

Codford Parish Council – Virtual Meeting Minutes – May 11th, 2020

Present

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

In attendance:

K. Grant, Clerk

Mr. Julian Oakley

Mr. K. Cleife

0012 Elect Chairman for 2020/21.

Mr Beagley opened the meeting, he is happy to carry on in office, he was unanimously voted back in office as Chairman.

0013 Elect Vice Chairman for 2020/21.

Mr Beagley then proceeded to chair the meeting. Mr Thornton was also happy to carry on as Vice chair and, once again it was a unanimous vote.

0014 Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Councilors for 2019/20

Mr A. Rennie, Mr. C. Brayne, Mr D. Williams, Mr. D. Bartlett, Mr S. Howe, Mrs. S. Mitchell were happy to carry on in office and will complete the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office for Councillors. Signing and witnessing to be done at the next physical PC meeting. Absent member to be contacted by the Chairman to confirm office.

0015 Apologies

Mr. B. Smith

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

0014 Open Forum.

No attendance to the open forum at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Julian Oakley joined to offer his concerns about the planning applications:

1. 20/02704/WCM; Minerals and Waste Application, and
3. 20/03191/FUL; Construction of an agricultural slurry lagoon for the storage of digestate.

Mr. Karl Cleife also joined the meeting and shared his concerns about the above planning applications and another matter raised under minute item 0022 Matters Arising/AOB; Unsafe retaining wall.

0015 Interests.

(i) Cllrs. Williams and Thornton declared an interest on minute item 0019 Planning Applications; 1 and 3.

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

0016 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

0017 Matters Arising

(i) COVID-19 UPDATE

Cllr Beagley to contact the Rector with suggestions from the parish council, query funds available from the church.

(ii) VILLAGE MEETING

Scheduled for 18th May has been postponed. Chairman to circulate his annual report electronically.

(iii) PARISH STEWARD

Parish Stewards have been called off for a week or two to work in Chippenham.

Jobs for PS:

- clearing debris off footpaths (Church Lane and Chitterne road)
- potholes on Green Lane and the High Street

In April, PS Re-erected damaged speed limit sign on the Malmpit hill junction. Other tasks completed last month

include:

- worked with the road sweeper on the Old A36 road and the far end of the high street.
- all the grips on Chitterne Road.
- erected the sign on Malmpit Hill and cleared mud off the footpath caused by trucks parking on the verges. Also cut back the overhanging branches
- potholes on Green Lane, but not all as he run out of tarmac!
- reported the broken manhole cover on Malmpit Hill.

(v) REVIEW OF POLICIES

Cllr Howe has this completed the Standing Orders and will circulate to Cllrs. Clerk to avail him the next policy for review.

(vi) WILDFLOWER MEADOWS ON VERGES

Clerk has been in touch with Mr. Haine, Wiltshire Council Highway Wildflower trial, who has offered to meet on site to offer advice and recommendations for the scheme. for the scheme. Cllr Rennie to draw a plan of possible sites and share with PC.

(vii) EXCESSIVE SPEEDING IN CODFORD

Clerk has emailed Mr Rodger Fooks, CSW, once again on next steps as far as getting on Community Speed Watch. Waiting for a response.

(viii) HGV TRUCK TRAFFIC

Mr Martin Rose contacted Neil Winter From Highways England to explain the problems and ideas for improvement and mentioned considering some new signs on the A36 directing Lyons seafood traffic to the western junction in order they use New Road rather than High Street/Chitterne Road. From Neil Winter's response, it will not be a quick or easy process, but he did not dismiss it totally. Mr. Rose to speak to sign expert colleagues and come up with ideas for signs/location and submit these to Highway England's consideration. He will do this when time permits and warns it will be a slow burn.

PARKING ON THE HIGH STREET

Advice from WC Highways is that we cannot place any form of "no parking" sign on the public highway unless there are waiting restrictions with a legal order in place to back them up. Such signs may only be erected on private property and this would be advisory only. Repeated offenses of illegal or obstructive parking should be reported to the police.

(ix) 26 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT

A previous request for a new weight limit in Codford, Mr Martin Rose communicated it will certainly be on hold for the foreseeable future as the council has suspended any new weight limits until it next Local Transport Plan is published. (later in 2020)

0018 Finance

(i) The balance of the accounts:

Bank balance to date, 11/05/2020, is £16,490.00

(ii) Payments approved by PC

Staff costs (May)	- £430.50
The Bobby Van Trust	- £50
Marie Curie	-£100
Staff Expenses (2020/21)	- £150 (needed to pay annual Microsoft subs £79.99)
Parish Council Website	- £130 (of Transparency Funds)

INCOME

Precepts - £7,853.00 (1st installment of 2)

0019 Planning Applications

(i) Planning Applications:

1. 20/02704/WCM; Minerals and Waste Application.

OBJECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. Road Safety:

(a) Road too narrow; unsuitability of narrow single-carriageway pinch point adjacent to No.3 Meadow View to increased HGV traffic.

(b) Poor visibility; reported excessive speeds of HGV's descending the hill - collision risk with vehicles emerging from No.2, due to restricted visibility uphill.

2. Existing Restrictions on frequency and timing of HGV movements are ignored.

Suggestion for land owner to revisit other options with PC support, either;

a) direct access to A36 via upgrade of the existing Foxholes field entrance, below Lambdown, Grid Ref. ST983390, or

b) moling a pipeline conduit under the A36 embankment east of this point, just west of Snapes Corner, Grid Ref. ST984389.

2. 20/03446/LBC; Removal of fireplace and repair original chimney stack, repair and repoint front elevation

NO OBJECTION

3. 20/03191/FUL; Construction of an agricultural slurry lagoon for the storage of digestate

OBJECT for the same reasons as 20/02704/WCM as doubled storage capacity implies doubled farm HGV tanker journeys (currently unrestricted) and increased HGV supply traffic on Malmpit Hill.

0020 Items of correspondence.

THANK YOU

A letters of thanks received from The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust for the donation of £50 from Codford Parish Council and Marie Curie for the donation £100 donation

SHEILD WILTSHIRE

Cllr Bartlett proposed donating £100 to this cause. PC agreed.

0021 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

AREA BOARD

Meetings cancelled till further notice.

VH

Cllr Barlett noted a vote of thanks from the VHMC for the parish council grant (£2500) and the annual VH grant (£1000). He also reported that the play park remains closed with signs to this effect.

0022 Matters to report/AOB

DOG BINS

Chairman offered a vote of thank to Cllr Thornton for erecting the new dog poop bins.

UNSAFE RETAINING WALL

Clerk to report this to WC Highways to inspect. The wall along the footpath on the high street, before the George.

WILTS COUNCIL OUTDOOR SPACES AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY OF PARISHES

Cllr Thornton reported he had completed this on behalf of the PC.

FISH & CHIPS

Cllr Brayne offered a vote of thanks to the VH and bar management for providing this service weekly.

FACEBOOK NOTICES

PC will continue to publish minutes and agenda on Facebook, but PC will not respond via Facebook to comments and concerns raised thereon. However, PC welcomes them to be addressed through the right channels. Email the Parish clerk in the first instance; karungigrant.codfordparish@yahoo.com or Tel: 01985850523. A comments page is also available on the Parish council website; <https://codfordpc.org.uk/contact-us/>

Reminder to members of the public wishing to attend/participate in the regular meeting, to contact the clerk prior to the meeting.

BADGE CLEANING

Cllr Thorton reported he has been contacted by the AUSSIE representative and informed them that no concrete plans have been made yet. Suggestions to have the clean, minus the get-together lunch, depending on easing of outdoor gathering limits. Decision on postponement/abandonment to be taken next month.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS THIS WINTER

Cllr Brayne delivered a suggestion from a young member in the community, to have Christmas lights to cheer up the community this winter. PC to think of ways to fundraise for this. Referred matter to Agenda for future meeting.

DATES FOR PC MEETINGS IN 2020

27th July 7th September 19th October and 30th November.

Annual Village meeting is scheduled for 18th May

0023 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 22ND June 2020.