

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2016

*Held in the Small hall, Codford on the 16th May 2016
at 7.30pm*

Attendance: Aly Sloane, Chris Sloane, M Poolman, David Shaw, Diana Shaw, Lionel French, Ann French, Crispin Edmonds, Penny Edmonds, BJ Abbott, Vincie Abbott, Barbara Tomlinson, Bridget Lorimer, Pam Coward, Nicky Cornock, Joe Emmett, John Foster, Ruth Foster, Bob Richardson-Aiten, Patricia Bettaney, Don Bartlett, Tom Thornton, Sue Mitchell, Ed Longlands, Loius Horeau, Chris Brayne, Colin Beagley,

Karungi Grant - Clerk

5/16/2016

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This year's meeting was not a joint meeting with the AGM of the Village Hall Management as was the case last year. A total of 27 residents attended.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening everyone, thank you for coming. As usual this is an open meeting without an agenda and it is an opportunity for the members of the electorate to ask questions of the Parish Council. Questions will be taken after the Chairman's report and the financial report from Louis as he was still the Parish Clerk for the last year.

PLANNING

There were 11 planning applications in the past year which included:

I) three extensions

II) Horticultural Greenhouses at East Farm also a building extension and erection of a buffer tank at the Bio Digester.

III) New road service station: convert industrial unit to retail outlets. Greenhill Farm replaces existing industrial units with a new vehicle repair workshop, coach maintenance workshop with parking and business units.

IV) Residential development of three dwellings: Bury Farm.

V) Erection of steel framed farm building to provide a roof over an existing cattle yard Manor Farm:

SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

This is still ongoing and it's likely it will not be decided until 2017.

THE GEORGE PUB

The PC wrote to the owner with regard to the future of the premises and he replied that he had not changed his plans and he fully intended to reopen as a pub but blamed the lack of availability of suitable tradesman for the lack of progress in the refurbishment of the building. It was noted that he had recently re-advertised the sale by auction of the building plot relating to the pub.

COMMUNITY SCHEMES

The Defibrillators are now up and running and were opened by Dr John Fishwick .

The Skate Park has lost interest and has now been dropped.

The Dog antifouling signs are up around the village and I hope they have had some impact but sadly we still get reports of dog fouling. This was a joint scheme between the Parish Council and Wylde Valley School.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SIDs)

The PC is in the process of evaluating the viability of taking part in the sharing of a scheme between Warminster and the surrounding villages for operating the SIDs. Cost for implementing the scheme and the lack of any enforcement procedure are issues under consideration.

WILTSHIRE HIGHWAY CONTRACTS

Balfour Beatty Living Places have now exited the Wiltshire contract. The council's main contractors are now:

Tarmac- They are doing the largest highway schemes

Ringway-Are doing the majority of highway works

The Landscape Group- Are doing Amenity and Street Scene Services

Jacksons Contracting Are doing the Rural Verge Cutting, which will probably only be done once a year except for junctions and blind bends which will be trimmed when necessary.

All contracts are now up and running. There are several new schemes to be introduced, the Parish Steward Scheme for example. These will be implemented over the next few months. Any changes will be notified in advance through their newsletter.

The Parish Steward Scheme

The Council is giving advance notice that it hopes to run a set of workshops in June to detail the launch of the new Parish Steward Scheme. The Parish Steward will undertake work identified by the Parish Council, he or she will visit us once a month.

FLOODING

I am glad to report that there was no flooding this last winter. There has been a Flood Mitigation Scheme put in opposite the old-school house to relieve flood water off the high street in the meadow. We don't know as yet if it will work as there has been no flooding but we hope it will help.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Again this service was well attended, it was a fine but chilly morning and after the service we marched up the High Street behind the Piper to the Village Hall for the Gunfire breakfast.

I would like to thank on behalf of the Village, Tiggy Thornton, Christine Ford, Vince Smith and all their helpers for a wonderful breakfast.

BADGE CLEAN UP DAY 2015

This was also well attended by villagers and ANZAC Personnel. last year we purchased 20 tons of graded chalk to spread on the Badge to high light it. We used about 8 tons of chalk so we have some left to be used in future years. I would like to thank Henry Collins for allowing the badge committee to store the chalk on his farm. After the clean-up, we went back to the

village hall for a well-earned buffet lunch. I would like to thank Dominique Beagley and her helpers for providing a very good lunch.

ANCIENT MILESTONE

The village were given an ancient mile stone relating to Codford. It was in a bad state of repair and needed restoration. Cllr Rennie has been restoring the stone over the past year it is now ready to be sited. We have been waiting for the weather to warm up because of the use of lime mortar to site the stone. It will be sited near the current mile marker by the lay-by next to the playing field.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE PRIVATELY-OWNED ROAD NEAR ST MARY'S CHURCH

A group of residents formed a committee to challenge the right of access to these roads and have applied for the road to be registered as a public right of way.

The Parish Council agreed to facilitate this procedure by contacting Wiltshire Council Rights of Way and issuing the relevant forms for the residents to fill in. It was also noted that under the highways act the land owner has a right to challenge any application for the adoption of a private path/road as a public right of way. This is still ongoing to date.

SIGNAGE

We are still waiting for the new sign post to be sited at the Chitterne road New Road T junction.

The sign is on order and we had to part fund it to get the replacement signpost as Wiltshire council are only replacing essential warning signs at the moment as they are on a tight budget.

NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGNS

Mr. Davidson our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator has stated that all the sites throughout the village for the newly designed Neighbourhood watch signs had been approved by Wiltshire council and the final costs, previously approved by the PC were not yet resolved. This is still ongoing.

ALLOTMENT GARDENS

Mr. Latham informed the PC at the January meeting that Selwood housing had made a pre-application to build houses at the rear of The Grove and if it had the support of the PC Selwood Housing would include allotments for whoever wanted them. I spoke to Mr. Latham on Friday last and he is still looking into the development including allotments and is going to update us at a future PC meeting

A36 ACCIDENTS

Following the double fatal accident at the A36 junction west the Parish Council as well as Dr. Andrew Murrison, on behalf of the PC, requested the Highways Agency and Wiltshire Council to carry out a review of the safety measures at the location. Both authorities replied that they would wait for the outcome of the inquests into the deaths, pending any recommendations by the Coroner. The inquest has recently been completed and the PC is waiting to hear from them for any proposed changes, if any, towards the safety of the junction.

DONATIONS

During the past year the Parish Council donated a Total sum of £2432.02 to:

- The Bobby Van Trust
- Victim Support
- St Peters Church
- St Mary's Church
- St Mary's Churchyard Maintenance
- Village Hall
- Anzac Day 2015
- Badge Clean-up day 2015

I would like to thank all the Councilors for their work and support over the past year and also thank you to Frank West who helps to keep the village free of litter.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2015/16

Mr. Horeau, retiring Clerk, gave a brief breakdown of the PC income and expenditure for the 2015/16 financial year;

Precepts 2015/16	7096.56					
VAT refund	86.59					
AED Fund	6678.76					
J and J Fund	5908.13					
TOTAL		24204.62				
EXPENDITURE						
Annual outgoings	2768.23					
Clerk's fees	3150					
Section 137	200					
Misc. expenses	10676.66					
VAT paid	292.54					
TOTAL		17087.43				
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Balance in the bank 2/12/2015	£8992.19
Less O/S Cheques: 668,669,670,671 (£1875)	£7117.19
Less AED fund (£2342.56)	£477.63 C/F
VAT to claim	£ 292.54

The equivalent number of band D properties in Codford is 346.79 which translates to a rate of £41.35 per household per annum or £0.80 per week

OPEN FORUM

Matters raised by some of the residents:

- 1) Public access to the privately owned road near St Mary's church – this was further discussed and letter from the council with an update on the outcome was read out.
- 2) Concerns about building progress at the George were made and discussed. PC to contact the owner again.
- 3) The Paddocks, a new property in St Mary's, on the high street; Concerns about completion and over the cab entrance to the property were raised. PC to contact planning office.
- 4) A request was made for a feedback on the number of times, if any, the defibrillators are used.
- 5) Road fatality at the junction of New road to A36; discussed and awaiting news from the inquest
- 6) Query about the proposed Caravan park. PC assured residents that no formal application has been made yet.
- 7) Vote of thanks was made to all the councilors for the time they dedicate to their roles on the PC.

Meeting was then adjourned and all were invited to stay for a few nibbles and chit-chat.

Next PC meeting will be held in the Small Hall, Codford, on Monday 6th June 2016