

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2010
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 two members of the public and one member of the press in attendance. A question was asked relating to the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Housing Options Consultation. The Clerk, Pauline Whitehead and the Assistant Clerk, Vivien Edwards were present.

Cllr BA Ellis * (Chairman of the Council)
 Cllr BH Cheesman* (Vice Chairman of the Council)
 Cllr B Arendell*
 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*
 Cllr K Reed*

PRESENT*

1. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21ST JANUARY 2010

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2010 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true record, subject to the removal of:- “and environmental concerns raised over the ability to provide a rail link alongside the Down’s Link,” in the second sentence of item 12, Parish Business, on page 4105.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The Council accepted apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr J Bainbridge and Cllr D Gallacher.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that any changes in member’s interests should be notified to the Clerk so that appropriate action can be taken. There were no declarations of interest.

4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Despite previous indications that Waverley Borough Council (WBC) were intending to reduce their contribution to the Cranleigh Initiative for the 2010/11 financial year, the full contribution of £7,500 has now been included in their budget. However, this is agreed for one year only and it is possible that in the future Cranleigh residents may have to cover the full cost of providing an events co-ordinator from the Parish Council precept. The Parish Council had set aside £10,000 in their 2010/11 budget.

The Chairman had received a letter from the Chairman of the Board of the Cranleigh Arts Centre expressing concern about the three-month trial of a mobile cinema at the Village Hall, and its possible impact on cinema income for the Centre.

SCAPTC had organised a meeting for the Chief Constable of Surrey Police and the chairman of the Police Authority to outline plans for the future. It is intended to reduce the number of senior officers across the county and increase the number of Police constables. A number of the twenty-two police stations across Surrey are being considered for closure, and Surrey Police are seeking to work with local authorities and other agencies to share premises wherever practical so that a local police presence can be maintained.

An approach has been made to Waverley Inspector, Simon Dann to understand how this Parish Council could get involved.

The Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Chamber of Trade and the Clerk had a productive meeting with a Christmas lighting specialist to further explore ways in which the Parish Council could have a greater involvement in Cranleigh's Christmas lights.

The Semur en Auxois Twinning Association had held a wine tasting evening in the Reading Room at Cranleigh School, and the French members of the Twinning Association in Semur en Auxois will be visiting Cranleigh in August 2010.

WBC had announced a 2.4% Council Tax increase for the financial year 2010/11. This figure was achieved without using any of their balances in the budget.

WBC will write to the Secretary of State for Health, to address concerns about the closure of the hospital beds in Cranleigh and elsewhere in the borough. Planning applications relating to the proposed hospital site on Knowle Lane and the site on the High Street are to be considered by Eastern Planning on 3rd March.

The Chairman stated that all of the documents presented throughout the meeting were drafts and that any changes that did not affect the content should be taken off line with the Clerk. The Clerk and Grounds Manager were commended for their pieces of work.

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 Chairman presented the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 25th January 2010 and 15th February 2010, these were RECEIVED.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The final expenditure list for January 2010 of £28,791.20, and the expenditure list to February 18th 2010 for £46,350.30 were presented to the Council by the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and AGREED.

Members AGREED the Financial Report to 31st January 2010 and noted the explanations within the report along with the Earmarked Reserves and special bank accounts. The Finance Chairman also explained that several cost savings had been made within the budget which will counteract the significant reduction in income through the loss of bank interest and the additional expenditure on grounds maintenance which came as a result of unexpected success from a grant funding application.

8. BUSINESS PLAN AND STATEMENT OF INTENT AS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Members adopted the business plan and Statement of Intent as attached to the minutes.

9. POWER OF WELL BEING

The Parish Council fulfils the four conditions set out in the Parish Councils (Power to Promote Well-Being) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2008, which are based on some of the criteria in the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme. The Well-Being Power is very broad and removes the need for local councils to rely on other legislation in order to take particular action.

The four conditions set out in the Prescribed Conditions Order and which are met by the Parish Council are:-

- A qualified Clerk
- A minimum of two-thirds of vacancies on the council filled at the last ordinary elections, further clarified by an indication that when exercising the power, at least two-thirds of members must have stood for election.
- 80% of councillors trained in the use of the Well-Being Power;
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- A published statement of intent as to community engagement.

The Parish Council RESOLVED that after allowing a two week period for the Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement to be published, all four conditions laid down in the Parish Councils (Power to Promote Well-Being) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2008 would have been met and therefore they adopt and will be eligible to use the Power of Well-Being from 5th March 2010 until the day before the next relevant annual meeting of the council (May 2011) at which another resolution must be passed.

10. SCOUT HEADQUARTERS AND GUIDE HALL LEASES

The Council AGREED to sign the leases for the Scout Headquarters and the Guide Hall circulated with the agenda and to initial each plan.

11. ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN

Members AGREED to support the St Joseph's School community garden project but with no financial commitment.

12. RECREATION REPORT

Members noted the recreation report circulated with the agenda, in particular the concern regarding the access route from the Band Room to the Down's Link, an update from Snoxhall Play Park and specifications for Snoxhall Fields and Snoxhall pavilion which were agreed in principle.

13. PARISH BUSINESS

Cllr Mrs Hurtle outlined work being undertaken with Ms Jane Charlton, a community safety specialist, on developing community projects to encourage positive and interactive relationships to be established between all ages within the community. Some local schools, churches and nursing homes have already stated their interest in becoming involved. In total twelve community projects have been identified, six of which have been fully developed and are ready to start.

Cllr Mrs Ellis gained general agreement from the meeting that a litter pick should be held on Saturday 17th April from 9.30am to 11.00am starting from Snoxhall Car Park.

Cllr Mrs J Dodd reported that a mobile cinema would start screening four films every Wednesday from the week commencing 1st March.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council RECEIVED Correspondence List A to 12th February 2010 and List B to 18th February 2010 and noted that there was no objection to an application for a premises licence for Cranleigh Showground.

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 in accordance with section 100A (2) and (4) of the L.G.A. 1972 and Standing Orders 55(c) and 55(d).

17. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21ST JANUARY 2010

The Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2010 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 18th March 2010 at 7pm.

18th February 2010