

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26th September 2011 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: Mr. Dalboozi, Mr. Hember, Mr. Nuth (Architect), Mr. Phillips, Mr. O'Shaunessy, 14 members of the electorate and Mr.L. Hoareau,Clerk

1.Apologies.

Mrs Edmonds and Mr.Peters.

2.Open Forum

Mr. Dalboozi, his Agent, Mr. Hember and their representatives addressed the Meeting with an outline of the background, the needs for and the operational requirements in support of the Planning Application to build an administration building on agricultural land, owned by Mr. Dalboozi, to supply training facilities by Babylon Translations for the MOD. The presentation was followed by a number of questions from several members of the electorate querying the needs for such a building in a rural village, the future intentions of Babylon Translations and the benefits of employment for the village. The Councillors then posed several questions regarding security issues, the potential for disturbance to neighbouring residents and the hours of business for the training complex. Concluding the 45 minute debate the Chairman thanked all those present for their comments and reinforced the PC's position that, whilst it was fully supportive of the service provided by Babylon Translations in preparing HM Forces for deployment abroad, the Members were unanimous in their objections which are guided entirely by current planning policies.

3.Minutes of Meeting of 15th August 2011.

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

4. Matters Arising.

1) Village Events Diary.

Progressing.

2) Chitterne Brook Overgrowth

Mr. Beagley has contacted the owner. The Environment Agency has advised that there is a risk that the overgrowth could impede the flood flow in the event of a period of heavy rainfall, thereby increasing the risks of flooding upstream from the obstruction. Owner will attend in the Autumn

3) Scouts Hut.

No further information.

4) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012.

Any ideas would be welcomed.

5) Rerouting of Heavy Goods Vehicles.

A proposed scheme has been received for consideration. Lorries will be signed to enter Codford via the west junction with the A36, along New Road and travel north on Chitterne Road. "Not Suitable for Goods Vehicles" signs will be placed at the High Street/Chitterne Road and New Road/Chitterne Road junctions.

5. Financial Report.

Income for this period amounted to £168.80, VAT rebate for 2010/2011.

Expenditure. (External Auditor's and Clerk's fees), totalled £644.00.

Giving a total income/expenditure to date of £10593.86 and £3952.77 respectively and, allowing for £4000.00 ringfenced for specified items, a balance of £2641.09 remains.

6. Planning Applications

Construction of new administration building,Mayflower Farm, New Road.....Objections (Item 2 above refers)

Replacement garage, Little Orchard, Chitterne Road.....No objections but concerns ref potential impact on spillway

Replacement conservatory, 5 French Horn.....No objections.

Construction of 3 new dwellings adjacent to 22 Cherry Orchard.....No objections

7. St. Peter's Burial Grounds Extension.

Letter received from Anthony Bainbridge, Church Warden, requesting financial support from the PC towards the cost of extending St. Peter's churchyard into a section of the adjoining Vicarage gardens. It was agreed that, this being a much needed village facility, the PC will, in principle, assist with the funding and will agree a specific amount when a budget for the project is made available.

8. Area Board Report.

Mr. Bartlett reported that he had not been able to attend the last meeting but the Board had dealt with two items of interest.

Wiltshire Council have made grants available for the current financial year to 3000 households for the installation of loft and cavity wall insulations.

Community Grants for this financial year are still available. £24000.00 remains unspent.

9. Items of Correspondence.

Village Hall Chairs.

The Village Hall Management Committee are seeking sponsors to buy 30 new lightweight chairs for the Small Hall to replace those currently in use which are clumsy and heavy. The new chairs will cost £30.00 each. The PC agreed to sponsor six chairs at a cost of £180.00.

10. Matters to Report.

Bonfires.

Mr. Bartlett reported a general nuisance caused by bonfires. The Clerk had researched this matter, as a result of an

earlier complaint, and had been informed that, whilst there were no bye-laws in relation to bonfires, Wiltshire Council has powers to deal with nuisances under the Environment Protection Act 1990. The general advice is to try and resolve the problem with neighbours in an amicable way and if this approach fails Wiltshire Council Environmental Health Department can take action. It is also good country code practice not to have bonfires during daylight hours.

Toddler's Play Park.

The Clerk informed that the Parish Steward had suggested that the refurbishment of the Play Area meets with the criteria for the Community Project Scheme operated by his employer, Ringway. He will submit an application for consideration by Ringway to have the necessary work carried out under the scheme but the result will not be known for a number of weeks. The Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to delay the planned work to the Area for the time being to allow Ringway time to assess the merits of the application.

Street Light Green Lane.

The Clerk reported that the missing street light in Green Lane will be replaced by Mouchel.

Footpath High Street.

The Highways Engineer has agreed to resolve the problem with the pavement opposite The Grove which has been narrowed by overgrowth of both grass and hedge. The land owner has attended to the hedge and Highways will restore the pavement to its original width.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

The meeting closed at 9.15p.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 30m.p.h. signs Chitterne Road, New Road and High Street (284159, 284175, and 284179) Due to be resolved in 2013.

Village Policy Limits being reviewed by Wiltshire Council.

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 14th November 2011 at the Village Hall.

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