

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd February 2009 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: Cllrs. Andrew Davis, Christopher Newbury and Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk.

1. Apologies. Mrs Edmunds, Mrs Johnstone and Mr, Peters.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 5th January 2009.

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

3. Open Forum.

Mrs Williams and Mt. Pittington spoke briefly of the proposed planning application for minor alterations to The Soundpost.

4. Matters Arising.

1) Unauthorised Barn, Chitterne Road.

Public Inquiry to be held on 1.4.09 at WWDC Office, Trowbridge.

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.

Pathways Officer attending, probably not before February 2009. Still outstanding.

4) Planning Contravention Notices.

Further development awaited.

5) Damaged New Road Sign.

Reported and awaiting repair.

6) Bench Seat Broadleaze Bus Stop.

Reply received. Wiltshire County Council have no plans to improve this bus stop. A 50% grant scheme may be available from April 2009. PC to explore possible options. Clerk to report back.

7) Grips, Chitterne Road.

Attended to.

5. Finance Report.

A £5.00 donation was received in lieu of paper table cover. Total expenditure since the last meeting totalled £725.00 leaving a balance of £2485.18. A full report is attached to these minutes.

6. Planning Applications

1 Wool House Gardens. Work to trees.....Consent

Chalke House, Station Road. Installattion of roof lights.....Permission.

7. Update WRHA Houses Cherry Orchard.

Mrs Wyeth reported that WRHA needed to go back to Planning for variations to the original application as it was intended to include some three bedroomed houses and change the terrace design to three semi detached. The intention is to start building in 2009. Discussion also took place regarding suitable accommodation for a disabled young person in the village.

8. Items of Correspondence.

Area Board Draft Handbook .

Cllr. Davis reported that the Area Boards were still at the pilot stage and some adjustments may be implemented as they develop. Cllr. Newbury advised PC to provide feedback, especially on matters relating to PC's interaction with Area Boards. Agreed to submit positive feedback with regard to Parish Council representation at Board level with some reservations as to the frequency of meetings.

Parish Steward Programme.

The programme was suspended during February due to weather conditions and will be resumed in March.

Carers Support West Wiltshire.

Request for donation. A grant of £50.00p was agreed.

Rural Services Network.

This is essentially a lobby group on rural affairs. PC agreed to continue its membership of the Network.

Invitations

To attend Development Control Seminar Trowbridge

To attend Crime Reduction Display at Police Headquarters, Devizes.

9. Matters to Report.

Anzac Day Service.

Will take place on Saturday 25th April at 6.30a.m in the War Graves Cemetery and breakfasts will follow in the Village Hall.

Cardboard Collection.

Mr. Bartlett queried the frequency of cardboard collection at the Village Recycle Centre, reporting a serious overspill during February which caused a terrible mess at the site and surrounding area. Agreed to monitor future collection.

Dog Fouling

Mr. Bartlett reported that fouling was becoming brazenly prevalent in the lane leading from the A36 to the railway crossing. Agreed to publicise the problem in the Ashton Gifford News to give advice for actions by anyone witnessing any offenders.

Yellow Lines Codford.

Mr. Beagley reported that he had attended an Area Board Pilot meeting where a query had been raised by the Warminster and Villages Community Partnership in respect of parking yellow lines for the High Street. It was established that this was an old item which had not been followed up due to practical difficulties with enforcement. Cllr. Davis advised that the District Council had now appointed Parking Ambassadors to take over from the Police to oversee parking issues which will be taken over by the Unitary Authority and they will cover the villages. Cllr Newbury informed that the District Council had spent a considerable sum of money to decriminalise street parking and the real issue is whether the PC wanted yellow lines or not.

Community Area Transport Hub.

Mr. Beagley informed that this matter was still under discussion.

Parking on Pavement.

Mr. Beagley reported a number of instances where vehicle owners were parking on the pavement on High Street near to the junction with Chitterne Road. Agreed to issue more parking advisory notices.

New Schedule for 24 Bus Service.

Changes to be displayed at bus stops, post office and in the Ashton Gifford News.

Letter of Thanks.

Mrs Wyeth proposed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Mrs Carolyn Ronning for her good service to the PC over the years.

Congratulations.

Mrs Wyeth reported that she had congratulated Mr. and Mrs Hember, on behalf of the PC, on being awarded the High Quality Design prize for the Woolstore Building by the Design and Built Quality Award Scheme.

Parking near Ivy Cottages.

Clerk informed that, following a complaint of a recovery vehicle parking permanently at that location. the matter had been reported to the Vehicle Operators and Services Agency (VOSA) who will take the necessary action with the Licence Holder, who is required to park the vehicle at the operator's base which is in Stockton.

Footpaths, The Grove.

The Clerk reported, on behalf of Mrs Johnstone, that an issue had arisen concerning the agency responsible for the maintenance of the road and footpaths at The Grove. A resident had requested the Highways Department to attend to certain repairs and had been informed that The Grove had never been adopted by the County Council who had produced documentary verification of the fact. The PC agreed to write to the Landlord, Selwood Housing, on behalf of the resident, to request attention to the road and footpaths. Clerk to attend.

Interim Planning Arrangements.

Cllr. Newbury informed that the existing Planning Committee had been co-opted until 1st June as an interim measure but the Councillors on the Committee would be co-opted members and not elected councillors and if a Parish Council required an application to be called in to the Committee it would need to do it through the elected County Councillor, i.e. Cllr Davis, and he, (Cllr. Newbury), would also be available on the Committee if required. These interim arrangements would cover a period of about 10 weeks.

Disability Traffic Measures.

Cllr. Davis reported that Parish Councils would shortly be requested to carry out an audit of measures to assist disabled people in negotiating pavements, i.e number of dropped curbs and such like.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

None.

The meeting closed at 8.58.p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 6th April 2009 at the small hall of the Village Hall.

