

Codford Parish Council
Meeting Minutes – June 24th, 2019

Present

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

In attendance: K Grant, Clerk.

0015 Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Councilors 2019/20

Mr C. Brayne Is happy to carry on. Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were completed, witnessed and signed.

0016 Apologies.

Mr. B. Smith, Mr. D. Williams and Cllr. S. Mitchell

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

0017 Open Forum.

In attendance:

Mrs Piper attended to update PC on Planning Application 19/04477/FUL. PC drew her attention to the concerns of the neighbour to the south about traffic noise being 'bounced' off any planned acoustic fencing in his direction. PC also noted that since the proposed development is outside the village policy limits and within the AONB, the only likely exceptional basis for approval would be on provision of local employment.

Mr Mick Latham, Selwood Housing, attended, to offer his gratitude for the good working relationship he has had working with PC over the years. Mick is retiring after 31 years with Selwood and formerly WWDC Housing.

Mr Paul Walsh, Selwood Development director, attended to offer PC continuity following Mr Latham's retirement. PC agreed to share Housing Needs survey with Selwood to aid future housing plans.

0018 Interests.

(i) Cllr Brayne declared an interest to item 0024: Planning Application 19/05078/REM;

(ii) Dispensations. None received.

Localism Act 2011

0019 Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes had been previously circulated, taken as read and were approved with amendment to 0003:

Declarations ... Mr. B. Smith, Mr C. Brayne, and Mr D. Williams to be deleted ..., and signed by the Chairman.

Local Government Act 1972

0020 Matters Arising

(i) PARISH STEWARD

PS was meant to be in Codford 24th and 25th June, but he was on Annual Leave, delivered the paint and brushes for the railings. Sprayed the weeds around the village and arranged for the road sweeper to clean the high street prior to the village fete.

Jobs for the PS:

- potholes on Green Lane, Green road and New road (near the Vet)
- weed spraying all around the village
- path from High Street to Green Lane

Cleaning and repainting of the white railings on Salisbury road and New road is scheduled for 29th and 30th June & 6th and 7th July. This will be carried out by the Community Pay back group. PC agreed to contribute £30 per day to the scheme; £120 in total.

(ii) HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT

Report had been circulated to Cllrs, it was then approved by PC and will now be published.

(iii) SEPTIC TANKS

With reference to new legislation with effect from Jan 2020, an email from a member of the electorate expressing concern on who is affected by the new ruling and would PC consider reopening the case for mains drainage. PC agreed to assist with the display and delivery of information to as stipulated herein; <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/news-stories/1953-small-sewage-discharges-communication-toolkit-for-parish-councils/file>

(iii) WINTER EMERGENCY PLAN

Audit for refill and replacement of grit bins has been submitted to the weather team. Refills will commence in August and will be done in time for winter. Grit bin located at the village hall car park needs refilling and relocating.

(vi) ONE-WAY GREEN ROAD

A suggestion was made at the Village meeting to consider turning Green Lane to one way. WC's Principal Traffic Engineer does not recommend turning Green Lane into a one-way street as it is an extremely long length to convert to 'one way' which would lead to a great deal of inconvenience for traffic. 'One way' streets tend to work best over relatively short distances (less than several hundred metres). 'One way' streets can also lead to a marked increase in vehicle speeds due the absence of opposing traffic flow.

(vi) EXCESSIVE SPEEDING IN CODFORD

High Street: speeds for a total traffic volume of 8,254 vehicles was recorded, with 21% of recorded vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit with a mean speed of 32.62mph. This does not qualify for the community speed watch scheme.

New Road: speeds for a total traffic volume of 4,783 vehicles was recorded, with 59% of recorded vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit with a mean speed of 34.69mph. This qualifies for the scheme. Clerk to follow up Clerk attended the CATG meeting in May and reported that several communities who have attempted to use Community Speed Watch are experiencing huge delays from Police HQ. PC also suggested looking into SIDs.

(v) MGW LIMIT OF 26 TONNES THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Clerk attended the CATG meeting in May, matter was discussed and Mr. Martin Rose, Principal Traffic Engineer, will be visiting Codford to assess.

0021 Finance

(i) The balance of the accounts:

Balance of Parish bank account at 24/6/2019 is £15,864.42

(ii) Payments made and approved by PC

Codford VH Annual Grant	- £1000
St Mary's PCC Annual Grant	- £700
St. Peters PCC Annual Grant	- £200
Wiltshire Search and Rescue	- £100
Staff costs (June)	- £430.50

0022 Approve the Annual Governance Statement

Following a review of the PC's management procedures, governance arrangements and action plan to address any significant governance issues, the annual governance statement was approved and signed. Clerk to circulate the list of financial risks for approval, Risk management procedure was reviewed and approved.

0023 Approve the Accounting Statements

Accounting Statements were reviewed, approved and signed.

0024 Planning Applications

(i) Planning Application 19/04207/FUL; Replacement garage with home office

Object for reasons; Size; replacement building's footprint is 3 times the area and nearly double the height. Loss of privacy; loft velux windows still overlook currently un-overlooked neighbouring gardens. Precedent; will set a precedent for further infilling/subdivision along by-pass

(ii) Planning Application 19/04477/FUL; Creation of a new campsite, along with internal roads, campsite reception, welfare blocks, onsite manager accommodation and ancillary works.

Object. Outside the policy limits and in the AONB. No substantial evidence for local employment.

(iii) Planning Application 19/03933/FUL; Single storey extension to rear of listed dwelling

No objection

(iv) Planning Application 19/05346/PNCOU; Prior Notification on change of use

No comment

(v) Planning Application 19/05078/REM; Reserved Matters Application Pursuant of Outline Permission 17/10560/OUT (Erection of single dwelling) Relating to Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale

No objection

(vii) Planning Application 19/04411/LBC; Single storey extension to rear of listed dwelling

No objection

0011 Items of correspondence.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Final draft has been received and was approved by PC. Ref: Item 0020 (ii)

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC

This has been approved by the CVHMC. Waiting to hear back from Clinic organiser.

SEAFARERS

Mr Louis Hoareau, who looks after the flags for St. Peter's Church and is also an ex Merchant Navy man, has volunteered to purchase and fly the Red Ensign at St. Peter's. Mr. J Wyeth has also volunteered to purchase and fly the ensign at his residence, the Old Police Station.

SALVATION ARMY

The recycling drum has now been cited in the village hall car park.

0012 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

AREA BOARD

Next Area board meeting is in September in Warminster.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Bartlett reported that the Village AGM was well attended. The Chair expressed thanks to PC for all the financial assistance over the past year. It was also reported that the Fete was a success, funds raised to be shared out to about 5 charities. Plans are in place to set up an outdoor gym between the children's play park and the chill out area.

AED

Thank you letter to be sent to the Thursday Café. Annual training is scheduled for 22nd July. Cllr Bartlett to make a poster to publicise the event.

0013 Matters to report.

ALLOTMENTS

The list of names has been passed on the clerk. Clerk to follow up on formation of the allotment association etc ... while awaiting feedback on available sites.

BLOCKED GULLEY

Mr Walsh to follow up with Mr Salvidge, Selwood Housing, about the blocked gulley and the crack on the footpath into Cherry Orchard.

DOG BINS

Have been purchased and will be erected shortly. Cllr Thornton has volunteered to install them.

MALMPIT HILL ROAD

One of the verge markers has been run over. PC have suggested to reinstate the marker but in future matter will be charged to the offenders. PS to be informed.

DOG FOULING

Request for signs; Clerk was informed that the dog warden would need to visit to assess the need for dog fouling

signs. Waiting to hear back.

MANHOLE COVERS ON THE A36

Cllrs Beagley and Thornton had the opportunity to bring this, and the issue of the fatalities at the High St's western junction with the A36, to Dr Andrew Murrison, he took note and will take it up with the Highways Agency.

WW1 COMMEMORATION TREES

Query about future commemorations and suggestion to have an annual activity at the site where the trees were planted. PC stated they were to commemorate the Armistice Centenary and not intended as an alternative focus to the 2 War Memorials for Remembrance Sunday. Mr Thompson to purchase new guards/protection for the trees, PC approved.

TRAFFIC NOISE

PC suggested starting up a petition to involve the entire village. Cllr Rennie to organise this

ROWDY YOUTH

Cllr Howe reported an incident on the High Street involving drunken and disorderly youth who caused damage to a resident's car. Police were called.

DOG ON DOG ATTACK

Another incident was reported to PC. Dog warden was contacted.

COFFEE SIGNAGE

The Coffee advert for Budgens on the A36 has been reported as smashed and untidy. Cllr Smith has been notified.

0014 Agenda items for the next meeting

REVIEW AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNCILLORS FOR 2019/20

REVIEW THE VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN.

PC MEETINGS IN 2019: 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019, 14TH OCTOBER 2019, 25TH NOVEMBER 2019

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10.25 pm

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 29th July 2019.