

Codford Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

November 28th, 2016

Call to order

The Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on November 28th, 2016 in the small village hall, Codford.

Present

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

In attendance: K Grant, Clerk

1 Apologies

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

2 Open Forum

No attendance to the open forum.

Chairman reported, Cllr Mitchell and himself had attended the launch of the new Neighbourhood Watch signs which have now been delivered and will be soon be going up after all the risk assessments have been carried out.

Cllr Thornton reported that he had received the paper copy of the Core Strategies document from Cllr Newbury.

3 Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

Cllrs were reminded to update their declaration of interests that are kept on file.

4 Matters Arising

1) Speeding High Street.

Mike Davidson was approached and he pointed out that there wasn't enough traffic coming through the village to warrant the Speed Watch Scheme.

Quotations for the SIDs installation have now been received and were reviewed by PC.

To install 2 posts - £540.16 and to put and extension on 1 post - £473.61. Plus, the cost of deploying the SIDs all year round. PC decided it would be a huge expense on a scheme that may not be successful. As it is, a report from Mr Lucas, Chitterne Parish Council says the SIDs are currently faulty! PC may revisit this in future.

2) Codford Milestone

Cllr. Rennie not present to update on this.

3) Village Good Deed Award

Mr Poole has been approached and he has volunteered to provide photographs for the project.

4) Parish Steward Scheme

Parish Steward has tackled the weeds on the high street, the grips, cleared the leaves on the pavements, has not cleared the wash-down on Chitterne road as this would create a drop in the tarmac that may damage car tyres. This has been passed on to a team that will come out and lay tarmac after clearing the mud. The steward has dug a “grip” opposite Church Acre to drain the water and silt that collects on Green lane into the field.

Leaf clearing on green Lane, clearing of foot paths, plus check and clear all the gullies are to go on the December priority list.

Steward is scheduled to be in Codford on the 20th and 21st December.

5) AED

Cllr Bartlett reported a satisfactory attendance to the AED awareness session by the Ambulance Service. And suggested to have next awareness session in September next year. Cllr Bartlett will also make a list of instructions to go in the box so people know what to do after the defibrillator has been used.

6) Payphone Consultation Notice

The notice is up on all the village notice boards. The phone has only been used twice in 12 months.

It was noted by PC that there are grounds for objection:

- poor mobile phone reception in the area
- opportunity to contact BT when the domestic service is faulty
- most importantly, the phone box is within 100 yards of the AED

7) HELP Counselling Services

Are seeking a donation. It is a community charity based in Trowbridge with trained counsellors who volunteer their services one day a week. Each counsellor delivers a minimum of 150 sessions a year to people over the age of 16 in a private non-judgemental safe environment. Clerk to check their credentials to confirm they are legitimate and PC has agreed to donated £50.

8) Smart Metres

CSE an impartial Bristol charity which offers free energy advice to householders in the South West would like to give an informal talk or Q & A session about smart meters at a Parish meeting or local event. PC decided this is something that is down to individuals to follow up.

For more information, contact Karen Smith on: 01179341405 Email: karen.smith@cse.org.uk

5 Planning Applications

Application ref: 16/10930/FUL amendment to 15/12553/FUL - Bury Farm

House extension: 4 New Road

6 Financial Report

The PC's account balance stands at 13242.36 for the period 22.08.2016 to 24.10.2016. Detailed copy of the statement is attached.

7 Items of correspondence

Invitation to the First War Memorial Programme

Cllr Beagley reported that at the recent British Legion meeting discussion was made on whether they could put a poppy wreath on all the memorials in the village on Armistice day.

Another suggestion, 2018 being 100 years since the end of WW1, to maybe have something visible,

outside the churches. Or maybe advertise a bit more, the memorials in the two local churches. Cllr Beagley to share these thoughts at the next British Legion Committee meeting.

Thank you

An email was received from Mrs Anne Levick to say thank you for the cheque of £2,500 which is the second instalment of the Grant for the Village Hall renovation project.

8 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

The fundraising team shall meet in the new year. The plan is to do some maintenance on the Village Hall roof, some capital needs to be raised.

With the money received so far, the first project will be installing patio doors to replace the full-length windows in the main hall, together with a hard-wearing patio. Proposed for the spring.

9 Matters to report.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS IN CODFORD

To be arranged for some time early next year.

BLOCKED DITCH

Highways have been contacted about this.

BURY FARM

PC to press for action to at least make the building site safe, remove the roof tiles which threaten the foot path and check the structure is insured against public liabilities. Clerk to follow up on this.

COMMUNITY MATTERS MEETING

Cllr Brayne and the Parish Clerk attended the “Our Community Matters” conference. Discussions to decide the future of the towns and surrounding villages were held by looking at the Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment presented and considering projects and initiatives under health and wellbeing, community safety, the economy, transport, the environment, housing, older people, children and young people and culture. Participants could see what has changed since 2014 and decide what needed to change over the next two years by voting on the top three priorities under each category. The results of the conference will be heard at the Area Board on 5 January and will also be widely published.

THE GEORGE

Door on the side of the George? Clerk to refer to planning about this.

Residents overlooking to the west of the George are concerned about the state of the back garden. PC to write another letter to the owner about this.

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The chairman of Wyllye Valley School PTA wrote to the PC asking for raffle prize donations for the annual Christmas Fayre. PC agreed instead to pay for a Christmas tree and stand for the school hall. Cllr Smith offered to source one from the Budgens suppliers.

DOG MESS

Cllr Smith reported that a customer who had pushed his mother-in-law in a wheelchair down the old A36 road opp. Budgens had inadvertently picked up dog poop all over the tyres. A dog has been observed roaming around unattended in the area, the owner will be made aware.

CODFORD FOOTPATH No.15 MODIFICATION ORDER

Cllr Thornton attended the 2nd Nov meeting of Wilts Council Western Area Planning Committee in Trowbridge, where they considered the objection by the landowner to the modification order and debated whether to follow the Rights of Way Officer's recommendation to take a neutral stance on the matter when it is forwarded to the Secretary of State(DEFRA) for determination. They voted to follow the Rights of Way Officer's recommendation. The matter will now be decided at a local public enquiry where the evidence will be tested under cross examination. The Rights of Way Officer stated that Codford Village Hall will be used as the inquiry venue and it is likely to take place in August 2017.

SHERRINGTON LANE, FENCE ENCROACHING ON THE ROAD

A fence on Sherrington Lane was erected and is encroaching on the highway. This has been reported to Wilts Highways.

10 Items for agenda for next meeting

Precept 2016/17

Dates for regular meetings 2016/17

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9.30pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm MONDAY 9th January 2017 at the Village Hall

MATTERS OUTSTANDING

Tree Planting High Street