

# MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

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

## **1. Apologies**

Mr Bartlett, Mrs Wyeth and Mr. Woollard.

## **2. Open Forum**

None

## **3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Councillor for 2010/2011.**

Mr. Beagley duly accepted the post of Councillor for the Parish for the ensuing year.

## **4. Area of Responsibility.**

Mr. Beagley agreed to continue as Transport Representative for the Parish Council

## **5. Minutes of Meeting of 9th August 2010.**

The minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Brayne.

## **6. Matters Arising.**

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

Progressing. Properties located within the flood plain have been identified and an advisory note is being prepared for the information of the householders affected.

### **2) Footpaths Signs.**

Mr. Thornton attending.

### **3) Damaged Railings Cherry Orchard.**

Damage has been made good by Selwood.

### **4) Village Events Diary.**

Mr. Brayne attending.

### **5) Reduction of Unnecessary Street Lighting.**

The PC, together with the Police, surveyed the village street lighting scheme and identified suitable lamps for switching off, in accordance with the set down criteria. Every Parish household was subsequently leafleted with the PC's proposals, asking for a Yes/NO response. The final returns showed 143 in favour of the Switch-Off Scheme and 25 against. Wiltshire Council has been informed of the results and it is expected that the conversion work will be implemented in due course.

### **6) Bridge Parapets, High Street.**

Bridge Inspector to check for damage and report back.

### **7) Railings, Chitterne Brook.**

Community Pay Back Supervisor attended the sites on 19th August and confirmed that the work to the railings comply with the Scheme's criteria for Community Work and will be included in their autumn work schedule but it was agreed that on closer inspection the railings did not require painting and a scrub down with detergents would suffice. PC to supply cleaning materials.

### **8) Designation of Land Chitterne Road.**

Mr. Ken Holbrook had recently purchased two of the paddocks and he supplied copy documents to the PC to show that the paddocks in question had been granted a change of status from horsicultural to agricultural use. The PC is grateful to Mr. Holbrook for his help in clarifying the situation.

## **7. Financial Report.**

£90.37 VAT Rebate was received during the period, making a total income for the current financial year of £10525.06. Expenditure to date being £3549.08 together with £4000.00 ringfenced leaves the amount of £2975.98 available to spend for the remainder of the year 2010/2011.

A full report is attached to these minutes.

It was also noted that the PC's annual accounts for 2009/2010 had been approved by Mazars, the external auditors.

## **8. Area Board Report.**

Nothing to report

## **9. Matters Raised from the Street Lighting Survey.**

The Clerk reported that the following requests had been received in response to the questionnaires regarding the street lights switch off scheme:-

### **Street Light Granary Close.**

Clerk to enquire feasibility with Wiltshire Council Highways.

### **Warning Lights at Station Road Level Crossing.**

Clerk to enquire with Network Rail

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

Members agreed the plot in question looked untidy but it was noted that the PC did not have the authority to take any action. Item 6 (8) above refers.

### **Parking Problems Cherry Orchard.**

PC agreed that parking at the top end of Cherry Orchard was a problem but no ready solutions were apparent apart from appealing to car owners to be more considerate.

### **Chitterne Brook Overgrowth.**

Report received that the brook, from the bridge at Salisbury Road/High Street junction to the ford, was heavily polluted and unattractively overgrown. It was resolved that Mr Thornton will liaise with Mr. Stratton, the owner of

the land, and the Clerk to consult with the Environment Agency.

#### **10.Items of Correspondence.**

##### **Vitalise Donation.**

Request received from Vitalise, (registered charity providing essential breaks for carers), for a donation. PC agreed to a grant of £50.00

##### **Grit Bins Audit.**

Further to the request from Wiltshire Council for an audit of grit bins for the village, the response for extra bins Countywide had turned out to be in excess of the allotted budget and Parishes and Towns were being asked to prioritise their needs which were narrowed down to one/two bins per village. It was agreed that the four additional bins requested by the PC should be reduced to two viz: Chitterne Road/New Road junction and High Street east of St. Peter's Church.

#### **11.Matters to Report.**

##### **Booker's Card for PC**

It was agreed that the PC should apply for a Booker's, (wholesaler), card for the purpose of purchasing groceries for village events

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

None

The meeting closed at 8.55.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 1st November 2010, at the small hall of the Village Hall.**