

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th December 2010 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk

1. Apologies

Mrs Edmonds

2. Open Forum

None

3. Minutes of Meeting of 1st November 2010.

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

4. Matters Arising.

1) Community Flood Plan.

Progressing. An advisory letter to affected householders has been prepared and is awaiting accompanying leaflets from the EA prior to distribution. EA has also offered the use of a display caravan to publicise the publication of the Flood Plan and provide additional information on flood risks.

Note. Wiltshire Council has block purchased a quantity of gel sacs, (replacement for sandbags), which will be sold on via the Parish Council at £2.50 each. Arrangements for ordering the sacs will be publicised at a later date.

2) Footpaths Signs.

Mr. Thornton reported that the signs leading from Green Lane to The Grove will be adjusted accordingly as previously requested.

3) Village Events Diary.

Mr. Brayne attending. Costing implications need further investigation.

4) Reduction of Unnecessary Street Lighting.

The PC has been refunded £52.50, the cost of printing the survey questionnaire. (See also Item 7 below)

5) Railings, Chitterne Brook.

Community Pay Back Team, (Supervisor + 8), attended on 5th November and scrubbed/washed all the white metal railings in the village. A good job done and the PC has thanked the Team for their work. The PC incurred cost of £24.97 for cleaning materials.

6) "Eye Sore" Chitterne Road.

Correspondence has been received from Wiltshire Council that the matter is being investigated by a Planning Compliance Officer and the PC will be informed of result.

7) Name Signs Beanis Path.

Wiltshire Highways has advised that two name signs will be provided for the pathway.

8) Chitterne Brook Overgrowth.

Mr. Thornton to speak to Mr. Stratton, the land owner.

8) BT Infinity: Faster Broadband.

It was resolved that the PC will survey every household to seek permission to vote on behalf of the telephone subscribers to the Codford Exchange. BT will consider installing speedy broadband to the village, provided that at least 75% of the subscribers vote in favour.

9) Official Opening: Cherry Orchard Houses.

The event went well. The Chairman complimented Wiltshire Rural Housing Association on delivering such high quality properties on schedule, providing much needed rentable housing for the people of Codford.

10) Complaint of Excessive Noise

The Chairman reported that she had spoken to the owner of the property involved and she has been informed that the nuisance has been dealt with.

11) A36 Obstruction.

Highways Agency has advised that for now no further work is required to overhanging branches to the west of the Stockton turnoff. The situation will be reviewed in the Spring.

12) Vacant Flat Cherry Orchard

The Chairman has spoken to the Chief Executive of Selwood Housing and it transpired that the flat had been allocated but the previous tenant had moved out before the vacancy notice had expired.

5. Precepts 2011/2012.

After a lengthy debate on a number of options the PC resolved, by a majority decision, that the annual budget for 2011/2012 should remain at £5745.00, unchanged from the 2010/2011 budget. This, in effect, equates to a slight reduction of precept per household from £15.88 to £15.69, as the number of band D properties had shown a small increase from 361.88 to 366.03.

6 Planning Applications.

Little Orchard, Chitterne Road: Create first floor above existing bungalow.....Permission

11, Greenhill Place: Work to horse chestnut:.....Permission

Land adjacent to 105 Green Lane: Extend time limit for implementation of 07/00364/OUT: Concerns ref. highway access and overview of bungalows in Cherry Orchard. Site visit by Highways Dept. recommended.

53 High Street: Wooden garden studio.....No objections

7. Area Board Report.

Mr. Bartlett reported the following items arising from a recent meeting of the Area Board.

Census 2011.

Scheduled to take place in March 2011

Dog Fouling Initiative.

Warminster area is trialling an initiative to combat dog fouling by spray painting the litter.

Warminster Voices.

Warminster Radio is currently organising a facility to encourage wider participation amongst the public for people who cannot attend Area Board meetings to raise issues via the Voxpop system which can then be played back at the meetings.

NHS Reorganisation.

Wiltshire NHS is required to make £15 million savings and a reorganising programme is to be put in place which will result in a reduction of some services.

Grit Bins.

As a result of the recent audit 10 additional grit bins have been allocated to this Area Board area and Codford has been granted two of them, one at the New Road/Chitterne Road junction and the other for the High Street, east of St. Peter's Church.

Reduced Street Lighting.

Codford's application was discussed and supported by the Area Board. To be implemented in due course.

8. Royal Wedding April 2011.

The Chairman reported that the PC had donated commemorative mugs to the children of Codford for special occasions such as royal weddings and jubilee anniversaries in the past and proposed that the Council should consider something similar for the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. It was resolved, by a majority decision, that the PC will donate every child living in Codford up to 16 years old with a royal wedding commemorative mug. Every household will be leafleted to determine numbers. Additional mugs will be made available from the PC at £2.75 each. It was also agreed that an accompanying event, such as a tea party in the village hall, should be considered.

9. Items of Correspondence.**War Memorial Trust.**

Mr. Woollard proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the PC should donate a one off life membership subscription of £100.00

St. Mary's Churchyard Maintenance.

Request received from Mrs Claypoole for financial support towards the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard. Following a discussion it was agreed to grant £275.00, which includes the regular annual grant of £75.00, for the 2011/2012 financial year.

Wiltshire Young Carers.

Thank you card for the £50.00 donation.

10. Matters to Report.**Parking High Street/Chitterne Road.**

Mr. Beagley reported parking at the junction causing a traffic hazard. Clerk to deliver leaflets.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

The meeting closed at 10.10.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 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 24th January 2011, at the small hall of the Village Hall.

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