

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th April 2012 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: 1 member of the public and Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk.

1. Elect Chairman for 2012/2013.

There being no other nomination Mrs Wyeth was unanimously elected as Chairman for the ensuing year 2012/2013

2. Elect Vice Chairman for 2012/2013

Mr. Brayne indicated that he wished to stand down from the post due to work commitments and Mr. Beagley was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman for the 2012/2013 period.

3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Councillors for 2012/2013

All serving Councillors of the Council agreed to remain in post for the ensuing year and signed the declarations to that effect.

4. Open Forum.

None

5. Apologies.

Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Woollard.

6. Review Areas of Responsibilities

All existing portfolio holders agreed to continue in their role.

7. Minutes of Meeting of 5th March 2012.

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

8. Matters Arising.

1) Village Events Diary.

Progressing.

2) Chitterne Brook Overgrowth

A number of small trees growing next to the bridge structure are in need of attention.

3) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012.

Mrs Johnstone reported that flyers and posters had been prepared and are ready for distribution. Several prizes for winners of competitions had been donated. A full "Sports for All", a zumba session, tennis and skittles competitions, bouncy castle, archery and much more had been arranged for the village field, followed by tea in the village hall. Councillors and other volunteers would be required to set up the hall and clear up afterwards. The day's celebrations would be rounded off with a disco.

4) Parking Cherry Orchard

Awaiting reply from Highways as to the feasibility of converting the grassed area into hard standing to ease the parking situation near the junction with High Street.

5) Soakaway Chitterne Road.

Awaiting attention from Highways.

6) Horse Chestnut Trees Green Lane.

Site visited on 2/3/2012. Awaiting reply from Wiltshire Council.

7) Repair to Pavement High Street/The Grove.

Highways attending.

8) Village Notice Board.

Quotations have been received and an order has been placed.

9) Survey re Use of Village Hall.

The PC had been requested to help. The Chairman had liaised with Melanie Garratt and the draft questionnaire had been agreed and will be distributed to all village residents.

10) Beanis Path.

More dog fouling signs required.

11) Registration of Beacons.

A special book listing all the Beacon sites for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be given to the Queen after the event. The Codford Beacon location has been officially registered and the PC will be informed of the precise lighting time on 4th June to correspond with the national programme.

12) Parking Woolstore Apartments.

Reply to PC's letter informed that the provisions for residents parking on the ground floor of the building had not been specified as a planning condition for permission, even though it was stated as such in the original application. Therefore no breach of condition has occurred and it is not a matter that can be retrospectively enforced.

13) Toddler's Play Park.

The PC has been made aware that the Secretary of the Village Hall, Alec Thompson, has been successful in his grant applications and it was agreed that he should be complimented for his good work.

14) The George.

The draft letter to be sent to Dr. Murrison MP regarding the apparently unreasonable contractual terms was approved.

15) Mayflower Farm Application.

An appeal against refusal has been lodged by the land owner and the PC has submitted its response.

9. Financial Report 2011/2012.

The end of year report showed the annual expenditure as £6585.31 against a total income of £10838.74, giving a balance to carry forward of £4253.43. This includes the ringfenced amount of £4000.00.

The 2012/2013 precepts have been approved at £6000.00 from a rate of £15.90 per household per annum.

A full report is attached to these minutes.

10. Planning Applications.

None received for consideration during the period.

11. Area Board Report.

The Clerk had attended the last meeting on behalf of the PC, in the absence of Mr Don Bartlett.

A presentation by the Wiltshire Council Leader, Jane Scott, was the main feature of the meeting and its key points included:-

W.C had approved a no cuts budget for 2012/2013

No reduction in service provisions.

Special budgets to deal with provisions for the elderly, the young and child care had been agreed.

Comprehensive procedures to retain and attract businesses to the County had been put in place.

Investments to roll out speedy broadband to 85% of the County by 2015 had been approved.

No increase in council tax for the third year running.

The full minutes are available on www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

The next meeting is at 6.30.p.m. Thursday 10th May 2012 at Chitterne Village Hall

12. Items of Correspondence.

Community First

Request for renewal of membership subscription at £36.00 was approved.

Parish Council Insurance.

Renewal premium request from Zurich Municipal of £180.00,(a reduction of £30.00 on previous year), was approved.

Registration of ANZAC Events.

Following a request from the PC, letters had been received from the New Zealand Defence Force UK and the Australian Department of Defence UK to confirm that the ANZAC Day Service and the Badge Cleaning Day had been registered as approved events in their official programmes and both departments would be represented at the two village events in the future.

Carer Support Wiltshire.

Request received for financial support for the service which enables volunteer carers to take a break from their role and currently 12 carers in Codford are receiving support. PC agreed a grant of £50.00

Audit of Burial Grounds.

Wiltshire Council are carrying out an audit of all burial grounds, cemeteries and churchyards to assess the remaining capacity in order to prepare a case for possible funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy to support the provision of new cemeteries and extensions where there is a shortage of capacity. PC to assist in survey.

13. Matters to Report.

Fly Tipping Anstys woods

Mr Beagley reported fly tipping at Anstys Woods was getting to be a problem. Clerk has reported to W.C.

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

The meeting closed at 9.25p.m

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 28th May 2012 at the Village Hall.

The Annual Village Meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 14th May 2012 at the Village Hall.