

# Codford Parish Council

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 20th, 2017

### **Call to order**

The Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Parish Council at 7.35 pm on March 20th, 2017 in the small village hall, Codford.

### **Present**

Cllr. C Beagley, Cllr. T Thornton, Cllr. D Bartlett, Cllr E. Longlands, Cllr Sue Mitchell and Cllr B. Smith

**In attendance:** K Grant, Clerk

### **1 Apologies**

Cllr C. Brayne, Cllr. H. Merchant and Cllr. A. Rennie

### **2 Open Forum**

No attendance to the open forum

### **3 Approval of minutes from last meeting**

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

All of the councillors present confirmed they would be willing to serve another term. Chairman had contacted Cllr Merchant, prior to the meeting, who also confirmed he would be staying on. Chairman to contact Cllr Rennie and Cllr Brayne.

### **4 Matters Arising**

#### **1) Parish Steward Scheme**

Parish Steward is scheduled to be in Codford on the 21st and 22nd March. This month his list of jobs included loosening the build-up of leaves on the roads for the sweeper, clearing all roads, pavements and paths, cleaning signs, trimming around road signs, emptying gullies and grips, filling up potholes. Clerk to contact him about the path to Ivy Cottages, and Green lane for when the Sweeper comes back to Codford. Cllr Beagley to contact Mr Whyte about parish steward 'dumping' in the old council bays on Chitterne road, to save him the trip to Devizes.

#### **2) AED**

Cllr Bartlett indicated that the next awareness session is scheduled for September. Date to be confirmed.

#### **3) Slow Signs**

These have not been done yet as they are not a priority on Highways' list – see last minutes. (Give way signs on High St/ New Road junction are to be included)

#### **4) Neighborhood Watch**

Cllr Mitchell attended the meeting and reported that the anticipated support from all the agencies involved is promising. The SIDs are not working, suggestion was made to apply for new ones via the Area Board.

#### **5) Codford Symbol/Emblem**

This was discussed and suggestions were made. PC agrees it would be a good idea to come up with symbol, crest, or emblem. Members of the community to be approached for ideas. Consult the Local History Society.

## 5 End of Year Returns

Clerk presented all the accounts to PC. Accountant needed to look through accounts before submitting to the external auditors. Clerk to follow up with Cllr Brayne about this. Clerk to find out from Mr Hoareau if the balance brought forward was the ring-fenced figure PC has set aside as a contingency fund for election costs.

## 6 Planning Applications

- The Old Rectory, Extension of the existing bay ... Ref: 17/01274/FUL – no objection from PC
- Notification of confirmation of order, Codford 8 (part) diversion

## 7 Items of correspondence

### **The George**

Email from Christopher Newbury (shared) seeking for a planning enforcement officer to visit the site due to the yard being used for unconsented purposes (as a dump) following complaints from local residents of how unsightly it has become.

### **Dates for end of WW1 Centenary Commemorations**

Dates were suggested. To consult the British Legion for ideas. Contact Andrew Murrison to find out if there is some sort of national celebration planned.

## 8 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

### Area Board:

Health and Wellbeing Fair on the 31<sup>st</sup> March

Clerk attended the Mental Health Awareness in Warminster Civic Centre. Cllr Bartlett reported that he was soon going to put in an application to the board for a grant, £5000, for the new VH roof.

### Village Hall:

Work on the roof is scheduled to start. Cllr Bartlett also reported that the last invoice for the play park's annual inspection used up all the money left by the Cygnets club. Next payment for the service will be from the VH account. PC agreed to include this expense in s137, in next year's budget.

It was noted the paintwork on the 'chillout' area is looking 'tired' and the bins all have holes in the bottom.

## 9 Matters to report.

### **COMMUNITY LITTER PICK**

14 volunteers turned up on the Saturday and picked litter all around the village. One volunteer had gone along Chitterne road the day before and managed to find 44 empty cans of diet coke!!!

### **TRUSTEES TRAINING**

Cllr Bartlett to share the dates for the next training if any of the Cllrs are interested.

### **ALLOTMENTS**

Mr Latham has not yet responded about this.

Chairman to contact him also about the possibility of dropping the kerb in front of the Doctors' Surgery for wheel chair users.

### **DEMENTIA FRIENDS IN CODFORD**

Meeting had an attendance of about 12 people who all agreed that it was very informative.

### **BLOCKED DITCH**

This has now been cleared by Highways England.

Cllr Longlands reported a tree down across the river on the Stockton side of the A36. Cllr Thornton to alert land owner.

### **APPEAL FOR RESIDENT IN CODFORD**

Piano has been tuned, at a cost of £52

### **BLOCKED GULLY**

Cllr Smith reported that a resident had pointed out that the gully outside his house, opposite the garage, is still blocked. Clerk to follow up with Parish Steward.

### **WHITEHORSE HOUSING**

A resident with the association has had to move out of the accommodation because her family has grown and Whitehorse will not honour their 'promise' to extend the property into the roof space. Cllr Beagley contacted the CEO of the association about this, he explained that the rent would not be enough to cover the costs if they were to make the property bigger.

### **Adjournment**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9.00 pm

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Village Hall**