

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 18th January 2010 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: Mr. Paul Maggs, a member of the electorate, and Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk.

1. Apologies.

Mrs Johnstone

2. Open Forum.

Mr. Paul Maggs informed the meeting of his intention to apply for planning permission to demolish the existing garage at his house in Cheapside and build a new one with a splayed entrance from Chitterne Road. It was agreed that the proposed changes would improve road safety in the area.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 14th December 2010.

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

4. Matters Arising.

1) Planning Contravention Notices.

P.C. has complained to Wiltshire Council regarding the unsatisfactory service and poor communications. Reply awaited.

2) Bench Seat Broadleaze Bus Stop.

Materials purchased at £238.85p. Awaiting availability of contractor..

3) Wool Store Building.

Planning have advised the owner that the brackets should be painted black.

4) Tree Pruning A36.

Request acknowledged. No action yet.

5) Grips New Road/Chitterne Road.

Partially attended to. Clerk to progress follow up action.

6) Leaves, Green Lane/High Street.

Agenda item 7 refers.

7). Budget/Precepts 2010/2011

Correspondence received that in future Parish Councils will not be charged for any election costs. This may affect the precepts for 2011/2012

8). Grant Application.

Letter received from St. Peter's PCC that the "Riding Lights" show had been very successful and a residue of £128.00p, left over from the £200.00p grant from the Parish Council, was being offered back to the PC. After a discussion it was decided that the PC should decline the offer and suggest that the money be donated to the Haiti disaster fund via Rapid UK, based in Gloucester. It was further agreed that the PC should donate £100.00p to the same organisation.

9). Community Flood Plan.

The first meeting of the Working Group to be arranged.

10) ANZAC Leaflets.

The Liaison Officer had moved away from the area. Mr. Thornton to make further enquiries.

5. Financial Report.

Total expenditure since last meeting: £888.85

Total expenditure to date: £4750.29

A detailed report is attached to these minutes.

6. Planning Applications

None received.

7. State of Pavements.

Clerk spoke on behalf of Mrs Johnstone. As well as the leaves not being swept there are sections of pavements around the village which are in urgent need of repair. It was agreed that the Clerk should carry out a full audit of the repairs required and submit a report to Highways Department for attention. The report should also make reference to the poor communication in relation to the various changes of dates for grey bin collections and the failure to replenish grit bins in Burymead and The Grove. Different council departments gave conflicting information which caused confusion amongst residents.

8. Snow Ploughs and Farmers.

Mr. Beagley reported that there used to be a system whereby local farmers were sub contracted by the County Council and given a snow plough for use with their equipment to clear minor roads in their localities during severe weather conditions and proposed that the PC enquire if such a scheme could be adopted for Codford. Mr. Henry Collins is prepared to use his farm vehicles for this purpose. He had given permission for Mr. Beagley to help clear The Grove and part of Cherry Orchard, using an agricultural vehicle, during the recent extreme weather conditions. The Chairman stated that the Highways should be complimented for keeping the main trunk roads clear. Clerk to write.

9. Correspondence.

Wylve Valley Postcards

Request received from Wylve Valley Postcards for its website, which contains a 30 years collection of postcards of the local area, to be linked to the PC's website. Deferred to next meeting for Mr. Brayne to check on the

implications for the PC.

Additional Enforcement Seminar

To be held at Chippenham

10. Matters to Report.

Area Board Meetings.

Mr. Bartlett, the PC's Representative, proposed that Area Board Meetings should be a standing item on Parish Meetings Agenda to ensure a regular two way flow of information on matters of interest. Agreed. Clerk to attend.

Footpath Signs.

Mr. Woollard reported that he had received a query regarding the need for a footpath sign to indicate the continuation of the public footpath from Green Lane across the High Street to link with The Grove towards Sherrington. Mr. Thornton agreed to attend to it.

11. Agenda Items for next Meeting

None

The meeting closed at 9.07p.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.

Major Cottrill's Legacy. Awaiting probate.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 1st March 2010 at the small hall of the Village Hall.