

# MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th JUNE 2011 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

**Present:** Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Beagley, (from 8.15p.m.), Mr. Brayne, Mrs Edmonds, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Woollard and Mrs Wyeth.

**In Attendance:** Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk

## **1. Elect Chairman for 2011/2012**

In the absence of no other nominee, Mrs Wyeth was unanimously elected as the Parish Council Chairman for the ensuing year 2011/2012.

## **2. Elect Vice Chairman for 2011/2012.**

Mr. Chris Brayne, being the only nominee, was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year 2011/2012.

## **3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Councillors for 2011/2012.**

All Members present declared their acceptance of office as Councillors for 2011/2012.

## **4. Open Forum.**

None

## **5. Apologies**

Mrs Johnstone and Mr. Peters

## **6. Review Areas of Responsibilities.**

All Councillors present agreed to maintain their existing areas of responsibilities.

## **7. Minutes of Meeting of 18th April 2011.**

The minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

## **8. Matters Arising.**

### **1) Community Flood Plan.**

The Environment Agency will have a display caravan at the Codford Village Fair and will also provide the brochure, "Living On The Edge", for distribution to owners of land bordering on the Chitterne Brook.

### **2) Village Events Diary.**

Mr. Brayne informed the meeting that the site was being developed.

### **3) "Eye Sore" Chitterne Road.**

Letter received from Wiltshire Council Planning Enforcement Team which informed that the land owner had moved the caravan but all remaining equipment are bona fide agricultural items and are used in the operation of his farming business. It was agreed that the PC had done all it could regarding this matter.

### **4) Name Signs Beanis Path.**

Not yet in place.

### **5) Chitterne Brook Overgrowth**

Mr. Beagley to contact owner after the fledgeling period.

### **6) Royal Wedding.**

The Wedding Tea Party in the Village Hall had been attended by almost two hundred villagers who had enjoyed the event. The Chairman, in her annual report, thanked all those who had provided food for the party and her fellow councillors for their "waiting on" service.

The PC had donated 93 commemorative mugs to children of the village and a further 57 had been resold.

### **7) Litter Bins Audit.**

Three bins are sited along the length of the High Street, at the layby in Salisbury Road, near the entrance to the Millennium Gardens and opposite Little Ashton. It was agreed to order two more bins.

### **8) Scouts Hut.**

No further information.

## **9. Financial Report.**

Total income, comprising the balance brought forward, the annual precepts and the resale of commemorative mugs, amounted to £10425.06, of which £4000.00 is ringfenced. Expenditure to date totalled £2419.43.

A full report is attached to these minutes

## **10. Planning Application.**

New Road Service Station. Fascia signs to new shop construction.....No objections

Manor Farm, Green Road. Replacement of old storage building.....No objections

## **11. Area Board Report.**

Mr. Bartlett reported that the meeting, held in Codford on 19th May, was preceded by displays on health matters. Agenda items included:- The Royal United Hospital is becoming an NHS Foundation Trust and a public consultation is in progress. Library Service review- all mobile library stops will continue. Warminster Library opening hours will be reduced from 46 to 43 hours a week and more technology will be introduced. Wiltshire Council aims to enable 85% of all premises to be able to access superfast broadband by 2015. A public consultation on waste sites will start on 13th June 2011. Older People's Accommodation- a ten year development strategy has been produced. All the papers connected with this meeting are available on the Council's website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

## **12. Items of Correspondence.**

### **Donations.**

Letters of thanks received from:- St. Mary's PCC and Churchyard account, St. Peter's PCC, Victim Support and Help for Heroes.

Request received for donation from Bobby Van Trust. PC agreed £50.00.

### **Quinton Place**

Letter received from Wiltshire Council that the issues regarding extended garden boundaries had been resolved in December 2010 following discussions with Planning Officers and the matter was now closed. WC apologised for not informing the PC of this decision.

### **Proposed Affordable Housing at Steeple Langford.**

Letter received that Steeple Langford Allotment Trustees are in the process of assessing the possibility of developing the allotment site to build up to 10 affordable homes. Due to a shortage of residents who qualify for the houses the catchment area is being extended to other parishes including Codford and the Secretary of the Trustees requested the PC's assistance in reaching Codford residents who may qualify. It was agreed to publicise the item in the Ashton and Gifford Community News and also to contact persons known to be interested.

### **Community First Membership.**

Agreed to renew membership for 2011-2012.

### **Letter of Appreciation.**

Received from David Shaw thanking the PC for the well organised Anzac Day Service, followed by the gun fire breakfast in the Village Hall.

### **Selwood Sewerage Treatment Plants.**

The Chairman reported that Selwood Housing, in response to a query at the Annual Village Meeting, had replied that the the treatment plants at New Road, The Grove and Cherry Orchard would be attended to during the current financial year.

### **13. Matters to Report.**

#### **Solar Panels.**

Mr. Beagley reported that he had received a query regarding the installation of solar panels to private dwellings and sought the PC's position on the matter. It was agreed that this was a matter for the planning authority and where planning applications are required the PC would comment on the merits of each individual case.

#### **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012**

The Chairman sought suggestions for a suitable village event to celebrate the occasion in June 2012. Any ideas would be welcomed.

#### **The Grove Public Path Sign.**

The Clerk had received a complaint that the sign was obscured by overgrowth of the hedge which needed pruning back for the benefit of visiting ramblers.

#### **Letter of Thanks.**

The Clerk suggested that a thank you letter be sent to Mr. John Stanley for mowing and strimming the grass and hedge at the eastern entrance to the village over many years on a voluntary basis. Agreed.

### **14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

None

The meeting closed at 9.30.p.m

### **Matters Outstanding.**

Resiting of 30m.p.h. signs in Green Lane from the High Street junction to New Road/Green Lane junction. (284177)

Resiting of 30.m.p.h. signs Chitterne Road, New Road and High Street (284159, 284175, and 284179) Due to be resolved in 2011.

Rerouting heavy goods vehicles away from the bottom end of Chitterne Road. Highways Dept. attending.

Village Policy Limits Deferred until after consultation by Wiltshire Council in 2011

Major Mike Cotterill's Legacy. New Parish Council Notice Board. Awaiting new shop/post office building.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 18th July 2011, at the small hall of the Village Hall.**

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