

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th March 2012 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Barbara Saunt, Mr. Mick Latham, Selwood Housing, Cllr. Chris Newbury and Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk

1. Apologies.

Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Peters and Mr. Thornton.

2. Open Forum.

Mr. Latham updated the meeting with reference to the proposed building of the three house in Cherry Orchard which is currently awaiting approval from Wiltshire Council Highways. He also confirmed that the sewage treatment plant would be upgraded and approved before work on the houses would start.

Mrs Saunt informed that the project to commemorate the WW1 anniversary in 2014 had received a Lottery Fund grant and the planning and organisation were progressing well. It will include the military impact on the Wylve Valley in terms of the social and economic history, a series of WW1 trails, an educational programme involving the schools and a website www.wylvevalley1914.org.uk will be developed.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 23rd January 2012.

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

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

3) Scouts Hut.

The owner has not agreed with the proposal to convert the building into a "village museum". The project is therefore not viable.

4) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012.

Mrs Johnstone reported progress with planning for various events. Orders have been placed for "Road Show" and other events including assault course, bouncy castle and disco.

5) Enforceable Parking Restrictions.

Owners of vehicles responsible advised. Parking obstruction had improved slightly.

6) Parking Cherry Orchard

Selwood has confirmed that the grassed area near the junction with High Street is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. Clerk to enquire into the feasibility of converting it to a layby to ease parking problems on the approach to the school and surgery. Awaiting reply from Highways

7) Soakaway Chitterne Road.

Highways Engineer enquiring into whose responsibility it is to attend to it. Awaiting reply from Highways.

8) Grit Bin Rickworth Place.

Resited at Green Lane junction.

9) Horse Chestnut Trees Green Lane.

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

10) Repair to Pavement High Street/The Grove.

Highways attending.

11) Village Notice Board.

Quotations pending.

12) Reporting of Incidents.

Reply received from Wiltshire Council that the existing procedures for reporting matters for action were considered satisfactory and more use should be made of the Council's website.

5. Financial Report

Total Income to date.....£10838

Total Expenditure to date.....£6535

Balance.....£4303

Less £4000 ringfenced.....£303

A full report is attached to these minutes.

6. Planning Applications

Little Orchard, Chitterne Road: Replacement garage. Planning Committee 7th March. (Permission).

Middle Farm House, 56 High Street. Removal of stone chimney breast from first floor bedroom. Consent.

Land west of Rectory, Green Lane. Fell sycamore tree and removal of roots.....Refusal

New Road Service Station, New Road. Minor material amendments.....Permission

Cherry Orchard. Redevelopment of existing garage to build 3 houses..No objections. Proviso: Parking spaces and sewage treatment plant.

7. Application for Loan.

The PC had received a request for a financial loan from a local trustee in support of a legal claim for compensation. The Clerk reported that legislation, Local Government Act 1972, does not allow Parish Councils to undertake such transactions.

8. Items of Correspondence.

Survey ref Use of Village Hall.

The PC had been requested to help. The Chairman had met with Melanie Garratt and a questionnaire is being prepared for distribution to all village residents.

Freedom to Pray.

Letter received from Communities and Local Government Secretary stating that from April 2012 the Localism Act 2011 will give councils legal powers to include prayers as part of the formal business at council meetings. The PC does not say prayers at its meetings.

Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan.

Consultation for this document, (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshirecorestrategy), closes on Monday 2nd April 2012. It was noted that the document confirmed that the "village policy limits" for planning purposes, now referred to as "parish boundaries", will remain unchanged.

Urchfont Manner

Will cease operating as Urchfont Manor College as from 2nd September 2012. The house and grounds will be offered for sale. Cllr. Newbury, being a member of the Management Board, gave additional background information regarding the closure.

Complaint ref. St. Mary's Churchyard.

The Chairman had received a complaint from a villager that when visiting a relative's grave, with her husband and their dog on lead, a nearby resident had allegedly remonstrated with them for being in the churchyard with a dog.

Beanis Path.

There is a possibility that the path could be closed to the public if the problem of dog fouling continues. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire further into the matter. Cllr. Newbury gave certain advice regarding relevant procedures.

Weight Restrictions Order

From 15th June 2012 the weight restrictions on the B390 Knook to Shrewton and C22 Codford to Tilshead roads will be amended to allow vehicles of over 18 tonnes to use the routes when the A303 is closed in an emergency between the A36 at Wylve and the A360 at Longbarrow.

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 and it was agreed that the Codford Beacon location should be registered and included as being lit on 4th June 2012. Clerk to attend.

Parking Woolstore Apartments.

PC has been made aware that the car parking provisions for the Woolstore Apartments were not being strictly complied with, contrary to the original terms upon which planning approval was granted. PC has sought clarification with Wiltshire Council.

Toddler's Play Park

Request from The Secretary, Village Hall and Social Centre for financial support for grant applications for the refurbishment of the Play Park. Resolved that the Clerk to draft a letter of support to The Secretary.

9. Matters to Report.**The George.**

The Clerk had received a suggestion that the PC should write to our MP to protest against the extortionate terms on which the Licensee has to operate which is potentially throttling an essential village facility. Resolved that the Clerk to draft a suitable letter to the MP.

Mayflower Farm.

An appeal against the Planning Committee's decision to refuse the application was lodged with the Planning Inspectorate on 10th February 2012.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

The meeting closed at 9.45p.m

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 16th April 2012 at the Village Hall.

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