

Codford Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

July 31st, 2017

Call to order

The Vice Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Parish Council at 7.35 pm on July 31st, 2017 in the small village hall, Codford.

Present

Cllr. T Thornton, Cllr. D Bartlett, Cllr E. Longlands, Cllr S Mitchell, and Cllr C. Brayne

In attendance: K Grant, Clerk

0041 Apologies. Cllr. C Beagley, Cllr. H. Merchant, Cllr. B. Smith, Cllr. A. Rennie

PC accepted the apologies for the reasons given.

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

0042 Open Forum.

No attendance to the open forum

0043 Interests.

(i) No interests declared

(ii) Dispensations. None received.

0044 Approval of minutes from last meeting.

The minutes had been previously circulated, taken as read and approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

0045 Matters Arising.

RURAL SERVICES NETWORK SURVEY

Councillors completed the survey for this national organisation that seeks to speak for rural areas across England. For more information; www.rsnonline.org.uk

PARISH STEWARD SCHEME FEEDBACK

Cllrs completed the feedback for the scheme. It was **strongly agreed** that, (i) Our parish steward is friendly, approachable, and willing to help. (ii) Our parish steward visits have been on schedule. (iii) We have received good communication if there have been any changes to the visit scheduled

It was **agreed** that (i) Our priority listed jobs/requests have been completed (ii) We are very satisfied with the parish steward scheme

Additional comments made were that the parish steward should not be called away to other jobs when he is scheduled to be in Codford.

Job for the Priority List in august;

- The holly hedge over hang on the High street, Cherry Orchard needs cutting back
- General weeding all round

CLERK'S ANNUAL REVIEW UPDATE

Cllr Mitchell reported that the review has been conducted and the necessary paper work is yet to be prepared and presented to the PC.

DATES FOR THE END OF WW1 CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

Cllr Beagley to liaise with The Local History Society and report back to PC.

0046 Financial statement

Expenditures up to 31/5/2017

£344.40 – July wages. A cheque for August Wages (£344.40) was also signed in advance as there is no PC meeting scheduled for the month of August.

0047 Planning Applications

(i) Ref: **17/06014/FUL** *Creation of a replacement farm access way. Removal of existing farm access route.*
NO OBJECTION

(ii) Ref: **17/06018/FUL** *Proposed first floor extension with room in roof space, including a rear flat roof dormer*
NO OBJECTION

(iii) Ref: **17/05726/FUL** *Construction of single storey library to school*
NO OBJECTION

0048 Items of correspondence

Email from Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SEN) inviting communities to apply for the community resilience fund grant. This was discussed and it was agreed that it might be worth looking to get funding to dig the ditches which would minimize floods. Cllr Brayne to follow up on this. Clerk to re-send documents to Cllr Brayne.

PC received a letter, with photographs of the hedge at Little Orchard. The owners believe this may have been sprayed with weed killing/other spray. Clerk had been notified prior to the PC meeting and contacted the Parish Steward with the view to rule out the possibility that he might have sprayed too close to the hedge. The Parish steward has been to see the owners about it, he informed them that his weed spraying stops before he gets to the brook as he is not allowed to spray anywhere near it.

Email was shared with Cllrs about the interactive public meetings that Wiltshire Council is hosting to discuss the challenges that the council is facing and the impact that these could have. The council's cabinet members will be attending the meetings to discuss the challenges and to invite and listen to views and suggestions on how these can be best managed. Details of the meetings are set out below;

Date	Location	Venue	Time	
5 September	Salisbury	City Hall	5.30pm	Refreshments available
14 September	Chippenham	Monkton Park	5.30pm	Refreshments available
25 September	Trowbridge	County Hall	5.30pm	Refreshments available
26 September	Devizes	Corn Exchange	5.30pm	Refreshments available

0049 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

AREA BOARD

The next Area Board meeting is in Codford on 7 September, Jacqui Abbot, the Community Engagement Manager, has invited Codford to show case some initiatives / raise an issue / show some photographs / feedback on projects funded etc by the Area Board. Cllr Thornton will deliver the presentation at the proposed meeting.

Cllr Bartlett to provide photos and brief on the Community Defibrillator and Village Hall roof refurbishment. Other groups to be contacted by the clerk for feedback on grants received.

Cllr Bartlett reported that the funds of £5000, which is the grant from the Area Board for the roof refurbishment have now been received, and expressed his gratitude to the Area Board. He is going to put in another grant application of £5000 for the proposed patio doors for the Village Hall.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Bartlett also reported that the Fete was a success. Well done to the organizing committee.

He also reported that the WW Map installment on the VH back wall is going ahead. A different system from what was previously proposed is going to be used. This will go up for a 3 months trial period. He clarified that this is at no cost to the village/community.

0050 Matters to report.

CODFORD MILESTONE

Cllr Rennie was not available to update PC. Clerk to contact Cllr Rennie.

PAVEMENT CHERRY ORCHARD

To wait till Selwood team are on site, as it is not possible to use photographs to query this.

DAMAGED RAILING

To re-visit this matter. Selwood to be contacted again, as the School, Doctor's Surgery and WC are not responsible for the repair.

TREE DOWN

Cllr Thornton reported that he had this on his 'to do' list.

DISABLED ACCESS FOR SURGERY

Selwood responded to say that they are not doing any work in the area and therefore won't be taking this on. PC discussed this and considered taking it on. To Selwood and the surgery, and figure out the best way forward. Cllr Thornton and Cllr Longands volunteered to carry out any work needed.

GREEN LANE TRAFFIC

Nothing happening on the building site yet, Clerk write to contact concerned parties about traffic accessing site to use New road to Green Lane.

ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS

Cllr Mitchell yet to consult Cllr Smith about this.

0051 Agenda items for the next meeting.

Update from the personnel Subcommittee, Clerk's annual review.

Village Fete 2018

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.45 pm

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 4th September 2017.