

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th April 2009 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Beagley, Mrs Edmunds, Mr. Peters, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Woollard and Mrs Wyeth.

In Attendance: Cllrs. Andrew Davis (from 8.10p.m.), Christopher Newbury and Mr.L. Hoareau, Clerk.

1. Apologies. Mr. Brayne and Mrs Johnstone.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd February 2009.

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

3. Open Forum.

No member of the electorate in attendance.

4. Matters Arising.

1) Unauthorised Barn, Chitterne Road.

Mrs Wyeth and Mr. Brayne attended the public inquiry appeal hearing on 1/04/09. This was followed by a site visit the next day. Decision awaited.

2) Road Safety Measures, Green Lane/New Road.

Reply received to PC's reminder as follows:-

Speed limit Green Lane (284177). Included as part of the new housing development agreement and funded by the developer.

Resiting 30m.p.h. signs High Street (284159). Resiting 30m.p.h signs Chitterne Road (284175). Speed restrictions, New Road (284179). A review is being undertaken and results will be disseminated early in 2009.

3) Public Path Sign, Green Lane.

Replaced.

4) Planning Contravention Notices.

Further development awaited.

5) Damaged New Road Sign.

Reported and awaiting repair.

6) Bench Seat Broadleaze Bus Stop.

Quotations and information sent for. Mr. Woollard proposed an alteration to the shelter to create a seat at the entrance. It was agreed that Mr. Woollard would research the matter further.

7) Anzac Day Service.

Will take place as planned at 6.30a.m. on Saturday 25th April at the War Graves Cemetery.

8) Dog Fouling.

More signs required and another reminder to dog owners to be published in the Ashton and Gifford News.

9) Footpaths, The Grove.

Confirmation received that The Grove is an unadopted road and repairs and maintenance are the responsibilities of Selwood Housing who has undertaken to carry out a review of the state of repair of the road and paths. The owner occupiers will be required to make a contribution towards the cost of any repairs.

5. Finance Report.

The end of year accounts were presented.

Total Income.....£9506.37

Total Expenditure.....£5176.20

Balance Carried.....£4330.17 (includes £2500.00 red circled for future election costs)

A full report is attached to these minutes.

Cllr. Newbury advised that future election costs to the parishes may be less under the new Unitary Authority. Clerk to check.

Under this item, it was agreed that the PC should fund the training on offer for two new Parish Councillors, Mrs Edmunds and Mr Bartlett.

6. Planning Applications

16, High Street. Extend dwelling to provide new semi detached and garage....Objections to studio in garage and concerns ref. flooding.

Ashton Gifford House. Remove external staircase and insert window.....No objections

Wiltshire Rural Housing Association. Build 6 new houses.....Support.

1, Church Lane. Two new dormer windows to rear.....No objections

7. Village Event. (Mrs Johnstone)

Deferred to next meeting.

8. Items of Correspondence.

Invitations:

Opening of The Toran Restaurant, Codford Tuesday 7th April.

Army Presentation Team, Land Warfare Centre, Warminster Thursday 23rd April.

Letter of Thanks.

Received from Mrs Claypoole for the additional contribution from the PC for maintenance of St. Mary's Churchyard.

Planning Issues.

Reply received from Wiltshire Council clarifying planning procedures under the new Authority.

- a) Parish Councils may submit arguments on planning grounds through another Councillor in the absence of their elected Councillor.
- b) In the event that the elected Councillor disagrees with the Parish Council's arguments the call in powers rest with the Councillor unless the proposal is of significant interest to the wider community.
- c) Existing practices for consultations will not change. A review will be undertaken in 2010, when data will be available regarding the number of councils participating in electronic consultation.
- d) Planning Officers will continue to screen letters etc to ensure that nothing inflammatory is published.

Upgrade of Sewerage Treatment Plants.

Selwood Housing has notified residents of The Grove that it is planned to upgrade the Treatment Plant and the projected costs would entail a contribution from the owner occupiers in the region of £6000.00 per household. New Road residents have joined with The Grove and formed a representative Committee, in association with other villages, to negotiate with Selwood regarding the proposed contributions. The PC is fully supportive of the Committee's aims.

Cllr.Newbury informed that he had written to the Chief Executive of Selwood to remind him of the original handing over arrangements of the treatment plants from the District Council and also to protest at the tone of the letter to residents.

9. Matters to Report**Chairman's Group.**

Mrs Wyeth reported that a loose association of Chairmen of Parish Councils in the Wylve Valley had been formed and any issue of common interest would be approached as a joint venture.

Merger Committee.

Mrs Wyeth informed that a village meeting has been arranged for Thursday 16th April at 8.00.p.m. at the Village Hall to progress the merger of the Sports and Social Club Committee and the Village Hall Management Committee. The whole village had been served with invitations.

The meeting closed at 9.15.p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m.Tuesday 19th May 2009 at the small hall of the Village Hall.

The Parish Council Annual Village Meeting will be held at 7.30.p.m.Monday 11th May 2009 at the small hall of the Village Hall.

