

Codford Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2017

Call to order

The Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Parish Council at 7.33 pm on January 9th, 2017 in the small village hall, Codford.

Present

Cllr. C Beagley, Cllr. D Bartlett, Cllr. B Smith, Cllr C Brayne, Cllr E. Longlands, Cllr Haste Merchant and Cllr. T Thornton

In attendance: K Grant, Clerk

1 Apologies

Cllr. S Mitchell and Cllr A. Rennie

2 Open Forum

No attendance to the open forum

3 Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as correct and signed by The Chairman. The dates for regular meetings 2017/18

4 Matters Arising

1) Codford Milestone

Cllr. Rennie not present to update on this.

2) Village Good Deed Award

Mr Poole has been approached and he has volunteered to provide some photographs for the project.

3) Parish Steward Scheme

Parish Steward is scheduled to be in Codford on the 24th and 25th January. There is a new Parish Priority Sheet which suggests tasks for the Parish Steward each month. The Parish Steward will deal directly with the local council, rather than communicate through the local Engineer. This will allow immediate updating of issues as they occur and the Priority Sheets will be passed directly on to the Parish Steward who will advise the local council of the works to be undertaken.

Last month the PS cleared all the gullies on New Road, Green Lane and the High street. Unfortunately, he was called away before he could finish.

List for January will include mainly drainage work, clearing remaining gullies and grips. Trimming the hedge back along the old A36 road, and along the paths leading down to the A36.

A list of pot holes has been made and will be passed on to the PS.

Mick Latham, Selwood Housing, confirmed that the footpath joining Green Lane to Cherry Orchard is indeed the responsibility of Selwood Housing. He has passed this on to The Landscape Group.

5) AED

Cllr Bartlett to make a list of instructions to go in the box; what to do after the defibrillator has been used.

6) Payphone Consultation Notice

Waiting to hear back from BT about this. Cllr Beagley reported that a member of the community has suggested adopting the phone box for the community to use as a kiosk of some sort.

7) HELP Counselling Services

PC agreed to donated £50 under S137

8) Slow Signs

Mr Pat Whyte, Wiltshire Highways responded to the request made to repaint the slow signs on New road. He said this was not in the budget for 2016, however work is going to be done/has been done on the lines on Malpit way, the turn off into Codford and Sherrington Lane.

5 Planning Applications

Application ref: 16/1221/FUL Proposed new 2 storey dwelling, including parking and amenity space.

PC has no objection to this application as long as the sewerage issue is clarified. Also, during construction, access to the site shouldn't obstruct the neighbouring residents. White Horse Housing and Selwood to be contacted about access and the use of the main sewerage system.

6 Financial Report and Budget Forecast 2017/18

The PC's account balance stands at 12,004.16 for the period 24.10.2016 to 9.1.2017. Detailed copy of the statement is attached.

PC had a lengthy discussion on the budget forecast for 2016/17; to set the precept. It was resolved that the budget for 2017/18 would be £14996, less a grant of £55.18 from Wiltshire Council, less AED expenditure of £99.6 and less £350 (Transparency Fund) which equals to a precept of £14,491.22 for the parish. The annual precept for the village equates to £42.25 per house hold pa or £0.81p/wk.

PC has agreed on another grant of £5000 to the village hall for capital projects.

7 Items of correspondence

WWI Memorial Programme

Cllr Beagley suggested PC thinks about doing something to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1.

Thank you letter

A letter from the school was received thanking the PC for the generous offer of a Christmas tree and tree stand.

8 Area Board/Village Hall Reports

Area Board:

- Outcome of 'Our Community Matters' joint strategic assessment event held last year is available online. <http://wiltshirejsa.org.uk/>
- Public consultation on a draft Police and Crime Plan for 2017 – 2020, and the cost of policing in 2017 –

18, has begun. The Commissioner, Angus Macpherson, would like feedback on his proposals which are available here; [Plan and Precept Consultation Page 2017](#)

- Area board approved two grant applications from Wyllye Coyotes Afterschool for the Other Youth Club. £825 for outdoor amenities and £4592.50 to support staffing costs and rent to keep the youth club running for a second year.

Village Hall:

- Cllr Bartlett reported that the WW1 map was going to be installed on the end wall of the village hall. It can be rolled up for storage when not in use.
- VH would like to apply for a grant (£5000) from the Area board for the VH capital projects.
- Funds received so far will go towards installing patio doors to replace the full-length windows in the main hall, together with a hard-wearing patio. Proposed for the spring.

9 Matters to report.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS IN CODFORD

To be arranged for some time early this year.

BLOCKED DITCH

Clerk to follow up.

BURY FARM

Feedback from the land owners to say that at present the structures are not insured against public liabilities (they'd previously considered removing some of the slates) Now that planning permission is likely to be granted, they shall proceed with the demolition which is scheduled to start mid-February.

PLANNING APPEAL - 16/06505/OUT - Bury House

Cllr Thornton presented the appeal submission he'd put together following consultation with the other Cllrs. PC agreed to it this has since been submitted.

COMMUNITY MATTERS MEETING

Outcome of the 'Our Community Matters' Joint Strategic Assessment meeting in November last year is available online. <http://wiltshirejsa.org.uk/>

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

PC thanked Cllr Smith who on behalf of the PC sourced, and delivered the Christmas tree to the school. Cost of which was £40, to be paid for under S137. Cllr Smith donated the Christmas tree stand.

DOG MESS

Cllr Beagley has spoken to the owner of the dog, who was not aware that his dog had been wandering around unattended. The owner offered to keep an eye on it.

CODFORD FOOTPATH No.15 MODIFICATION ORDER

The matter will be decided at a local public enquiry where evidence presented will be tested under cross examination. Codford Village Hall to be used as the inquiry venue and it is likely to take place in August.

SHERRINGTON LANE, FENCE ENCROACHING ON THE ROAD

Mr Pat Whyte, Wilts Highways contacted the owner and they located roughly where the old chalk wall was, the fence has been moved back.

APPEAL FOR RESIDENT IN CODFORD

Cllr Merchant reported that an elderly resident who was born in Codford and has lived in Codford all her life. She has been blind all her life and loves piano. She has one in her home but unfortunately, it's out of tune. Would the PC consider paying for tuning? Several volunteers in the community are willing to play the piano for her, something her carers believe would benefit her greatly.

PC agreed to this under S137, the cost of tuning the piano is going to be £55.

GEL SAND BAGS

Cllr Beagley delivered 25 Gel sacs to Mr Belchambers, to distribute to the residents who have been affected by rain water flooding caused by the collapsed drain above Granary Close in Chitterne Road. The gully on Chitterne Road that has been blocked and causing floods, needs to be repaired because it collapsed. Work to be undertaken in the new year.

WEBSITE

PC was presented the contract received for the Parish Council Website for approval. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Brayne for information to go on the website.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9.10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm MONDAY 13th February 2017 at the Village Hall

MATTERS OUTSTANDING