



Minutes of the Meeting of CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Date and Time: Monday 22nd August 2016 – 8.00pm

Place: Acorn Hall, Church Crookham Community Centre

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. Gill Chatfield (GC), Cllr. Pat Lowe (PL), Cllr. Hugh Connolly (HC), Cllr. Jeremy Silvester (JS), Cllr. Julie Adams (JA), Cllr. Richard Jackson (RJ), Cllr Michael Burford (MB), Cllr. David Cunningham (DC).

Also: Jayne Hawkins (clerk)
Cllr. John Bennison (HCC)
Cllr. Jenny Radley (HDC)
Cllr. Gill Butler (HDC)
Claire Inglis (allotments and recreation officer)
PC Nick Lees
PC Noel Griffiths

There was 10 members of the public present.

177/16 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Gill Scott and Helen Butler and Chris Axam.

178/16 Approval of the minutes

Minutes of the Full Council meeting on 25th July 2016 were received and approved as a true record of the meeting. GV/PL all in favour.

Approval of the minutes and recommendations of the following committee meetings were deferred to the September Parish Council meeting.

179/16 Dispensations – To receive any written requests for disclosable pecuniary interest dispensation from members.

There were no written requests for dispensations.

180/16 Declaration of interest relating to items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

181/16 To receive Chairman's announcements

The chairman made no announcements

182/16 Public Session

An opportunity for members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the Parish Council (3 minutes per person, 15 mins' maximum)

Resident 1. Reported that there have been a number of issues since the wheel park opened that should have been addressed by a management plan and that it would have been better to have opened the wheel park outside of the school holidays. The roads are not yet adopted so parking offences cannot be enforced. Suspicion of drugs being smoked outside residential properties. Skate boards being used in the turning circle and signage regarding parking are being ignored. Some signage has been placed behind bushes. Lots of litter blowing around residential houses. Landscaping of formal open space has not progressed. Police drive past wheel park but not seen entering the wheel park. Residents are having to police the area. Residents are concerned about people from outside the community coming to the site and that the new play park for 8 – 14 year olds will attract more anti-social behaviour.



Police officers attending responded that they have visited the Wheel Park and will engage with users and residents and that they are usually able to build up a good rapport with users of a skate park. They would also target any trouble makers.

Resident 2. Resident lives close to the community centre suggested that as the community centre is getting busy at weekends it would be useful to raise the barrier to the overflow car park to allow for more spaces for users of the wheel park. Also had concerns about safety of residents and skate boards due to the increased traffic on the narrow roads and the speed at which the young people travel on their skateboards and scooters.

Resident 3. Would like the wheel park to be closed while issues are resolved to send a strong message to users of the park.

Cllr Jenny Radley reported the following:

- Meeting is planned with the developer and Natural England on the 9th September 2016. She suggested that interested parties discussed issues before hand. Cllr Jackson and the Clerk would be attending.
- Local commissioning group that procure health care will be carrying out a community bed review in November and she would encourage the Parish Council to respond as the 18 beds in Fleet Hospital could be impacted.
- Attended a recent meeting with HCC to discuss school places, follow up meeting scheduled for February.
- Final draft of the local plan is due to be published in October.

Councillor Jackson thanked residents for their input and gave some background to the project and responded to a few of the points made:

A parish questionnaire issued in 2012 identified a need for a skate park in the parish. Plans were included in the Crookham Park Reserved matter planning application in 2013 which were approved by Hart District Council and the wheel park was granted full planning permission in 2015/16. The Parish Council are actively trying to address the issues raised by local residents and are liaising with the local police and users of the park.

Cllr. Jackson reported that parking bays on Gurung Way are shown on the tenure plan as unassigned parking bays and that the parking strategy in the design and access statement states that unassigned parking bays are for visitors to the site to access residential houses and amenity spaces. The road is currently un-adopted and any highways issues should be addressed to Taylor Wimpey. The Parish Council are trying to direct users of the wheel park to the community centre car park and they would open the overflow carpark as soon as Taylor Wimpey install knee rails along the edge of the formal open space. The parish council are also asking Taylor Wimpey to install a pathway to allow direct access to the wheel park from the community centre car park.

The Parish Council will look to stop skate boarders using their boards in the community centre car park.

Cllr Jackson said he was not in favour of closing the Wheel Park as the majority of users were using it respectfully and well, he suggested that the Parish council and residents needed to work collectively to improve the Wheel Park. Cllr. Lowe agreed that the Wheel Park should not be closed and that there were a few users that were making trouble.



183/16 Wheel Park

To discuss correspondence received from residents regarding the wheel park and to consider whether to approve the implementation of the following measures.

- Install acoustic fencing along southern end of wheel park, 2.5m high 20m long

Clerk

Quotes: Jacksons High Jakoustic Noise Barrier fencing

Contractor	Height	Length	Supply	Install	Total
Cashmore	2.5m	30m		1390	
Install only	3.0m	30m		1390	
Treasure	2.5m	30m		1100	
Install only	3.0m	30m		1100	
Jacksons	2.5m	30m	3030	1600	4630
Supply/install	3.0m	30m	3540	1600	5140
Parish supply	2.5m	30m	3030		
Discount LA	3.0m	30m	3540		
Parish/ treasure	2.5m	30m	3030	1100	4130
Supply Install	3.0m	30m	3540	1100	4640

It was **resolved** to authorise a 2nd noise survey up to the value of £2,000 and look at the recommendations regarding size of fence before deciding what fencing if any to purchase. RJ/PL all in favour.

- Install Laurel hedging along tarmac path on southern end of wheel park, 30m long

Hedging Direct: 3-4ft high 3 per metre: £1169 (supply only)

1mt – 1.25m 2 per metre: £1379 (supply only)

Buds Landscape: supply and plant - £1789

It was **resolved** that the clerk should organize the purchase and installation of 30m of laurel hedging or another recommended hedge as soon as possible when the weather is suitable.

- Install further signs in parking bays as required.
 - It was reported that these bays are shown on the tenure plan 6105-3-WIM-WL-3J-05 as unassigned parking bays. The Parking strategy in the design and access statement states that unassigned parking bays



are for visitors to the site to access residential houses and amenity spaces. The proposal allows for 267 spaces for non-residential uses, 20 of which were proposed for the recreational / community facility.

- Signs currently says visitor parking only. Please park in the community centre car park.
- The police reported that parking on the pavement was not a criminal matter as long as the path could still be used.

It was **resolved** to leave the current signs in place and not to install any further signs at this time.

- Investigate costs of a new primary entrance to fork off the main Breedon path to the athletics area.

It was **resolved** that the clerk would work with Taylor Wimpey to establish what paths they would be installing and to gather quotes for any remaining path needed to reach the Wheel Park alongside the Breedon Path.

- Investigate the feasibility of installing monitored CCTV

It was reported that the Clerk is due to meet a consultant from Rushmoor to discuss the feasibility of a monitored service. Some issues with regard to dedicated BT line and capacity at Rushmoor. Indicitive costs at least £15K

It was **resolved** that the clerk should spend up to £250 to install CCTV signage RJ/GC all in favour

The clerk was also asked to investigate a temporary pole and camera.

CCTV was favoured by the police.

- Investigate the feasibility of installing fencing around the wheel park

It was reported that quotes had been requested.

The chairman outlined the following concerns with fencing in the wheel park.

- Very expensive
- Difficult if not impossible to prevent damage to the locks and fencing (superglue, bolt cutters). Previous efforts to lock the cage at Peter Driver sports field were unsuccessful.
- Difficult to prevent determined people from climbing over the top and either getting trapped inside or getting hurt by falling. Once the PC are aware of any danger to members of the public they would have to take action to prevent it.
- It would be more difficult for people to leave quickly if they felt intimidated inside the park
- Young people would still come to the wheel park when it was locked



and would then congregate outside the fence or use their skate boards and scooters on the footpaths and pavements around the wheel park.

- To set up a wheel park ranger scheme

Councillor Jackson said he was willing to co-ordinate a wheel park ranger scheme and asked for volunteers from the local community that will work with the users of the facility to encourage respectful and thoughtful usage.

It was reported that the post completion Skate Jam had been postponed but that it was felt that this would be a good opportunity to engage with the users of the park

Cllr Chatfield proposed that money needed to fund schemes to settle the Wheel Park down and to offer some improvement to the local residents should come from the formal open spaces S106 contribution. As that was not yet transferred the Parish Council should borrow the money from the general S106 funding pot and that this would be reimbursed when the formal open space money is received.

Clerk

184/16 Date of next meeting: 26th September 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed 21:16 pm

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