

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 14th SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Claypoole, a member of the electorate, and Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk.

1. Apologies.

Mrs Edmonds and Mr. Brayne.

2. Open Forum.

Mrs Claypoole addressed the Council, seeking financial support towards the costs of maintaining St. Mary's churchyard. She explained that since the Commonwealth War Graves Commission had decided to take over the maintenance of the war graves St. Mary's had had to pay for a professional grass cutter to mow the churchyard at a cost of £1200 per annum. She requested that the PC increased its annual grant of £75.00 to £350.00. Following a discussion it was agreed that the £75.00 grant should be paid forthwith and that any additional support would be debated as an agenda item at the next meeting.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 10th August 2009.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed to be a true record.

4. Matters Arising.

1) Proposed Relocation of Y1/Y2 Children to Steeple Langford.

The PC has received a letter from the Chairman of the Governing Body of the Wylve Valley School to the effect that for the foreseeable future parents of KS1 children will be given the choice as to which site they wish their children to attend.

2) Road Safety Measures, Green Lane/New Road.

Reply received to PC's reminder as follows:-

Speed limit Green Lane (284177). Included as part of the new housing development agreement and funded by the developer. The documentation was now with WRHA and the 30m.p.h. signs will be resited from the High Street junction to the New Road/Green Lane junction in due course.

Resiting 30m.p.h. signs High Street (284159). Resiting 30m.p.h signs Chitterne Road (284175). Speed restrictions, New Road (284179). In accordance with the Wiltshire Council review the A & B class roads have been dealt with and work will start in the future on the C class roads and the Codford signs are included in this phase.

3) Planning Contravention Notices.

No further development. Agreed to ask Development Control for an update

4) Bench Seat Broadleaze Bus Stop.

Ongoing.

5) Dog Fouling.

New Wiltshire Council signs are not yet available. Further fouling was reported on the playing field

6) Diseased Beech Tree.

Job No. 380444 refers. Highways have declared the tree safe from an external inspection but an internal inspection has been ordered and the result will be forthcoming in due course.

(Note. PC has been subsequently notified that the tree is in a dangerous state and will be felled shortly and a replacement tree will be planted in due course)

7) Agenda Notification

Planning meeting times are to be reviewed at the end of the year and the PC's request for a later start will be fed into the review process.

8) Letter from Esther Costello

A copy of the Planning Authority's response to Messrs. French and Cleife regarding the foul water drainage arrangements for the two properties on the old car showroom site on the High Street has been forwarded to the PC. A number of possible solutions are being explored with the developer and it is a condition of the planning permission that the properties shall not be occupied until works for the disposal of sewage have been provided on site.

5. Financial Report.

Total Income.£9239.98

Expenditure to date.....£2412.44

A full report is attached to these minutes.

6. Planning Applications.

16 High Street.....Appeal hearing date set for 23.09.2009

Manor House, High Street. Insertion of gate in front boundary wall.....LBC Consent

Manor House, High Street. Insertion of gate in front boundary wall.....FUL Refusal

The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Internal alterations to form bathroom.....Consent

The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Dormer window to rear.....Permission

The Sound Post, Mayflower Farm, New Road. Extension to warehouse.....Support/Concerns

T-Mobile. Installation of equipment cabinet at Station Road level crossing...No objections

7. Heavy Goods Vehicles, Chitterne Road.

Mrs Wyeth had received a report that heavy goods vehicles using Chitterne Road were causing road safety problems around Granary Close and other junctions. This is a recurring issue which has been previously addressed and to which there does not appear to be a ready solution. Agreed for the Clerk to liaise with Highways with the

feasibility of siting HGV route signs to divert large vehicles away from the bottom end of Chitterne Road.

8. Items of Correspondence.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group.

Invitation to attend meeting on Tuesday 29th September.

Anonymous Letter.

Received by the Chairman with reference to:-

Horsebox parked in Green Lane, causing hazard. Clerk to advise.

Dog fouling in path leading from High Street to Green Lane. Signs to be displayed when available.

Cars parking in Chitterne Road near Cheapside. Reported to Police.

Request for Donation from vitalise.

This is a charitable organisation providing essential breaks for disabled people and carers. Last year people from Wiltshire enjoyed 97 weeks of breaks costing £32,980 in subsidies. Donation of £25.00 agreed.

Invitation to Service of Dedication for the new Wiltshire Council.

Received from Leader of the Council for PC to attend service at Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday 11th October.

Housing Condition Survey.

Notification received that a private housing stock condition random survey is being carried out on behalf of Wiltshire Council.

Community First AGM.

Invitation for PC to attend on 7th October at Devizes.

9. Matters to Report.

Listed Building.

Clerk had received a complaint from a member of the electorate, who wished to remain anonymous, to the effect that the Wool Store building had had flag pole holders installed without listed buildings consent. Agreed for the Clerk to liaise with owner at the outset.

Request for Website Link.

Clerk had received a request for the Village Hall website to be linked with the Parish Council website. Agreed.

Declarations of Interest.

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the changes in the definitions of declarations of interest including the differences between a personal interest and a prejudicial interest, following a recent review of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.45p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 2nd November 2009 at the small hall of the Village Hall.