

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th JANUARY 2011 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Beagley, Mr. Brayne, (from 7.45p.m.), Mrs Edmonds, Mrs Johnstone, Mr. Peters, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Woollard and Mrs Wyeth.

In Attendance: Mr. Josh Stratton, Mrs Rebecca Kimber-Danger, Mr. Brian Long and Mr.L. Hoareau, Clerk

1. Apologies

None

2. Open Forum

Mr. Stratton informed the PC that he was in the process of submitting a planning application to build a biogas plant on the redundant dairy site located north of Malmpit Hill. The process converts organic material, mainly food waste, by micro organisms into methane, heat and biofertiliser. The building will be industrial in nature and includes an intake building, a series of tanks and a heat/power unit. The material will be delivered in sealed vehicles, about 15 per day. The plant will provide employment for 4 full time staff. Mr. Stratton's report was accompanied by a short video presentation and a pre-application document to every Councillor. The PC is supportive of the project in principle and looks forward to the formal application.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 13th December 2010.

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

4. Matters Arising.

1) Community Flood Plan.

Progressing. Leaflets for distribution to affected householders have been received and will go out shortly. A date for the Environmental Agency's display caravan to be made available to the Village is being discussed.

2) Village Events Diary.

Mr. Brayne reported that a new domain, www.codfordpc.org, for the PC is being developed and will be operational in due course.

3) Reduction of Unnecessary Street Lighting.

Final approval to the Codford Scheme has been given and it will be implemented before the end of March 2011.

4) "Eye Sore" Chitterne Road.

Letter received from Wiltshire Council. The proprietor of Long Hedge Farm has agreed to tidy up the site when weather conditions allow. The PC has also received a request from the owner requesting the identities of the people who had complained about the site but the PC has explained that it does not have records of the complainants.

5) Name Signs Beanis Path.

Not yet in place.

6) Chitterne Brook Overgrowth.

Mr. Stratton has been informed.

7) BT Infinity: Faster Broadband.

Unfortunately Codford had been unsuccessful in securing faster broadband on this occasion as the village voting returns to BT had been short of the required 75% of the subscribers to the Codford Exchange. The Chairman has thanked all the Councillors, Mr Abbott and Brigadier Shaw for their work in canvassing the community and all those who participated in the voting process.

8) Royal Wedding April 2011.

Every household has been delivered with an order slip for the commemorative mugs, closing date being 31st January. Ideas for a celebratory event are still being discussed, the most popular suggestion being a tea party in the village hall. Other ideas would be welcome.

9) Parking High Street/Chitterne Road.

Advisory leaflets have been delivered to households in the area. Mr. Beagley reported that the problem had not improved. PC to monitor.

5. Financial Report

Total income to date amounts to £10584.06. Current expenditure totals £4915.20, leaving a balance of £5668.86 which includes the ringfenced sum of £4000.00

A full report is attached to these minutes.

6. Planning Applications

Little Orchard, Chitterne Road. Modification to previous permission.....Permission
Ashton Gifford House. Installation of solar panels.....No objections
Land adjacent to 105 Green Lane. Extension of time limit for implementation.....Permission
Wylve Valley School. Relocation of mobile building for Coyotes After School Club.....No objections

7. Speeding, Cherry Orchard.

Mr. Bartlett reported that whilst canvassing for the BT broadband scheme he had received a number of complaints of speeding in Cherry Orchard. After a discussion it was agreed that in the absence of any more specific information the situation should be monitored.

8. Area Board Report.

Nothing to report at this time.

9. Poppy Weekend.

The Royal British Legion wishes to mark its 90th anniversary by encouraging everyone to join in the Great Poppy Party Weekend on June 10th, 11th and 12th, 2011. which is primarily a fund raising event and suggests such ideas

as barbecues, fancy dress, karaoke night, barn dance, games evening, safari party and anything similar. PC agreed that it should support the event and will liaise with the Local Branch to organise a suitable function for the anniversary.

10. Items of Correspondence.

Highways Reorganisation

Following certain alterations in the structure of the local service team and the areas that they work in, there has been a change in Highways managerial personnel responsible for the Warminster area, which covers Codford, and is now based at Wilton.

The PC has reminded the new team of the outstanding highway matters for Codford which includes, resiting of 30m.p.h signs, rerouting of HGVs away from Chitterne Road, new street name signs for Beanis Path and a new street light at Chitterne Road/Granary Close junction.

11. Matters to Report.

Grips.

Mr. Beagley reported that the grips on Chitterne Road had been recently cleared by Highways without being requested to do so.

Good Work

Mr. Bartlett stated that Wiltshire Council should be congratulated for keeping the main roads clear during the extreme weather conditions. Similar requests have also been received from a number of village residents. Clerk has already attended to the matter.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

The meeting closed at 9.20.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 30m.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 14th March 2011, at the small hall of the Village Hall.