

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN HART

MINUTES OF THE 15TH AGM ~ MARCH 27TH 2019

WILLIS HALL, SANDY LANE, CHURCH CROOKHAM, COMMENCING AT 19.30

	<p>PRESENT ~ the executive committee members ~ James Radley (Chairman and Group Leader), Simon Ambler (Vice Chairman), Gill Butler (Membership Secretary), Julia Ambler (Elections Agent), Alan Oliver (Deputy Group Leader)</p>
	<p>PRESENT ~ other district councillors Tony Clarke, Peter Collings, Angela Delany, Wendy Makepeace Browne. County Councillor John Bennison. Candidate Katie Davies. 27 members.</p>
1	<p>WELCOME ~ to the 15th AGM. Thank you for attending</p>
2	<p>APOLOGIES ~ Chris Axam, Sara Kinnell, Jenny Radley, Maureen Andrews, Jim Storey, George Coutts, Fran & Barry Jones.</p>
3	<p>MINUTES of the 2018 AGM 3.1 no matters arising 3.2 adopted as a true and accurate record ~ proposed by Angela Delaney, seconded by Peter Collings</p>
4	<p>TOPICAL UPDATES</p> <p>4.1 Election update (James Radley) 4 wards are being contested ~ Crookham East ~ Chris Axam, Crookham West & Ewshot ~ Tony Clarke, Fleet West ~ Sara Kinnell, Fleet Central ~ Katie Davies. The campaign is expected to be an interesting one as the opposition are already spreading FUD (fear, uncertainty, doubt) about the CCH. eg. free parking in Fleet.</p> <p>4.2 Being Hart Chairman (Wendy Makepeace Browne) Wendy said that it has been an honour to represent Hart at events across the county and is grateful for the support of her husband, Graeme. Charing Council meetings has been challenging at times, due to the discussion of contentious issues and some silly behaviour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Question: Does the Chair change every year?✓ Answer: Yes. The three parties take it in turns, it is all relatively amicable and the Vice Chair becomes the Chair the following year. Sometimes an individual won't get voted in and sometimes the Vice Chair fails to retain their seat and is unable to take up the role. There will be a handover on May 16th this year. <p>4.3 Local Plan (James Radley) The Local Plan (LP) is the mechanism by which the council defines upcoming development in the district up until 2032. Hart's previous LP ran out in 2006. Central Government impose the numbers. There is a duty to cooperate with neighbouring local authorities. For Hart, that means with Surrey Heath and Rushmoor. If either of these authorities are unable to build their housing quota, we have to pick up the shortfall. Without a LP there is little to hang your hat on when a developer appeals against a refusal. For instance, Watery Lane was very difficult to fight off, therefore permission given by the Inspector. As part of the administration for the past 2 years, the CCH has helped to steer the LP through its adoption process. In December '18 the Examination in Public was held at Hart and the Inspector has declared that the LP is sound. It will be formally adopted later in 2019. This will give Hart solid defence against applications coming in. For instance, last week there was an appeal regarding an application at Owen's Farm in Hook. The developer withdrew his appeal. There has been a lot of controversy surrounding the issue of a new settlement. But the problem that Fleet and Church Crookham face is the fact that all the bolt on developments which have occurred don't produce any new internal infrastructure. Our argument is that you need to break this cycle of urban extensions. The inclusion of a new settlement in the LP would enable us to design infrastructure in, build a new school, give access to a railway station and stop our roads being clogged up. However, the Inspector believes that more detailed analysis should be done before formalising the approach to handling future housing demand.</p>

We are currently on target to meet housing demand but by 2026 there will need to be a review of the LP so we need to keep the momentum to be able to show the Inspector that we have a scheme which is deliverable, sustainable and land is available.

An adopted LP will protect us for 5 years, giving us time to do the groundwork for a new settlement.

Member questions:

- ✓ Question ~ Please confirm that the LP will not contain a new settlement.
- ✓ Answer ~ Correct. We can currently deliver sufficient numbers eg. through Hartland Park/Grove Farm/Watery Lane. But these will be delivered early in the plan period, so that by the tail end of the plan period fewer dwellings will be being delivered. Hart has to constantly show that we have a 5 year land supply. By 2026 we will have to have a strategy to deliver yet more housing. We have to start work on the a strategy now and demonstrate that any proposed scheme is available, sustainable and deliverable. Reference to SS3 (the policy for Winchfield) was taken out of the LP, at the suggestion of the Inspector. The issue of delivering housing will not go away. We must keep an open mind, evaluate options ~ new settlement or urban extensions?
- ✓ Question ~ Hartland Park ~ as residents we are not keen on this settlement.
- ✓ Answer ~ The problem with this development is where the children will go to school. Velmead Road is already chaotic and this will be the route where Hartland Park parents take to get their children to schools in Fleet and Church Crookham. The cost of decontaminating this site has been high so the developers have said they couldn't provide money for infrastructure. It's an example of how brownfield sites can often have their own challenges.

4.4 Pale Lane Appeal (Katie Davies)

This site is on the road to Hartley Wintney. The developer Wates submitted an application in 2015. Public found out about it in 2016. Stop Elvetham Chase Development (SECD) was formed and had only a short time to respond to the consultation. The issue is the impact on infrastructure ~ roads and schools. 650 objection letters were submitted to Hart. Hart refused the application in 2017, on the basis that the application was premature and the impact it would have on quality of life and the sense of space. Wates appealed and the hearing was held in January 2019. SECD prepared for this appeal, with the help of Cllr Delaney, Cllr Clarke, Hook Against Over Development and FACE IT. SECD's main concern was that the issue of traffic and schools was not really considered by the developer. Members of SECD spoke at the appeal, highlighting the impact of traffic (Wates' modelling was questionable). With the support of a concerned local resident they also challenged assumptions about schools, highlighting that Calthorpe Park School would need to expand to 2000 students. SEDC also argued that to uphold the appeal would be anti democratic as HDC/Elvetham Heath Parish Council/public all objected. The Inspector did say he would consider these issues and he did visit the site to observe for himself the impact of the development. The Inspector was going to wait for publication of our LP before making his decision. SECD is quietly hopeful.

4.5 Car parking In Fleet (Alan Oliver)

There has been a lot of chatter on social media and the press recently about this. All started with a political stunt at Full Council in February with a motion by the Tories to take £30K from reserves to create 30 minutes free parking in Church Road car park. However, the Hart administration plans to undertake a parking review across the whole of Hart and if changes are introduced they will need to be long term and sustainable in order to encourage local business and retailers. We don't want to create red bays then have to remove them the following year. In addition, Hampshire County Council (HCC) are planning on street parking charges via meters, along Fleet Road and surrounding roads. Fleet BID have stated that this will impact on residents and businesses. When similar was introduced in Barnet, there was a 30% reduction in footfall. Alan asked those present if 30 or 60 minutes of free parking would change the behaviour of shoppers. Yes. Comment from the floor that there is a cost attached to installing meters. Alan commented that the meters installed in Harlington Way still haven't recovered their cost.

Member questions:

- ✓ Question ~ Are there plans to increase parking at Fleet Station?
- ✓ Answer ~ there is discussion with the rail network to double deck the other side of the track. HDC have discussed creating its own car park near the station

4.6 Local roads (John Bennison)

HCC have a set budget. It is struggling, along with our neighbouring county councils.

	<p>Work on the A323, at the junction with Pale Lane is linked to the building of 50 homes on the right as you travel towards Hartley Wintney.</p> <p>Bourley Road ~ £600K has been spent on improvements. Still not adopted by HCC. Unsure of when this will happen. Final section will also be 40mph.</p> <p>Windy Gap ~ small adjustments to take place e.g. as lorries struggle turning left. In the long term, the plan is for an island or traffic lights.</p> <p>Junction Redfields Lane/A287 ~ Watery Lane developers to build an island here before any houses are constructed.</p> <p>Hitches Lane ~ 60mph section will be made into 40mph. An island will be built for access to the Grove Farm development.</p> <p>Crandall Road ~ new signage in 50mph section, to slow traffic down.</p> <p>Ewshot Lane, between Avondale tennis club and Aldershot Road is now 30mph.</p>
5	<p>STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS</p> <p>Membership fees pay for our newsletters. Councillors pay for election materials.</p> <p>The accounts have been submitted to the Electoral Commission.</p> <p>Proposed ~ Andrew Lievesley. Seconded Peter Collings.</p>
6	<p>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</p> <p>Voted en bloc</p> <p>Chairman ~ James Radley</p> <p>Vice Chairman ~ Simon Ambler</p> <p>Treasurer ~ Chris Axam</p> <p>Secretary ~ Jenny Radley</p> <p>Membership Secretary ~ Gill Butler</p> <p>Elections Agent ~ Julia Ambler</p>
7	<p>OPEN FLOOR SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Question ~ road to the allotments on the QEB site if full of potholes. When will this be dealt with? ✓ Answer ~ Taylor Wimpey are due to finish this off. They will resurface.
8	<p>The meeting closed at 21.15.</p>