

Codford Parish Council – Virtual Meeting Minutes – April 20th, 2020

Present

Cllr. A. Rennie Cllr. C. Brayne, Cllr. C. Beagley, Cllr D. Bartlett, Cllr. S. Howe, Cllr. S. Mitchell and Cllr. T Thornton.

In attendance: K Grant, Clerk and Annemarie Fitton

0001 Apologies

Cllr. D. Williams and Cllr. B. Smith

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

0002 Open Forum.

No attendance to the open forum

0003 Interests.

(i) No interests declared

(ii) Dispensations. None received. *Localism Act 2011*

0004 Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes had been previously circulated, taken as read and were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Local Government Act 1972

0005 Matters Arising

(i) COVID-19 UPDATE

Cllr Beagley reported he had been contacted by the rector to inquire about any persons that might need financial help. Contact for the rector to be shared. Suggestion for church to use surplus monies on the food bank.

Cllr. Howe confirmed that Wylve Valley School kitchen is open once a week and local families with children on Free School Meals are being provided a week's worth of food. Waitrose continues to deliver to Wylve Coyotes excess food which is also being distributed to people in need.

He also shared that there are 5000 Defense personnel deployed with the COVID support forces specialist roles and a further 21,000 standing by at readiness state. No major military assistance tasks expected for the next 3 weeks. 130 Forces families repatriated into Larkhill from Kenya and Nepal who have been re-housed in Warminster spare quarters.

(ii) MARIE CURIE GRANT

PC voted to donate £100. Clerk sought approval from PC to make a BACS payment. This was approved

(iii) VILLAGE MEETING

Scheduled for 18 May. Chairman will have report ready and circulate electronically if need be.

(iv) PARISH STEWARD

Parish Steward was due to be working in Codford 23/24th April. Tackling footpaths and over hanging bramble suckers along foot paths. Also to refer to previous priority list

(v) REVIEW OF POLICIES

Cllr Howe to circulate these in the course of the week.

(vi) WILDFLOWER MEADOWS ON ALL VERGES

Was suggested that the verge outside the garage would be ideal for a flower meadow. Clerk to follow up on Wiltshire Council Highway Wildflower trial.

(vii) EXCESSIVE SPEEDING IN CODFORD

Waiting to hear back from Mr. Rose and the CATG. Clerk to inquire about the recent siting of a metro count along

the high street

(viii) REVIEW THE VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN

To revisit in 3 months.

PARKING ON THE HIGH STREET

Waiting to hear back from WC.

(ix) 26 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT

On going.

Cllr Beagley reported landowner had erected signs to stop trucks parking along Malmpitt hill. Cllr. Thornton reported 2 of the road markers and a speed limit signpost had been damaged, the kerb mounted with wheel ruts cut into the verge. Landowner to pay for the damage. Clerk to follow up.

0006 Finance

(i) The balance of the accounts:

End of year accounts and bank reconciliation dated 31st March is available on Microsoft teams.

Bank balance to date is £9667.49

(ii) Payments approved by PC

Staff costs (March and April)	- £430.50 x2
Waste bins	- £169.99 to be paid by BACS

INCOME

Community Infrastructure Levy	- £841.42 (3 rd installment of 3)
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Clerk reported the proceeds from the Air Ambulance recycling bin are being paid into the VH account. PC agreed to this. Clerk reported that the CIL expenditure report had been submitted and shared with Cllrs. All CIL funds will be allocated to AED funds

0007 Planning Applications

(i) Planning Applications:

- 20/01948/TCA; Work to Trees in a Cons Area

No objection

0008 Items of correspondence.

None

0009 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

AREA BOARD

Meetings cancelled till further notice.

VH

Cllr Barlett reported that the next big project is to make good the kitchen. Annual PC grant of £5000 will be designated to the project.

0010 Matters to report.

VISIBILITY ON A36

HE has looked at this and reported no visible obstruction.

LORRY TRAFFIC ON STATION ROAD

On going.

CLEARING THE CHITTERNE BROOK

Cllr Beagley and Cllr Thornton have had to further clear this part of the brook. PC wishes to gratefully acknowledge

and commend Mr J. Poolman's free and instant help on the evening of 27th Feb., when requested by the Chairman, with the use of his tractor and forestry grab/crane trailer to clear a large blockage of 3 dead trees and other flotsam stuck under and against Stockton bridge. This accumulating debris was partially damming the river, potentially threatening the bridge and causing the Chitterne brook to back up at a time of extremely high river flow.

BLOCKED GULLEY

WC investigated and reported no problem with the drains. Advised to monitor and report back.

DOG BINS

Waste bins have been replaced by Cllr Thornton. Clerk to source dog poop stickers to attach.

WATER PUDDLE

WC investigated the cause of the puddle at the exit to Budgens. It was determined that the two manholes in the dip belong to BT who have been contacted to resolve the problem.

TRESPASS ISSUE

Raised by the Tennis Club due to a neighbouring property owner's continued access from their rear garden onto the village playing field which is wearing through chippings laid beside the tennis courts' fence. Advice from Mark Williams, WC Planning is to establish contact with the resident and make a formal agreement. PC have referred matter to VHMC to follow up.

DATES FOR PC MEETINGS IN 2020

22nd June 27th July 7th September, 19th October and 30th November.

Annual Village meeting is scheduled for 18th May

0011 Agenda items for the next meeting

REVIEW THE VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN

Adjournment the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9pm

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 11th May 2020.