

Codford Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

11 July, 2016

Call to order

The Chairman called to order the meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on July 11, 2016 in the small village hall, Codford.

1 Apologies

Cllr. S Mitchell, Cllr. C Brayne and Cllr E Longlands

Present: The following persons were present: Cllr. C Beagley, Cllr. T Thornton, Cllr. A Rennie, Cllr. D Bartlett, Cllr. H Merchant and Cllr. B Smith

In attendance: Ms K Grant, Clerk

2 Open Forum

In attendance: Mr. Joe Emmett and Mr. J Stratton

The chairman read out an email he had received from a resident inquiring about the chemical gassy smells that they believed might be caused by the digester on Mr. Stratton's farm.

In his response, Mr. Stratton requested that any such correspondence be forwarded to him. He welcomes feedback, positive or negative and welcomes any queries relating to the digester. He is very happy to engage with anyone interested in the digester.

Mr. Stratton delivered the framework of what they do on his farm. He illustrated the benefits of the digester, the fantastic organic process involved, meaning less cost involved, more waste being put back to good use, the low carbon foot print as a result, not forgetting the highly nutrient rich digestate that replaces a huge percentage of purchased fertilizer.

The waste on his farm is also reformatted into electricity and heat. The digestate put back into the soil accelerates plant growth. Unfortunately, this smells and with the wrong atmospheric conditions, means the smell might blow unfavorably. These, Mr. Stratton pointed out are all mitigating circumstances for any farmer. On the plus side, it's all organic product going back into crop growing. However, he is aware it's not particularly pleasant for the residents and therefore plans the process to try to avoid spreading when there is going to be a north-east wind, but this is not always possible. The spreading season is February, March and half of April, with some spreading around the dairy at Stockton during the later spring and summer. Mr. Stratton is aware that he needs to be respectful of the villages concerned, and will do his best to alleviate this over this lifetime of the project

A suggestion was made to consider doing a leaflet drop in the village with all the relevant information.

Mr. Stratton is also going to put information on the farm's website.

<http://www.jmstratton.co.uk/> www.codfordbiogas.co.uk

Mr. Joe Emmett was updated on last meetings proceedings on the proposed development at the Grove. The

refund to residents for the sewerage plant, if the development went ahead, was briefly discussed. Mr. Latham was not available to provide an update.

3 Approval of minutes from last meeting.

The minutes were approved as correct and signed by The Chairman.

4 Matters Arising.

1) Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS); High Street.

Communication from the Chairman of the Warminster Area Board was that costs for Parish/Town councils have not yet been determined. PC decided to await costs before a decision is made to take part in the scheme.

2) Sign Post New Road/Chitterne Road Junction

This was installed on the 30th June.

3) Codford Milestone

This is going in this week. Amount of £50 is needed to replace the stainless steel pole. PC voted and agreed to fund this.

4) Petitions for Allotment Gardens

Mr Mick Latham not available for an update.

5) Village Good Deed Award

Samples had been circulated to Cllrs by email, hard copies to be presented next meeting.

6) Independent audit of PC accounts

Cllr Brayne not available for an update.

5 Financial Report

The PC's account balance stands at 11053.04 for the period 1.04.2016 to 11.07.2016. A full report is attached to these minutes and is available on the village website and Facebook page.

6 Planning Application

None have been received

7 Items of correspondence

Parish Steward Scheme

Following the email sent out to Cllrs; minutes of the Parish Stewards Scheme meeting. It was agreed that items for the priority list for the parish steward be discussed in the next meeting.

Parking bays, Doctor's Surgery

A member of the PPG of the Orchard Partnership approached the PC about putting in diagonal parking bays in the parking space opposite the Doctors surgery to allow for more parking spaces. This however is not a matter for the PC, nor the surgery. Chairman to contact Mick Latham, Selwood about this.

8 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

Nothing to report from the Area Board.

Village Hall

- Cllr Barlett is yet to receive the map of the parish boundary.
- The next VHC meeting is on the 21st July and the date for the VH AGM is 22nd July.
- There is a general appeal for bric a brac or books for the book stall, for sale at the Fete on Sat 16th July. Setting up starts at 8am and any help is welcome. The organising committee applied for and got £1000 from the Area Board to go towards the Fete.

AED

Positive outcome from the most recent incident on the Codford tennis courts. Cllr Bartlett made the following brief report;

The Codford Defibrillator Proves its Worth

On the evening of Tuesday 5th July at the village Tennis Courts, a medical emergency was prevented from becoming a tragedy by the quick thinking and effective action of several Codford villagers. A new member of the Codford Tennis Club, but who lives in Crockerton, suffered a sudden cardiac arrest whilst on court. Fortunately for the gentleman concerned, there were people on hand who recognised what had happened, acted decisively, raced for the Defibrillator on the outside of the Village Hall and, crucially, had no hesitation in using it. Jamie Nielsen-Hunt activated the Defibrillator (simply opened the lid) and the on-board voice talked him through the actions to take, including where to place the electrode pads. It detected the absence of a heart beat and advised that a shock was required. Thankfully, Jamie pressed the button and the applied shock restarted the heart to give the casualty a second chance of life.

Steph Nielsen-Hunt was responsible for vigorously and successfully applying 'mouth to mouth' resuscitation (in old speak) during this emergency and she writes:

"We are writing this as we would like to make you aware how easy the village defibrillator is to use. On Tuesday evening our daughter alerted us to a gentleman collapsing whilst playing tennis. This turned out to be a cardiac arrest. My husband had run for the defibrillator machine which is attached to the front of the village hall. On opening the defibrillator, it spoke to him advising him each step of the way on how to use it correctly, it detected no heart rhythm and advised him to shock the casualty. Luckily for the gentleman it restarted his heart, it then went on to guide Matthew on the rhythm and amount of the compressions required and let me know exactly when to give breaths. It was so reassuring and calming like having an expert by your side.

I always thought I would never be in that situation and always feared if I ever was, despite having CPR training in my role as a dental nurse. Now I wouldn't hesitate in grabbing the defibrillator myself in hope of saving another life.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that helped raise funds so that we are lucky enough to have two machines in the village. Tuesday could have been such a different outcome."

In echoing Steph's gratitude to those who supported the Parish Council in raising the necessary funds to provide Codford with two AEDs (Defibrillators), the value of such a device is beyond question.

Without our village Defibrillator, there would have been a very different outcome and a family in grief. As it is (at the time of writing), the story is a much happier one. The gentleman is recovering as well as can be expected and we all wish him a speedy recovery and return to health.

It should be emphasised that anyone who uses the AED cannot do harm as the machine will not provide a shock unless it detects that the casualty's situation requires it, i.e. their heart has stopped beating. Please remember, you cannot make the situation any worse by using the Defibrillator and it might just save a life as it did on Tuesday 5th July.

Cllr Merchant presented new signs for the defibrillators to go on both sites. All three signs cost £69.60

9 Matters to report

HOUSING NEEDS FORMS

Cllr Smiths reported that not many forms had been handed in yet. PC agreed to keep the survey open till

the next meeting in August. Publicize the survey more. Notice will also be made in the Parish magazine. Feedback was received from someone who found it difficult to obtain a house in Codford, they suggested low rent housing that would still allow one to save to buy a home, or houses available for 1st time buyers (local to Codford)

FLOODS IN BA12 0NA

A letter was received from Mr Andrew Murrison to the PC to say that Mr. Cole had been to see him and is unhappy with the PC's identification of flooding in the BA12 0NA post code in the years 1989, 1990, 1995, 1999, 2002, 2014. This has caused him problems with insurance and has meant the Environment Agency has classified his site as level 3 flood risk. Mr. Cole says there was intact flooding in 1990, 1995 and 2014. Chairman to contact Mr Murrison.

VISIBILITY ON A36 COMING OUT OF STOCKTON

Overgrown and needs cutting back. Clerk to contact Highways Agency.

MATTERS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The Paddocks: PC has written to the owner informing him of the issues that were raised at the Annual Village Meeting.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS IN CODFORD

Not heard back about this.

IN HOUSE TRAINING

Correspondence from Wiltshire Association of Local Councils to say that plans are underway with a planning trainer about providing a course on planning but it would be a central event on which individuals may book, rather than one provided for individual councils. Details are not finalised yet.

BADGE CLEANING

Chairman reported that they had had a good badge clean-up day. 20 soldiers attended and about 70 turned up for lunch. Suggestion was made to add an item to the PC minutes; A forecast of events coming up in the next few months.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9.12pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm MONDAY 15th August 2016 in the Small Village Hall

MATTERS OUTSTANDING

Tree Planting High Street