

Codford Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

February 26th, 2018

Call to order

The Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on February 26th, 2018 in the small village hall, Codford.

Present

Cllr. A. Rennie, Cllr. B. Smith, Cllr. C. Beagley, Cllr. C. Brayne, Cllr. D. Bartlett, a Cllr. E. Longlands and Cllr. T Thornton.

In attendance: K Grant, Clerk

0114 Apologies.

Cllr. S. Mitchell and Cllr. H. Merchant

PC accepted the apologies for the reasons given *Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)*

0115 Open Forum.

Mr. J Stratton attended the open forum to inform PC about 3 planning applications he intends to submit;

(i) Conversion of 1 existing grain store to light industrial.

(ii) Glass houses (already have consent in June 2016) – amendment to a level single site with expansion – a resubmission of the planning application with new conditions. For growing flowers with low carbon emissions; using heat and carbon from the AD plant.

(iii) PV Solar fields – two already successful fields (extension on one), both very efficient and out performing their design.

Mr. Stratton updated PC on the existing digester which has been running successfully for 4 years now. He inquired about impact of the waste trucks accessing the plant through the village. It was noted that occasionally these are blocking the Malmpit/Salisbury Rd/A 36 junction in the morning. Opening time for the plant is going to be moved to 7am and trucks will be moved up Malmpit Hill as opposed to queuing by the junction. It was also noted; no foul smells from the plant lately.

The Chairman took the opportunity to seek clarification on agenda item; *0118 Matters arising – Beanis path*. Mr Stratton reported that Wiltshire Council has put up notices to highlight the existing rights of way over his land following his recent Statutory Deposition and Statement. Some residents had expressed concern that Beanis Path was going to be closed off to the public. Mr. Stratton assured PC that he had no intention to close Beanis Path. Two other members of the electorate then attended the open forum to seek clarification on the status of Beanis Path and PC's position on the matter. PC assured them the land owner had no intention of closing off the path.

0116 Interests.

(i) Cllr Brayne declared an interest in a matter to be raised under *Matters to report*; VH employment.

(ii) Dispensations. None received.

Localism Act 2011

0117 Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes had been previously circulated, taken as read and were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman. *Local Government Act 1972*

0118 Matters Arising.

(i) PARISH STEWARD

Parish Steward scheduled to be in Codford 27th – 28nd February

Jobs suggested for this month;

- to spread grit on the junction of Malmpit Hill and Salisbury Rd and other road junctions with grit bins that are not gritted by the council.
- to push the grips right through the verge banks, New Road at the white railings by Chitterne Brook bridge.

Longhedge footpath, Chitterne road – farm entrance, to divert water coming down the bridleway; Clerk reported that PS can only reinstate existing trenches, to divert rain water.

Cllrs Beagley and Thornton have refilled all the grit bins around the village.

Cllr Beagley reported that a low speedbump has now been installed across the entrance to Granary Close. Its prime purpose is to deflect water that's been flowing from the highway onto private land (and subsequently into private properties) back onto the highway where the drainage system can collect it.

ROYAL WEDDING IN MAY

Cllr Beagley has had discussions with two electorate members who are happy to organise the celebrations in the village. PC to support.

HIGHWAYS – A36 WESTERN JUNCTION

HE has not yet responded to email. Clerk to follow up.

WW1 CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

Cllr Beagley to report back after the RBL main meeting in May, on any new developments.

ROSPA PLAY AREA SAFETY REPORT

Cllr Beagley to follow up with LANDMARC about sponsoring the repairs needed in the Chill-out area. Cllr Bartlett reported that it was noted in the CVHC meeting that a budget of £576.46 was available to be spent on the play park. Cllr Thornton reported that he is working with a volunteer on the gates to make them safe and secure. A new padlock has now been put on the maintenance gate of the play park and 20 new posts have been added to its fence

PARKING IN CHERRY ORCHARD

Cllr Bartlett reported that VHC approved the proposal for the school to use the car parks. The headteacher was contacted and it was communicated to the parents. Unfortunately, parents continue to drive in to Cherry Orchard to drop off/pick up. A letter from the PC to be issued to all parents.

Cllr Beagley reported that the transfer of the piece of land in Cherry Orchard that belonged to Selwood has now been completed. The owner is looking to drop the kerb opposite the turn into the Doctor's surgery car park. This would help prevent parking along this point.

(ii) EXCESSIVE SPEEDING IN CODFORD

A concerned resident contacted PC to address the issue of excess speed in Codford village between Budgens store and The Grove, in both directions. PC suggested getting in touch with the police for advice. Clerk to follow up.

(iii) BEANIS PATH

Discussed under 0115 Open Forum.

(iv) MGW LIMIT OF 26 TONNES THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Cllr Thornton proposed putting in a request for M.G.W (maximum gross weight) limit of 26 tonnes within the middle of the village, along High St from bus stop laybys on Salisbury Rd at Eastern end, to New Rd Service Station at Western end, including Chitterne Rd and Green Lane up to their junctions with New Rd. To prevent use of these roads by articulated lorries whilst still allowing their access to New Rd, East Farm and Malmpit Hill. PC agreed. Cllr Thornton and clerk to follow up.

0119 Finance

(i) The balance of the accounts:

Balance of Parish bank account at 15/1/2018 - £11379.36

Expenditure at 26th Feb 2018

PAYE	£413.24
Wage (Jan)	£430.50
PAYE (2016/17)	£679.27

To be approved by PC

CPD – Data Protection Webinar	£36
Local Council administration	£73.60 (was approved in Dec)
Wage (Feb)	£430. 50
PAYE (Jan)	£85.03 (paid online)

Clerk reported that End of year accounts will be completed in the coming month. Mr Hoareau has once again offered to carry out the internal audit of the accounts.

Cllr Bartlett to advise when renewal of the AED is due, and amount needed for this.

0120 Planning Applications

(i) To consider how to respond to any planning applications made after the publication of this agenda. Two applications were received after agenda had already been published and were considered.

- Ref: 18/00024/REM Erection of one detached dwelling (reserved matters application following approval 16/06505/OUT); Cllrs were made aware of conflicting communications on this planning application.

Discussion concluded that the matter was sufficiently being managed, as communicated by the planning officer in charge.

- Cllr Brayne proposed approaching the investors of the PV Solar fields in the village, to install electric charging points in the VH car park. Cllr Bartlett to report back after speaking to the VHC.

No new planning applications were received.

0121 Items of correspondence

- Complaint from a resident about the new roof on the extension on Station road. Cllr Rennie has made attempts to contact the owners and will follow up on this. Cllr Beagley to get back to complainant.
- Cllr Rennie also reported that he had spoken to the resident who asked PC for advice on building on their plot which currently falls outside the boundary limits, to let them know that PC would have to object to their planning application.
- An email from resident in Chitterne Road thanking PC and the team involved in the work that was carried out in January to improve the flood defenses in Chitterne Road.
- Community Engagement Manager has agreed to and will drop off equipment needed for the Community litter pick scheduled for 3rd March. The school's Eco Committee will be joining in the litter pick this year.
- Clerk reported that trees are due to be delivered in November. PC would like these delivered earlier so that they are put in the ground prior to the planned commemorations. Clerk to follow up.
- Minutes of NTG meeting of January 9th had been circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Mitchell not present for an update.
- Email from the manager of the George confirming new managers taking over the George.
- Highways England have published the Statement of Community Consultation for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down (Stonehenge Scheme), outlining how they intend to conduct the statutory consultation which will run from Thursday 8th February until Friday 6th April 2018.

- An update to all those organisations that work with and/or refer people to the services of Victim Support, that they now offer an alternative way for people to report hate related incidents and crimes, if they prefer not to report to the police. Non-emergency reports can now be made via their Alternative Reporting System by phoning on 0808 2810113 or via secure email on vs.referrals@VSwiltshire.cjsm.net or non-secure email on Wiltshire@victimsupport.org.uk.

0122 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

AREA BOARD

Cllr Bartlett has completed and sent off report to the area board. He also made a brass plaque to go up in recognition of their support towards the hall refurbishments. Next area board meeting scheduled for Thursday 1st March, Warminster Civic Centre.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Bartlett reported that VHC had discussed and would like to reiterate that there is legal statute which allows the management committee to manage and charge for the use of the green, this follows misinformation that the playing field is public land anybody is free to use it.

0123 Matters to report.

CODFORD SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES

Cllr Smith informed PC of a planning application to be submitted.

PRANK CALLS

Cllr Bartlett reported that nothing more has been heard

LYONS SEAFOOD TRUCKS

Cllr Beagley has spoken to the manager, who advised that residents should ring Lyons Seafood; Bobby Rideout 01985851325, when they see the trucks coming in off A36 at east end of village and up Chitterne Rd/the High Street.

GDPR
Clerk reported that under the new GDPR, PC might have to make few changes to how data or council business is being processed and kept. Cllr Brayne to assist in setting up council emails. Clerk to share new GDPR toolkit and information received.

VH EMLPOYMENT

Cllr Brayne brought to the attention of the PC a matter of employment with the VH which didn't seem to comply with employment law. PC as a body is responsible for the management committee, who are the employers of the VH. PC agreed to liaise with the management committee and seek written evidence of the conditions under which staff are employed. Referred to next meeting's agenda.

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

This has been scheduled for Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm.

0124 Agenda items for the next meeting.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9.32 pm

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 9th April 2018.