

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th July 2011 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk

1. Apologies

Mrs Johnstone and Mr. Peters.

2. Open Forum

None

3. Minutes of Meeting of 6th June 2011.

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

4. Matters Arising.

1) Community Flood Plan.

A letter from the PC, together with the Environment Agency leaflet, "Living On The Edge", have been delivered to all riparian owners for their information.

2) Village Events Diary.

Mr. Brayne informed the meeting that the site was being developed.

3) Name Signs Beanis Path.

After some siting problems a sign is now correctly in place.

4) Chitterne Brook Overgrowth

Mr. Beagley to contact owner. The Environment Agency has advised that there is a risk that the overgrowth could impede the flood flow in the event of a period of heavy rainfall, thereby increasing the risks of flooding upstream from the obstruction.

5) Litter Bins Audit.

The PC's request for two additional bins for the High Street is being reviewed by Wiltshire Council.

6) Scouts Hut.

No further information.

7) Proposed Affordable Housing at Steeple Langford.

A poster for public display and publication in the Ashton Gifford Community News has been received.

8) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012.

Any ideas would be welcomed.

9) The Grove Public Path Sign.

The overgrowth has been cut back and the sign is now more visible.

5. Financial Report.

Expenditure for the period totalled £879.84, giving the total expenditure for the year to date as £3299.27. This leaves £3125.79 available to spend for the remainder of the financial year. A full report is attached to these minutes.

6. Planning Application.

Middle Farm House. Internal alterations.....No objections

Field House, 137 Station Road. Erection of new double garage/store.....No objections.

4 Burymead. Reduce height/branches of horse chestnut tree.....No objections

Redroof, Green Road. Replace single garage with double garage and replace hedgerow boundary with new brick boundary.....4 No objections 3 objections

Manor Farm, Green Road. Replacement of old storage building..... Permission.

7. Chestnut Leaf Disease.

Mr. Brayne reported that there was a widespread leaf disease affecting horse chestnut trees nationwide and from his research the only long term remedy was to collect and burn the leaves or put them in airtight bags to make compost. After a discussion it was agreed that publicity should be given to the issue in the Ashton Gifford Community News with a view to involving the village community in a mass leaves collection. It was further resolved that the Cranborne Chase should be involved with any initiative.

8. Area Board Report.

Mr. Bartlett informed that he had been unable to attend the last meeting but the agenda had included the following items of interest:-

a) 13 to 19 draft commissioning strategy for services for young people had been issued for consultation.

b) Elizabeth 2nd Playing Fields. The Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire had asked Wiltshire Council to assist in supporting the initiative which is aimed at protecting the 2012 playing fields in communities.

c) Recycling Service. The kerbside collection of plastic bottles and cardboard is due to be rolled out throughout Wiltshire shortly.

d) Grants. Available through the Area Board for funding to support community/voluntary groups for local community projects.

9. Items of Correspondence.

Community First.

Renewal of membership and invitation to Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 14th September 2011..

10. Matters to Report.

Hedge New Road.

Mr. Beagley reported that the hedge on the bend along New Road needed trimming back as there had been a

number of "near misses" due to poor visibility through the bend. Clerk to write to owner for attention.

Badge Cleaning.

Messrs. Beagley and Thornton thanked everyone who had helped with the cleaning of the badge and providing/ serving the food for a delicious lunch in the Social Club afterwards. There had been a good turnout from the Australian Services as well as from the village community and, despite the drenching of some of the volunteers by the heavy downpour at the end, it had been a very enjoyable occasion as always.

Village Mini Recycling Centre.

Mrs Edmonds reported that in view of the pending kerbside collection for cardboard/plastic bottles she had enquired with Wiltshire Copuncil of the status of the village recycle centre and was told that the matter was under review and no decision had been made for he time being.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

The meeting closed at 8.55p.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 15th August 2011, (note the change from 22nd), at the small hall of the Village Hall.

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