

# MINUTES OF THE CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30th June 2008 AT 7.30.p.m IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs Tessa Cameron, Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator, Mary Cullen, Warminster Community Area Board, Cllr. Andrew Davis (from 7.55p.m.), Richard Munro, Delegation to Town/Parish Councils and Mr.L. Hoareau, Clerk.

**Mary Cullen, Project Manager, Warminster Community Area Board.(marycullen@wiltshire.gov.uk)**

Presented an outline of the transition arrangements for the new governance scheme under the Unitary Council, to be known as the Wiltshire Council, (WC). The new Community Boards would work in cycle to the existing Community Area Partnerships to deliver services, the former being public service led and representative whilst the latter are community led with specified terms of reference. The complement of the Boards would be the elected unitary councillors of the community area, a cabinet member of the unitary council, elected representatives from the Town/Parish Councils in the community area and the Chairman of the Community Area Partnership. A working party for the Warminster area has been set up to progress the plans with a view to establishing a "proxy board" by Autumn of 2008. It is proposed to set up a Parish Liaison Group to work with the Warminster working party and the PC was invited to join.

**Richard Munro. Project Manager, Delegation to Town/Parish Councils.(richardmunro@wiltshire.gov.uk)**

Informed the PC that under the proposed governance arrangements certain service deliveries would be delegated to Town and Parish Councils, if the Councils wish to do so, accompanied with the requisite funding. It would be up to each individual council to decide and there would be no compulsion to take over any service. The contract for the delegated service would be reviewed at periodic intervals, giving councils the option of withdrawing from the delegated arrangements. The existing delivery policy for local services would continue if councils do not wish to participate in the delegation scheme. PCs are asked to indicate their likely intentions.

**1. Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Councillor for 2008/2009.**

Cllr. Tom Thornton declared acceptance of his office for the ensuing year.

**2. Apologies.**

Apology received from Mr. Peters.

**3. Open Forum.**

None declared.

**4. Review Areas of Responsibilities.**

Mr. Thornton renewed responsibility for Paths and Pathways.

Mrs Cameron confirmed that she would take over the role of Police Liaison on behalf of the PC.

**5. Minutes of Meeting of 19th May 2008.**

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

**6. Matters Arising.**

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

Ongoing.

**2) Road Safety Measures, Green Lane/New Road.**

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

**3) Quinton Place AA Signs.**

AA has agreed to remove.

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

Highways attending.

**5) Playful Ideas**

Grant applied for.

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

Highways to progress.

(Note: This item was attended to on 2/7/08)

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

Highways to attend.

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

Pathways Officer attending, probably not before February 2009.

**9) Closure of Computer Centre.**

Tidworth Development Trust removed all their equipment on 19/6/08. The centre is now formally closed.

**10) Anzac Grave Sign.**

New sign fitted.

**11) Additional Skip.**

A third skip for cardboard collection is now in place.

## 12) Salisbury Direction Sign.

Highways attending.

## 13) Planning Contravention Notices.

PC has been notified that the appeal date for planning application for 8 Quinton Place has been set for Wednesday 27th August 2008. PC to attend.

## 14) Security Lighting, Cherry Orchard.

Selwood Housing replied that they do not install security lighting to their houses and also the change of name has no implications for their tenants. The PC will draw their attention to their new tenancy agreements which state there is monies available for such community improvements as security lighting.

## 15) Village Hall/Sports & Social Club.

The proposals for merger are being progressed by the two Committees.

## 16) Neighbourhood Tasking Group (Police).

Mrs Cameron presented a paper of the meeting she had attended on behalf of the PC on 28th May. She explained that the NTG is a multi-agency problem solving group made of partner agencies, key stake holders, including the police, and members of the community. It is a voluntary non statutory body, meeting every three months, to plan and action the main concerns identified by the community. The current priorities are:- Visibility/Accessibility of Police, road safety and distraction burglary.

Our Beat Manager, Constable Martin Faulkner, has been paying for his own mobile phone so that we can access him directly, total cost p.a. for a "receive" only set being £20.00. The Group agreed that Parish Councils should be asked to contribute. The full report and related papers are attached to these minutes.

## 17) New Bus Service.

Bus time tables had been posted at bus stops and the post office. The service seems to be working well.

## 7. Financial Report.

### Expenditure (Since last meeting)

St. Mary's Churchyard Fund.....	£75.00	(Cheque no.405)
St. Mary's PCC.....	£150.00	( " 406)
St. Peter's PCC.....	£150.00	( " 407)
Clerk's Fees (1st Quarter).....	£450.00	( " 408)
Annual Subscription. Society of Local Council Clerks.....	£59.00	( " 409)
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>£884.00</b>	

Total Income Available to Spend.....	£6948.15
Expenditure to date.....	£2725.24
Balance.....	£4222.91

Balance in Bank (+ £2500)..... £6722.91

### Annual Accounts.

Section 1 - Statement of accounts of the Annual return for the year ended 31st March 2008 was approved by the PC.

## 8. Planning Applications

118 High Street. First floor extension & refurbishment.....	Permission
14 High Street, Side extension.....	Permission
Ashton Gifford House. Demolition of polytunnel & erection of hurdle fence.....	Permission
5, New Road. Two storey extension & internal alterations.....	No Objections.
Ashton Gifford House. Raise height of external walls.....	No objections.
Veterinary Surgery, New Road.....	Support.

## 9. Charity Pass.

On behalf of Mr. Peters the Clerk reported that a village resident who had recently been taking non binable waste to Warminster Recycle Centre for a number of his elderly neighbours had been turned away and accused of doing it as a business. Mr. Peters and one other resident had previously experienced the same situation when helping out their less mobile neighbours. The WWDC had advised that they would have to apply for Charity Passes together with a supporting letter from the PC. Cllr. Newbury had asked that the three applications be routed through him. In view of the time scale involved the Clerk and the Chairman had attended to this matter and the result is awaited. The PC agreed the action retrospectively.

## 10. Commercial Use of Sportsfield.

Mr. Bartlett queried the contractual obligations of users of the Village Sportsfield in connection with noise pollution. He and his neighbours had been woken up very early one weekend recently by excessively loud music by the operators of the Air Balloon as they prepared for take off. It was agreed that there should be enforceable rules for commercial users of the field and Mr. Woollard would take the matter up with the VHMC.

## 11. Proposed Plans for Dispensaries.

Mrs Johnstone reported that under a new pharmacy government white paper there is a real risk that the Codford Surgery would lose the facility to dispense medications to patients who would have to go to Warminster or Wilton for their prescriptions. The PC resolved that every effort should be made to save the Codford Pharmacy. Our MP, Andrew Murrison, is aware and is fully supportive.

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

### **Reduction of Mobile Library Service.**

Following a complaint from a villager the PC has received a reply from WCC that the matter is being looked into and a reply to the query is awaited.

### **Fun in the Sun.**

Mrs Kate Brayne has once again agreed to act as the local contact person for the scheme which provides supervised play for the young of the village during the school holidays.

### **New Houses, Cherry Orchard.**

West Wiltshire Rural Housing Association has been appointed as the specialist provider to build the six houses on the old allotments site, opposite the six aged persons bungalows, in Cherry Orchard, instead of under the PFI Scheme. They plan to seek an amendment to the existing planning consent to allow for either two or three 3 bedroom homes.

The members expressed concerns regarding the inadequacy of the sewerage treatment plant, an issue that has been aired at Planning Committee meetings. The understanding is that before any new properties can be built the sewerage treatment has to be upgraded.

Note: The Chairman has subsequently raised the issue with WRHA, who will be consulting with the planners.

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

### **Complaint re: black labrador dog.**

The Chairman reported receiving a complaint from a member of the electorate that a black labrador dog had, through its menacing behaviour, prevented her from attending to her father's grave in St. Mary's Churchyard. PC resolved that the dog's owner should be informed. Clerk to write.

### **Public Path High Street/Green Lane.**

Mr. Beagley reported that the path is in need of trimming. Parish Steward to attend.

### **Additional Air Space.**

Mr. Bartlett informed that the MOD had issued a consultation paper on this matter for training of unmanned aircraft around Salisbury Plain. Returns required by 29.9.08

### **Overgrown Grass Verge, Stockton Road Junction.**

Mr. Thornton reported that the view of the A36 to the east from the A36/Stockton Road junction was obstructed by overgrown grass verge. Highways Agency to attend.

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

None.

The meeting closed at 10.15p.m.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. Monday 11th August 2008 at the small hall of the Village Hall.**







