

# MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th December 2008 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

**Present:** Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Beagley, Mrs Edmunds, Mrs Johnstone, Mr. Peters, Mr. Thornton, and Mrs Wyeth.

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Andrew Davis (until 8.35.p.m.) and Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk.

**Non Attendance:** Mr. Brayne

**1. Apologies.** Mr. Woollard

**2. Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd. November 2008.**

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

**3. Open Forum.**

Mrs Jan Williams and Mr. Mathew Lypington, of The Soundpost, Codford, informed the Council that, due to the growth of the business, they needed a small increase to the existing square footage of the premises and would appreciate the support of the PC in their forthcoming planning application for the extension. They also invited the Members to visit The Soundpost in order that they may be more aware of their situation. The Chairman advised that the PC would need to see the detailed plans before deciding on a final position regarding the application. Mr. Jerry Poolman commented on the need to screen any alterations and the potential for future expansion of the footprint. Clerk to arrange visit.

**4. Matters Arising.**

**1) Unauthorised Barn, Chitterne Road.**

(Note: Subsequent to the meeting the PC has been informed that the appeal will take the form of a public enquiry).

**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. Three options available to PC for the establishment of a speed limit extension:-

1) Wait for County Council's review. 2) Agree to fund the establishment of new speed limits round about £4000.00 each. 3) Enter partnership with County Council to share costs on a 50/50 basis

**3) Slow Sign, Punch Bowl Farm.**

Two "Slow" signs have been placed on the approach to the farm from the north.

**4) Private Road Sign Green Lane.**

To be attended to by Highways.

**5) Public Path Sign, Green Lane.**

Pathways Officer attending, probably not before February 2009.

**6) Planning Contravention Notices.**

Further development awaited.

**7) Reduction of Mobile Library Service.**

Letter received from Warminster Library. Due to cutbacks it has been necessary to reduce the period the mobile library stays at Codford from two hours to one hour and twenty minutes, this still being a long period, compared to the majority of stops in the area.

**8) Fly Tipping, Ivy Cottages.**

The litter has been removed.

**9) Wrong Information, Housing Allocation.**

Reply received from Homes4WestWilts. Apology for incorrect information. Procedure now in place whereby all housing and customer services staff are notified in advance if bidding criteria varies from the norm.

**10) Damaged New Road Sign.**

Reported and awaiting repair..

**5) Parish Council Budget 2009/2010.**

A budget of £4835.00 was agreed. Divided by a total of 361.88 Band D properties for Codford, it translated to £13.36 per annum per household for the next financial year.

This compared to a precept of £5480.00 for 2008/2009 which equalled to £15.50, a reduction of £2.14 per household. A detailed breakdown of the 2009/2010 budget is attached to these minutes.

**6. Planning Applications**

East Farm. Creation of new track from High Street. Revised Plans.....Permission

Former Little Chef, Hillside, A36.....Permission.

Manor House, High Street. Internal alterations.....No objections

7, Greenhill Place, New conservatory to rear.....No objections

Manor House. Internal alterations.....Consent

Country Gentlemen's Association, Chalke House, Station Road. Installation, 4 roof lights.....No objections.

**7. Village Hall Sign.**

Mr. Beagley had received an enquiry that a new sign is required. The previous sign had been vandalised. Resolved that this was a matter for the VHMC and possibly the Highways Dept. Clerk to liaise with VHMC.

**8. Bench Seat Broadleaze Bus Stop.**

This item was requested by a member of the electorate via the Clerk. Resolved that Clerk enquire further as to the

feasibility of a bench seat being erected for the benefit of the elderly.

#### **9. Accident Victim Support.**

Mr. Peters raised the issue of a young villager who has recently been seriously injured as result of a riding accident, the prognosis of which appears to be very critical for her future physical well being. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the PC should offer support in whatever way possible to be of assistance to her future needs. Clerk to write.

#### **10. Village Hall/Social Club Merger.**

Mrs Wyeth updated the PC with the latest developments regarding the proposed merger. It would seem that progress is being made towards a satisfactory outcome. The PC may be asked to arrange a village meeting once the Village Hall Management Committee and the Sports and Social Club's Extraordinary Meeting has agreed the terms of the merger.

#### **11. Dates for 2009 PC Meetings.**

The dates for the 2009 meetings of the Parish Council were agreed, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

#### **12. Items of Correspondence.**

##### **1) Consultation Document ref. Development Control.**

Further to the PC's submission, a reply from the County Council's Chief Executive emphasised that the proposed changes in procedure would not diminish the influence of Parish Councils in their "call in" powers for specific planning applications to be considered by a planning committee. It means that in future parishes will request through locally elected members rather than approaching officers.

##### **2) Victim Support, Wiltshire.**

A request for a donation was declined.

#### **13. Matters to Report.**

##### **Grips, Chitterne Road.**

Mr. Beagley reported that the grips near Auckland Farm needed attention. Clerk to attend.

##### **Suspicious Activity.**

Mrs Edmonds informed that she had recently seen two young men furtively carrying out an exchange of small packages on the High Street. She had reported the incident to Mrs Cameron for the information of our Beat Manager.

##### **Neighbourhood Police Tasking Group.**

The Clerk reported that he had attended the meeting at Dewey House on 10th December and that the three policing priorities for the period had been set as:-

- 1) Speeding /drink driving.
- 2) Distraction burglaries.
- 3) Anti social behaviour.

Also, the Beat Manager was exploring the feasibility of acquiring the use of a police mobile enquiry office to visit the villages at periodic intervals.

#### **14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.20.p.m.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 5th January 2009 at the small hall of the Village Hall.**