

MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th May 2008 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Roz Lambert, Children Centre, Warminster, one member of the electorate and Mr. L. Hoareau, Clerk.

1. Roz Lambert, Children Centre, Warminster.

Addressed the Council on the Sure Start Programme, based at Warminster, which is a national government initiative designed to address the gap between children at the top of the scale who do well and those who don't. The aim is to identify families who are in need of help with parenting at an early stage and provide help and guidance in an effort to avoid long term problems. She would value the opportunity to speak to relevant groups in the village and would appreciate the PC's assistance in publicising the scheme to try and reach those in need of help.

2. Election of Chairman for 2008/2009.

Mrs Wyeth was the only nominee. She was unanimously elected as Chairman for the ensuing year and signed the Certificate of Acceptance for the post.

3. Election of Vice Chairman for 2008/2009

Mrs Johnstone was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Councillors for 2008/2009.

All Councillors present declared acceptance of their office for the ensuing year.

5. Open Forum.

None

6. Apologies.

Apologies received from Cllrs. Andrew Davis and Tom. Thornton.

7. Review Areas of Responsibilities.

The following areas of responsibility were approved:-

Mrs Johnstone..... Health
Mr. Woollard..... Village Hall Management Committee
Mr. Beagley..... Transport
Mr. Brayne..... IT
Mrs Edmonds..... Climate Change
Mr. Bartlett..... Military Liaison

Responsibility for Police Liaison and Pathways will be allocated at a later date.

(Note: Mrs Tessa Cameron has since agreed to accept the role of Police Liaison for the PC)

8. Minutes of Meeting of 7th April 2008.

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

9. Matters Arising.

1) Unauthorised Barn, Chitterne Road.

Ongoing.

2) Road Safety Measures Green Lane/New Road.

Speed Limit, Green Lane (284177). Resiting 30.m.p.h signs High Street (284159). Resiting 30.m.p.h. signs Chitterne Road (284175). Speed Restrictions New Road (284179). Highways Agency to expedite.

3) Quinton Place AA Signs.

AA has now agreed to remove them.

4) Slow Sign Punch Bowl Farm.

Highways to expedite.

5) Playful Ideas.

Now at the design stage.

6) Weeds/Grass, High Street/The Grove.

Highways to progress.

7) Private Road Sign, Green Lane.

Highways to progress.

8) Public Path Sign, Green Lane.

Pathways Officer to attend, probably not before February 2009.

9) Closure of Computer Centre.

Mr. Brayne had taken soundings but had not found any support for keeping the centre open. The VHMC is not prepared to support it financially if the demand is not there, which is also the PC's position. It was agreed that the Tidworth Trust should be informed accordingly and to remove the equipment from the room. Clerk to attend.

10) Anzac Grave Sign.

New sign awaited.

11) Additional Skip.

Agreed that Hill's should be requested for a third bin for cardboard collection.

12) Garden Shed, High Street.

Nothing further from Planning. The occupants are seeking clarification. The wording of a standard letter for future use by PC in similar situations was agreed.

13) Salisbury Direction Sign.

Highways attending.

14) Climate Change.

Mrs Edmonds advised that Wylve Valley School had prepared a "green" programme of activities and was in the process of seeking financial support to buy equipment such as compost bins. PC would consider application in writing from the school for a grant under Section 137. Mrs Edmonds to liaise.

15) Village Website.

Mr. Brayne reported that the Parish Council website was effectively operational as of now through the Community Web portal and can be accessed on www.westwilts-communityweb.com - Codford Parish Council. He proposed, and it was agreed, that it would be more appropriate for the PC to have its own dedicated .gov.uk site. Mr. Brayne to attend.

16) Planning Contravention Notices.

Nothing further.

17) Anzac Day Service.

The service had been well attended with a congregation of about 55. The attendant bugler and piper, (for the first time), had complemented the occasion. The gunfire breakfast at the Village Hall was well received, thanks to Caroline and her helpers. The PC would wish to thank all those who took part in making it a memorable event.

18) Security Lighting. Cherry Orchard.

PC had written to Selwood Housing (previously West Wiltshire Housing Society) requesting security lighting at a number of flats in Cherry Orchard. It was agreed that PC would write to Selwood Housing for clarification of the implications for their tenants following their recent change of name.

19) Cranborne Annual Meeting.

Chairman attended. An offer was made by the Chase to provide sporting activities for teenagers in villages. Further information requested. Mrs Wyeth to follow up.

20) Sustain the Plain Conference.

Chairman attended. A worthwhile visit.

21) Highways Agency Open Day.

CLlrs. Beagley and Thornton attended. Mr. Beagley reported that it had been an interesting day, providing a good insight into the capacity of a range of road maintenance equipment and the CLARENCE system.

10. Financial Report.

Income to Date (19.05.08)

Carried Forward.....	£3968.15
Precepts 2008/2009.....	£5480.00
Total.....	£9448.15
Less £2500.00 (Ringfenced).....	£6948.15

Expenditure (1.04.08 to 19.05.08)

Anzac expenses (bugler, piper + breakfasts).....	£70.00 (cheque 395)
R J Print.....	£14.63 (" 396)
Wiltshire Association of Local Councils. (Annual Subscription).....	£245.68 (" 397)
Brian Marshall.....	£6.90 (" 398)
Community First Insurance. Annual Premium.....	£245.03 (" 399)
Bobby Van Donation.....	£50.00 (" 400)
Village Hall Management Committee. Annual Donation.....	£1000.00 (" 401)
Frank West Junior.....	£125.00 (" 402)
Total.....	£1757.24

Total Income Available to Spend.....	£6948.15
Total Expenditure to date.....	£1757.24
Balance.....	£5190.91
Balance in bank (+£2500.00).....	£7690.91

11. Planning Applications

118 High Street. Replace existing cottage with new dwelling.....Withdrawn.
The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Replace windows in kitchen, utility room and master bedroom...Consent.
14, High Street. Extension to side of house.....No objections.
Ashton Gifford House. Remove polytunnel cover to swimming pool and re-instate original fence..No objections.

12. Air Ambulance.

Mrs Johnstone reported that the Police are hoping to renew the lease on the helicopter for 5 years when it expires in December 2008 and attempts to gain commitment for a joint venture are not forthcoming from the Great Western NHS Ambulance Trust (GWAST). They only want to commit to one year and this is a problem for the Police. The people of Wiltshire need to make their voices heard.

Do you want to keep our Air Ambulance? Contact our MP, local papers or write to Tim Lynch, Chief Executive GWAST, Jenner House, Langley Park Estate, Chippenham. SN15 2DN.

13. Village Hall/Sports and Social Club.

Mr. Woollard presented a previously circulated discussion paper on the proposal for a merger of committees. It was always intended prior to 1993 for the hall to be managed by one committee and for any surpluses made by the Social Club to fund the running of the hall. Due to the Licensing laws it was necessary to operate a two-committee setup, involving rents. The relevant legislation has since changed and there is now no need for the sides to be separate. A merger would produce many benefits for the village and it is proposed to create a Strategy and Planning Group at the outset to progress the issues raised. The PC resolved to support the initiative in principle and await further clarification. The discussion paper is attached to these minutes.

14. Waiting Restrictions High Street.

Mrs Edmonds queried the feasibility of placing waiting restrictions on a section of the High Street for the benefit of a disabled resident who had experienced problems due to indiscriminate parking outside her home. It was agreed that "yellow lines" were not viable and that the recent display and distribution of advisory parking notices had improved the situation. PC will continue to monitor.

15. Correspondence.

St. John Ambulance.

Request for donation. £50.00 agreed.

Community First.

Invitation to PC to become member at a cost of £34.00 p/a. Agreed.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group.

Invitation to attend meeting on 28th May 2008.

(Note: Mrs Cameron attended and will report to PC at next meeting)

16. Matters to Report.

Dog Mess, New Road.

Mrs Johnstone had received a complaint. Dog Poo bins in that area are obscured by overgrown hedge. Parish Steward to attend.

Obscured 30.m.p.h. Signs

Mr. Beagley reported that the signs around the village are all obscured by overgrowth of trees/shrubs. Highways to attend.

New Bus Service.

Mr. Beagley reported that there seemed to be some confusion about the new bus service to the village. Clerk to write for clarification.

17. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

None.

The meeting closed at 9.30.p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30.p.m. Monday 30th June 2008 at the small hall of the Village Hall.

