500 from the Betty Riseley Trust had been given for the last piece of equipment needed to complete Snoxhall Play Park. The money will provide a piece of multiplay equipment suitable for young people aged six to twelve. It is envisaged that the new equipment will be available in Spring 2010. Whilst the progress in Snoxhall Play Park is positive, it is disappointing that none of the original six trees donated by Glebelands School, as part of their fifty years celebrations, remain. CCTV cameras installed at Snoxhall by the Parish Council are now fully operational.

13. PARISH BUSINESS

Cllr Mrs Ellis reported that at its meeting on 4th December 2009, the SCC Local Committee (Waverley), had agreed to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) relating to Lions Lane (Byway Open To All Traffic No. 359) Cranleigh, that runs between Knowle Lane and Alfold Road and has been classified as requiring very extensive repairs.

To comply with the County Councils legal duty to maintain the local network of footpaths, bridleway and byways in a condition suitable for walkers and horse riders, the TRO prohibits all vehicles wider than 1500mm (5ft) from using Byway Open To All Traffic No 395 Cranleigh (Lions Lane) - except for access. Unfortunately Surrey County Council do not have sufficient money in their budget this year to meet the £15,000 it will cost to repair the large and deep ruts that run along the length of the lane.

Cllr Mrs Ellis reported that Waverley Borough Council had worked with skateboard enthusiasts in Cranleigh to raise sufficient funding to upgrade the Skate Park. It is hoped this will be completed by the summer of 2010.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council RECEIVED the Correspondence List A to 11th December 2009 and List B to 17th December 2009.

15. REPORTS

The Chairman advised all Councillors that Waverley Borough Council's list of meetings and Surrey County Council's Environmental Update were available on their respective websites.

16. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved that the Press & Public be excluded from the Meeting during items 17, 18 and 19 in accordance with section 100A (2) and (4) of the L.G.A. 1972 and Standing Orders 55(c) and 55(d).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 21st January 2010 at 7pm.