

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of
CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL held in the Church Hall, Christ Church on Thursday 10th May
2012 at 7.30pm.**

There were approx. 60 parishioners in attendance including seven parish councillors.

1. Welcome

The Chairman said he was delighted to see so many residents at the meeting he welcomed everybody to the meeting including Ben Clifton from Hampshire County Council.

2. Meet the Council

The Chairman asked Councillors to stand up and introduce themselves.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from PC Caroline Webster and PCSO Adam Merrick, Councillor Shambrook and Councillor Burford.

4. Approval of Annual Parish Meeting minutes 2011

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting that took place on 19th May 2011 were tabled and signed as a true record of the meeting.

5. Parish Council – Annual Report including year end accounts summary

A report of the activities of the Parish Council during the last 12 months had been tabled.

The Chairman ran through a series of slides highlighting the main points from the annual report.

Meetings: the Parish Council had held 54 public meetings in the previous year

Meeting	Number
Parish Council	11
Sports and Recreation	6
Crookham Park Committee	11
Planning Committee	21
Policy and Finance	5

Progress: During the year the Parish Council has....

- Defined policy & process
- Formal representation on external committees (FACC, Alms houses, HDAPTC, Memorial hall, Community Plan group, Friends of Azalea Park group)
- Produced and distributed 3 Parish Newsletters
- Facilitated the placement of additional grit bins in the Parish
- Contributed to the following local activities/ facilities
 - Basingstoke canal
 - Fleet Link
 - The Point/Phoenix Youth Club
 - Fleet and Church Crookham in Bloom

Citizens Advice Bureau
 Christ Church Community Hall
 Remembrance Sunday
 Cycle stands at Richmond Surgery
 Memorial Hall Christmas Lights
 Friends of Azalea Park Group
 Employed a dog warden
 Funded litter collection
 Contributed to Public consultations
 Consulted residents
 Managed football pitches
 Maintained land
 Supported 'Community Plan' and 'Friends of Azalea Park' groups'
 Funded speed limit reminders in the Parish
 Continued negotiations over Peter Driver – work has not started on a new five a side
 Work on Peter Driver changing rooms
 Negotiated over Crookham Park S106 agreement
 Consulted with Crookham Park developer regarding leisure facilities and land
 Contributed to road names at Crookham Park
 Persuaded Taylor Wimpey to use an expert tree surgeon for the Gurkha orchard
 Developed a new Parish website
 Successfully applied for grant funding for an improved footpath through Lynwood
 Campaigned to move Tweseldown Infants school to Crookham Park
 Facilitated formation of a schools committee
 Requested a noise monitor for Tweseldown School
 Funded painting and relocation of athletics portacabins
 Funded new fencing at Peter Driver
 Installed oak benches at Peter Driver
 Installed a new footpath through Lynwood

Projects: the Parish Council has had a lot of projects on the go this year some of which will continue into the next year-

- Jubilee Project
 - Jubilee quiz February
 - Jubilee Egg Competition
 - The Big Lunch
- Investigation of land contamination at Azalea Park
- Improvement of Play Park at Azalea Park
- Crookham Park Community Centre

Land Contamination:

- Plan to renovate play park provoked safety checks
- Land is on the site of old MoD barracks
- Initial investigation identified voids and contamination
- Required further investigation
- Ground penetrating radar used to map whole of park
- Further investigations addressed the voids and confirmed the location of large buried structures
- Confirmed higher levels of contamination were at depth, although some near surface
- Park renovation approved provided mitigations put in place

Azalea Park:

- Consultation including questionnaire, open meetings, and panel meetings
- Tendering resulted in selection of Miracle
- Process delayed by investigation of contaminated land
- Now going ahead with plans modified to mitigate risks and avoid buried structures

A site plan for the new play park was shown.

Crookham Park:

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council will be responsible for the following facilities at Crookham Park

- 7.6ha formal open space
- Athletics track
- Play areas
- Orchard
- 17.2ha informal open space
- Approx. 80 Allotments
- Parking
- Art
- Community Centre

The Community Centre

- Community Centre to be provided
- Plans were in place for Taylor Wimpey to build architect designed community centre
- Taylor Wimpey have decided they could not build Parish requested design within budget (£850k)
- Option for Parish Council to receive £1100k to build reopened

Planning Committee:

- Cllr John Bennison – Chairman
- Consultee in planning process
 - Local knowledge
- Reviewed 82 planning applications
 - 12 objections
- Objected to additional 100 houses in Crookham Park development

Finance and Policy Committee: Slides showing a summary of the annual finances was shown.

Income:	Annual Precept:	£173,599
	Other income:	£11,315
	Total income:	£184,914
Expenditure:	Employment costs:	£41,348
	Administration costs:	£27,078
	Peter Driver premises	£11,901
	Grounds Maintenance	£39,338
	Supplies and Services	£123
	Community Support	£23,806
	Project costs	£8,641
	Total expenditure	£152,235
Reserves at year end	Planned projects	£107,700

	General reserves	£39,917
	Total Reserves	£147,617

Cllr. Andrea Ong - Chairman

The Chairman showed how the cost of the Parish Precept had risen for 9 years but had been kept the same since the shadow Parish council was formed in April 2009.

Sports and Recreation Committee:

- Cllr Helen Butler – Chairman

QEB Committee:

- Cllr John Bennison – Chairman

Thank You: the Chairman thanked for following people for their support throughout the year

- PC Caroline Webster & PCSO Adam Merrick
- District & County Councillors
- Mary Barry
- Clerks, Jayne Hawkins & Sally du Gay
- Parish Councillors
- Active members of Community

Request for Help: the Chairman made the following requests for help from the public.

- Vacancy for one Parish Councillor
- Let us know your views
- Volunteer to take forward local initiatives
 - Parish council can facilitate

6. Ben Clifton – Hampshire County Council Highways

Ben Clifton from Hampshire County Council Highways Development and Planning gave a talk about the planned road works around the Crookham Park development. He showed plans for the road changes around the new development. Ben Clifton answered many questions from members of the public. The slides will be available on the Parish Council website. www.churchcrookham.org.uk

The Chairman thanked Ben Clifton for attending the meeting.

7. Jubilee events

Councillor Mel Williams gave an update on the Jubilee events that have taken place and are planned for the Diamond Jubilee year.

- Jubilee Quiz night held in February 2012
- Local schools have decorated Jubilee Eggs in an Easter Competition this will be on display at the Big Jubilee Lunch
- Big Jubilee Lunch to take place on 3rd June 2012 at Tweseldown Race Course, free parking, 1950's games, Scruffs dog show, teddy bears picnic, space hoppers, a bar and a BBQ. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

8. Question and Answer session:

Members of the public asked councillors a number of questions.

- A resident said that speeding on Aldershot Road at night was an issue and that since the road had been resurfaced the traffic noise was louder. The Clerk agreed to ask HCC Highways

about the extra noise and the Parish Council would try to get hold of the speed data from the Crookham Park speed assessments. Ben Clifton agreed to supply the data.

- A resident raised concerns about the Parish Council's plans to charge £25 per hour for use of the new MUGA at Peter Driver. He said that youngsters had been able to use the five a side after school and in the school holidays for free for many years and he couldn't see how 14 and 15 year olds would be able to afford the £25 an hour fee. A number of other residents agreed that it was unfair to exclude the teenagers from the new facility.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council were currently looking into a couple of options that would allow the new five a side to be made available to the young people who want to use it during the day.

- A resident suggested that a crossing was needed over Beacon Hill Road to allow young people and other residents to cross safely to the Peter Driver site and Tweseldown.
- A resident raised an issue about the reduction in parking spaces at Peter Driver. He said it was already difficult to park when football matches were on. Councillor John Bennison explained that the Parish Council had inherited a situation from Hart whereby they did not own any of the existing car park and had negotiated swapping the land where the existing MUGA is in return for a 30 place car park and a new MUGA. It was recognised that this was not ideal but was a lot better than it could have been.
- A resident asked if the Tweseldown Race Course would be prepared to provide overspill parking for the sports facilities. The Clerk agreed to contact the owner of the race track to enquire.
- A resident said that he enjoyed walking in the area especially over Tweseldown but came across a lot of litter including: bottles, cans, canister etc. He and his wife would like to set up a group of volunteers to carry out a regular litter pick and wanted to know what the Parish Council could do to assist. They hoped to make it fun and include a social side.
The chairman said that this was just the sort of activity that the Parish Council should be supporting and that they would be able to help advertise the group, could provide litter bags and could probably borrow equipment from the District Council. Councillor Jenny Radley said that as this was mainly MoD land they would need to get permission from the MoD and probably attend a briefing about working on the Mod land.
- The Chairman said that if resident could identify sites for more litter bins the Parish Council would pass them on to the District.
- A member of the public asked if in next years report the planning applications that had been objected to could include information on whether the planning committee upheld the decisions made by the Parish Council.

8. Close of the meeting: The chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the discussion.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed:

Date: