

Codford Parish Council – Meeting Minutes – July 27th, 2020

Present

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

In attendance:

K. Grant, Clerk

0035 Apologies

Cllr. C. Brayne and Cllr. S. Mitchell

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

0036 Open Forum.

Helen Akiyama from the Community First Development team attended to introduce the GOGA (Get Out, Get Active) Project and seek PC's support in getting the community involved. GOGA is a 3-year project in association with Activity Alliance that engages with the least active in communities in fun and inclusive ways. Supports disabled and non-disabled people to enjoy being active together. It has received local knowledge and national expertise from Sport England, the founding funder, Spirit of 2012, and London Charity Marathon fund. Lead Partner for the Wiltshire area, Steve Neil, will be delivering GOGA in Wiltshire. Codford has been selected to be one of the launch locations for GOGA via Age UK in conjunction with the local Surgery in Codford. Helen called upon PC's cooperation and support to realise the success of this project. Clerk to follow up.

Jonathan Nuth attended to talk about the pre application for Land North of A36 and get PC support. As the plan is outside the parish boundaries, Jonathan drew attention to the planning policy framework (paragraph 79), building in open countryside. The main intention will be to keep the building intrinsic with the landscape with a high standard design. Mrs. Piper later joined the discussion and offered more information about the proposed plan. A developed planning application to follow, PC will support the plan provided the pre plan is maintained, and impact on the site is minimised.

0037 Interests.

(i) None

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

0038 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

0039 Matters Arising

(i) PARISH STEWARD

Parish Stewards have been allocated clearing of ragwort around the county. Ian will be available for urgent work only through the month of August.

(ii) PARKING ON THE HIGH STREET

Clerk to proceed with application of Waiting Restrictions.

(iii) GRANTS POLICY

The PC grants policy stipulates that applications from religious groups are not eligible, unless it can be shown that the project benefit will be openly accessible to all, whatever their beliefs. PC noted that both grants awarded to the two churches are specifically for the upkeep of the church grounds which benefits the entire community and agreed to carry on with the grant awards.

0040 Finance

(i) The balance of the accounts:

Bank balance to date, 27/07/2020, is £10,939.69

(ii) Payments approved by PC

Dog Poop bin	- £85
WALC	- £350.42
SLCC	- £109

Staff costs (July) - £430.50
St Peters PCC - £200

(iii) End of year Accounts

End of year accounts were presented along with the bank reconciliation. Internal audit of the PC accounts carried out and signed off by Mr L Hoareau.

(iv) Approve the Annual Governance Statement

Following a review of the PC's governance arrangements and action plan to address any significant governance issues, the annual governance statement was approved and signed.

(v) Approve the Accounting Statements

Reviewed and approved.

0041 Planning Applications

(i) Planning Applications:

1. Land North of A36 (ref: Minute item, 0036 OPEN FORUM)
2. 20/04601/FUL; New dwelling with detached garage and associated works

No objection

(ii) To consider how to respond to any planning applications made after the publication of this agenda

None received

0042 Items of correspondence.

CODFORD CATERPILLARS

Application for help towards refurbishment of the pre-school was received. PC agreed to award £500 as this is the first time the preschool has sought help from PC. Only £295 was awarded last financial year, out of £750 precepted for S137.

0043 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

AREA BOARD

Meetings cancelled till further notice. CATG meeting scheduled for Thursday 13th via zoom.

VH

Cllr Bartlett reported that the VH is now open and Bar is open 3 days a week. All COVID measures were taken into consideration. A request to replace the 3 bins on the green was made to which PC has agreed to purchase a further 2 waste bins to replace the two bins near the ball court.

0044 Matters to report/AOB

DOG BINS

PS installed the new dog poop bin at Giggan Street on the footpath to Sherrington. As this is an additional bin and not a replacement, it will not be added to WC bin collection without extra payment. It will cost PC £1.50pw; £78 per year. PC agreed to fund this by inclusion in the Precept.

UNSAFE RETAINING WALL

Building Control has not been able to establish ownership of the retaining wall on the High Street, east of the George, therefore due to proximity to the road, it falls to Highways to take responsibility, the matter has been passed on to WC Highways.

BADGE CLEANING

Cllr Thornton reported this went ahead at the last minute on July 4 as originally planned, with a good Aussie effort - 14 service personnel, some with families - and about 45 people in total for minimal tidying up of the site. All returned to the village recreation grounds for a picnic.

SPEEDING MOTORBIKES ON THE BYPASS

Cllr Beagley alerted the police, and the advice is to report the incident as it happens. Where possible make a record of registration plates numbers and note the time of occurrence, to pass on as evidence to the police.

LEANING ELECTRIC POLE

Email received about the electric pole that is leaning dangerously, next to the George. SSE has been contacted and

are taking immediate action to replace the pole. There will be an eminent disruption to electric supply when this work is carried out.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Cllr. Beagley reported to log this with the police at the time it is happening and to make a note of any car registration plate numbers.

OBSTRUCTIVE PARKING CHERRY ORCHARD

Clerk to follow up with Selwood.

PICKET FENCE

PC agreed to fund the picket fence around the WW1 trees. Cllr Thornton to lead on this.

PC FILES

Suggestion to upload all shared files on to Microsoft teams as a backup option for Cllrs to retrieve when needed was welcomed. Clerk to create folders on teams.

POTHoles

Cllr Smith reported a couple of deep potholes outside the Hillside Café pavement. Clerk to log this on MyWiltshire app.

0045 Agenda items for the next meeting

REVIEW OF PC POLICIES

REVIEW THE VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN

Adjournment the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.41pm

DATES FOR PC MEETINGS IN 2020 - 19th October and 30th November.

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 7th September 2020.