

**MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
25th February 2008 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Beagley, Mr. Brayne, Mrs Edmonds, Mrs Johnstone, Mr. Peters, Mr. Thornton, Mr Woollard and Mrs Wyeth.

In Attendance: Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk and two members of the electorate.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Open Forum: The two members of the electorate in attendance did not wish to address the Council.

4. Minutes of Meeting of 14th January 2008. The minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting.

1) Unauthorised Barn, Chitterne Road.

PC notified that the applicant had given notice of appeal to the High Court.

2) Road Safety Measures Green Lane/New Road.

This item comprises 1) Speed Limit Green Lane, 2) Resiting 30m.p.h signs High Street, 3) Resiting 30m.p.h signs Chitterne Road, 4) Speed Restriction, New Road. Following a reminder to WCC Traffic Section they have allocated the following job numbers respectively. 284177, 284159, 284175, and 284179. Awaiting progress.

3) Quinton Place AA Signs.

Job no. 254423 refers. Informed by CLARENCE that the developer had been instructed to remove them. No further progress.

4) Slow Sign Punch Bowl Farm. The job has been accepted and added to the list of work for the line painting section who will attend to it in due course.

5) Playful Ideas. Progressing.

6) Weeds/Grass, High Street/The Grove. On the list of work for Unimog machine to attend when available.

7) Planning Correspondence. Meeting arranged at District Council's Office, Trowbridge on 24th January 2008. Chairman and Clerk attended. Report of meeting previously circulated. Copy attached to these minutes.

8) Private Road Sign, Green Lane. CLARENCE informed and attending. Awaiting progress

9) Public Path Sign Green Lane. Pathways Officer to arrange for concreting in the sign.

10) Closure of Computer Centre. Mr. Brayne to take soundings to assess demand and report back. PC deferred decision until next meeting

11) Church Acre. Official opening was well attended. All houses are now occupied by local people.

12) Anzac Grave Sign. New sign awaited.

13) Wiltshire Core Strategy Paper. Chairman and Vice Chairman attended a meeting on 5th February and

the PC's response is being prepared. To be submitted before the end of March.

14) Additional Skip. Hill's Waste will monitor usage and add another skip for cardboard, if necessary.

15) Garden Shed, High Street. Planning Compliance Officer appears to have assessed the wrong shed. She will make a further visit and report back.

16) Grips, Chitterne Road. Further request to be made as some grips remain uncleared.

17) Salisbury Direction Sign. Request for replacement acknowledged by Highways.

18) Direction Sign, New Road Garage. Clerk reported that this was a very old sign which is no longer applicable and it is broken in two. Mr. Cole has offered to repair it for the PC as a historical memorabilia.

19) Climate Change. Mrs Edmonds to report to next meeting.

6. Financial Report.

Precepts 2008/2009

Precepts application for £5480.00, as approved at the previous meeting, has been submitted to WWDC.

This equates to a rate of £15.50 per household, compared to £18.37 for the current financial year.

Accounts.

No transaction since the previous meeting.

Total Income 2007/2008.....£8638

Expenditure to date.....£4069

Balance.....£4569

Less £2500 (Ringfenced allocation for future elections).....£2069

Less predicted spend to year end (£600 fees/expenses).....£1469. (carry forward)

CYGNET's Closing Accounts.

Mr. Peters submitted the accounts for inclusion in the minutes, thus placing them in the public domain. The

Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to accept the sum of £3825, being the residual amount from

CYGNET's funds, for the purpose of future maintenance and inspection costs of the Toddler's and Teenager's

play areas. CYGNET is now defunct. The Chairman thanked all those involved with the Group. (A copy of the

accounts is attached to these minutes).

7. Planning Applications

East Farm House. Vehicle garage/workshop.No objections.Concerns ref tree screening,oil spills and fire regulations.

Ashton Gifford House. Restore original ceiling height and plaster coving.....No objections.

105 Green Lane.Detached dwelling. Revised drawings..... Permission.

The Grove. New sewerage plant.....Permission.

8, New Road. New sewerage plant.....Permission.

LPG Filling Station.Hillside Cafe car park..... Permission.

16, High Street. New semi detached dwelling, new garage block.....Permission

High Street Garage. Two new cottages.....Application withdrawn.

Cleeve House, Whitehorse Trekking Centre. Two storey extension to rear..... No objections

8. Village Website.

Mr. Brayne agreed to develop a Parish Council website, through the Community Web portal, which would be

controlled by and for the business of the Council. Clerk to liaise.

9. Update Cherry Orchard PFI Houses.

Mrs Wyeth reported that recent work on the site had been by a firm of enginners carrying out a subsoil

survey as part of the preparation for building. (Item 14 refers). Houses will be built for local people in accordance with a housing needs survey.

Building will start sometime in the future but no firm date has been agreed.However, a Grampian condition is attached to the planning permission for this site, which means that the sewerage

treatment plant

in Cherry Orchard must be upgraded or a new plant for the 9 houses must be built before building can be

allowed.

10. Complaints Speeding.

Mrs Johnstone reported that she had received a number of complaints of cars speeding on the High Street between the church and the garage and between the church and The George. It was resolved that the matter should be reported to the Area Beat Manager with a view to the appropriate action being taken. Clerk to liaise.

11. Dog Fouling Cherry Orchard.

Mrs Wyeth reported receiving complaints of dog fouling in Cherry Orchard near the old people's bungalows which is a hazard to children using the adjoining path . Clerk to advise dog owner.

12. Items of Correspondence.

Audit Commission

Letter recommended that Mazars Ltd. should continue to act as external auditor for the Parish Council accounts, the fee being set at £120.00 .Accepted by PC.

Land off Beanis Path, Codford.

Letter received from a builder, based in Dorchester, seeking information regarding any demand in the village for the use of the land as allotments. It was noted that there had been one enquiry for allotments in Cherry Orchard during the recent past and it had been passed to the District Council. Clerk to reply.

Best Kept Village Competition

It was agreed that consideration should be given to participating in this year's competition and Councillors who are willing to attend to the application should liaise.

Planning Contravention Notices

PC has received two letters from two residents in relation to the notices being served on residents of Quinton Place and High Street who have allegedly caused an incursion of their domestic curtilage into agricultural land. The letters suggested that the notices were served as a result of a formal allegation by the PC of unauthorised incursion by the two letter writers. It was noted that the PC had made no such allegation and the notices had been sent by the District Council as part of its planning compliance procedure. It was agreed that the two letters should be forwarded to the Development Control Manager for his attention.

Boundary Commission.

Consultation document being circulated for comments.

Petition Against Bureaucracy

Request received from a Parish Councillor in Cambridgeshire for support to petition Downing Street to secure some relaxation in the volume and complexity of paperwork small Parish Councils have to deal with from all levels of government. It was agreed to sign petition. Clerk to attend.

14. Matters to Report.

Damage to Sewerage Plant, Cherry Orchard.

Mrs Wyeth reported that damage had been caused to pipeworks at the plant when a ground survey had been carried out by contracted engineers. This had resulted in a spillage of raw sewerage. The company had undertaken to repair the damage the next day.
Note: The repair had not been carried out as agreed and it had taken considerable time and effort by

John

Gaines via the Environmental Agency to ensure that the spillage was properly dealt with i.e. the area fenced off and the waste removed. The PC is grateful to John Gaines for his assistance and perseverance in getting the job done.

15. Agenda for Next Meeting.

None

The meeting closed at 9.20.p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30.p.m. Monday 7th April 2008 at the small hall of the Village Hall.

