

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.00_{P.M.} ON THURSDAY 15th APRIL 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. One member of the public was present but no questions were posed. One member of the press was in attendance. 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 Forszowski*
 Cllr D Gallacher*
 Cllr Mrs R Hurtley
 Cllr K Reed*

PRESENT*

1. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18TH MARCH 2010

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2010 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the following amendment:- Page 4114, item 17 Parish Business, insert "Saturday morning service at the" before "Cranleigh Locality Office" in the first sentence. .

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The Council accepted apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr J Bainbridge, Cllr Mrs J Dodd and Cllr Mrs R Hurtley.

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

During March, the Chairman attended a cluster meeting with neighbouring Parish Council Chairmen to share expertise, ideas and information, and a sustainability workshop run by Surrey Social and Market Research at the University of Surrey. Each attendee at the workshop received £50. The Chairman had donated his payment to Cranleigh's War Memorial Fund.

Park Mead School and Cranleigh Church of England School delighted all members of the audience when they performed in the recent Godalming Primary Schools Music Festival at Charterhouse School together with other school choirs and young musicians from the local area.

At a recent meeting of the Cranleigh Highways Task group it was confirmed that traffic lights would not be installed on the Elmbridge canal bridge.

At a special meeting of Waverley Borough Council (WBC) on 12th April, Cranleigh Parish Council, together with the three Town Councils in Waverley and the Borough Council had signed a Bond of Friendship with the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. A copy of the scroll will be given to Cranleigh for display.

The Chairman was attending a meeting with Julian Lee, the interim Chairman of NHS Surrey, the following day, to discuss the way forward following the disappointing news that the PCT had decided to put the new

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healthcare facilities on the existing High Street site rather than to work with the Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust (CVHT) to develop the Knowle Lane site. A letter had been sent to Surrey Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) from the Parish Council expressing serious concern about their representation of Cranleigh during the discussions surrounding the location of healthcare facilities in Cranleigh.

A letter had been received from NHS Surrey advising that CVHT was seeking a Judicial Review of the decisions made by the NHS Surrey Board at its recent meetings and following the conclusion of the Right Team, Right Time consultation, in particular in respect of the beds in Cranleigh Village Hospital and the site for the re-development of the hospital and health care centre. CVHT was hoping that mediation would follow and had only requested a Judicial Review as a last resort.

Grave concern was expressed that NHS Surrey wanted use of several areas within the newly refurbished Leisure Centre for use as treatment rooms whilst the building work at the Health Centre on the High Street was taking place.

Finally, the Chairman reminded members that the litter pick would take place on Saturday 17th April and thanked all of those involved with the production of the April newsletter.

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 29^h March 2010, these were RECEIVED.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The final expenditure list for March 2010 of £33,705.23 and the expenditure list to April 15th 2010 for £27,264.68 were presented to the Council by the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and AGREED.

Members noted the first Financial Report for March, the Earmarked Reserves and the Special Bank Accounts.

8. REVIEW EMERGENCY PLAN

The amendments included with the agenda were AGREED. The Council AGREED that Cllr V Dawes would work with the Clerk to further develop the Emergency Plan in partnership with WBC and Surrey County Council.

9. PUBLIC TOILETS IN CRANLEIGH

Members noted a report sent with the agenda and AGREED to continue discussions with WBC and to commence public consultation.

10. RECREATION REPORT

Members noted the report circulated with the agenda.

It was suggested that scalings on the grassed area in front of Elmbridge Road allotments to make hard standing for car parking should be included in the budget process for 2011/12.

It was AGREED to fell the oak tree to the side of the pond area which is leaning and diseased for Health and Safety reasons. The cost for this will be £350.

The Clerk outlined recent problems with portable barbeques being left on the fields causing damage to the grass. It was AGREED that considerations would be brought to a future meeting on how best to manage this.

The Clerk and Grounds Manager had met with one of WBC's Countryside Rangers who had expressed concern about storage of compost at the side of the Down's Link and its detrimental effect on the aesthetics of the area.

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The storage of composting materials also had the possible effect of damaging the roots of some of the trees. Concern had been raised regarding storage at the rear of the Parish Council Offices. Storage space at Snoxhall is a problem and potential solutions will be brought to the Council in a future report. The Countryside Ranger suggested that the Parish Council may wish to discuss with WBC the ownership of the land either side of the Down's Link as currently this is maintained by the Parish Council whilst being owned by WBC.

11. PARISH BUSINESS

Cllr Mrs P Ellis reported that there are a stout pair of metal posts set 1500mm (4ft 11in) apart at the Alfold Lane end of Lions Lane which are set back from the road at a pinch point to stop them being by-passed. The width has been chosen carefully to prevent access to most 4-wheel drive vehicles, whilst still providing access for horses, walkers and narrower wheeled traffic, all of which is still permitted to use Lions Lane. The restriction is intended to prevent larger vehicles causing damage to the path surface during winter months so that any repairs that are undertaken in the future can be of lighter construction. The gate at the Knowle Lane end of Lions Lane is for access for maintenance work only and will be kept locked unless maintenance or access to the privately owned land on either side of Lions Lane is required.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council RECEIVED Correspondence List A to 9th April 2010. It was noted that there were two additional pieces of correspondence; an update on the Community Garden project from St Joseph's school and an amendment to the date of the Farnham Mayor's Civic Service which will now be on the 13th June 2010.

13. 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.

14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved that the Press & Public be excluded from the Meeting during items 15 and 16 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 8.12 p.m. The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Thursday 20th May 2010 at 7 p.m.