

## PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.30pm at South Perrott Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Anthony de la Poer (Chairman), Mike Johnson (Vice Chairman), David Lines, Kate Organ and Peter Simmons. Jody Foy DCC Highways, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, District Cllrs. Jan Page and Caroline Payne, PCSO Alex Bishop, 1 footpaths officer, clerk Angela Gillingham and 5 residents.

1011. **APOLOGIES** – None.

1012. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr de la Poer, seconded by Cllr Organ)

1013. **A356 Road Scheme**

Jody Foy, DCC Highways, presented detailed plans showing the proposed road scheme through South Perrott. Despite severe budget restrictions, he had managed to incorporate most of the design requests. There will be a 1.2m wide footway, delineated by a contrasting material with a 25mm upstand, running along the south side of the road and The Pound will be resurfaced. The centre white line will be removed and "Dorset Field" style gates erected on the verges at either end of the village to increase the sense of entering and leaving a village, which it is hoped will have a traffic-calming effect. Work is scheduled to start in the second week of February 2011. It will take about six weeks, during which time there will be some temporary signalling and road closures.

The Chairman thanked Jody Foy for his presentation.

1014. **Reports from County & District Councillors and Police Officers**

County Cllr Knox advised that the County Council was working within very tight budgets, with savings of £27m to be found this year. It was hoped that the work of the three Highways sections – Jody Foy's Group, Dorset Works Organisation and Dorset Engineering Consultancy – would be more streamlined in the future and Cllr Knox welcomed feedback in order to improve the service provided. She confirmed that there is no intention to remove the 40mph speed limit at each end of the village.

District Cllrs Jan Page and Caroline Payne advised that the District Council had been invited to pilot a new simplified planning system, which would have an emphasis on sustainability and support for town centres, with the District Council consulting on community-led developments. One rural and one market town will be selected for the pilot scheme.

In response to a concern that the present planning policy is "no build for gain", it was explained that in the pilot scheme it will be up to the community to decide if they want a development to take place. It is proposed that decisions on the allocation of funding from planning obligations will transfer from the District Council to town and parish councils. In response to a concern that the potential closure of the Crewkerne recycling plant will increase incidents of fly-tipping in the area, it was confirmed that the County Council is in negotiation with Somerset County Council about this particular closure, as well as others more generally within the county.

PCSO Alex Bishop reported a theft of a Land Rover in Beaminster and warned that gangs of thieves are targeting specific vehicles. The "Stop that Oil" scheme was proving successful in combating thefts from domestic oil tanks. Leaflets giving basic crime prevention advice were available. PCSO Bishop explained the value of the Ringmaster system for passing messages around in the event of a crime.

The Chairman thanked the above representatives for their reports.

## 1015. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Millennium Green Trust – the Chairman reported that following the previous meeting, a letter had been sent to the Trustees of the Millennium Green encouraging them to arrange an AGM and circulate a questionnaire to all residents to ascertain their views on the Millennium Green, before the Parish Council considered further the Trustees' request to take over the Trust. The Parish Council is awaiting legal advice on the implications of this. One major concern is that the Parish precept will not be sufficient to fund the annual maintenance and insurance cost of £800 - £1,000.

## 1016. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received:

1. DCC Structural Maintenance Draft List of Schemes for 2011-2012
2. WDDC Draft Protocol for allocation of funding from planning obligations
3. WDDC District Council Elections 2011 leaflet
4. WDDC Allowances for Members of Town and Parish Councils
5. WDDC Changes to the Planning System
6. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circulars nos. 10/10 and 11/10
7. Dorset Community Action Training Programme, autumn 2010
8. WDDC Waste and Recycling Collections for village halls, playing fields, etc.
9. WDDC re. 2011 Census
10. West Dorset Partnership, notification of Annual Assembly
11. BAVLAP re. updating contact and membership database
12. DCC Public Notice – temporary closure of A356
13. WDDC re. short mat bowls equipment – copy passed to Mr R Buckland
14. Victim Support re. request for funding
15. DCC Draft Minerals Core Strategy consultation document
16. WDDC Proposed Revisions to Local Checklists for Planning Applications

Correspondence sent:

Letter dated 29/09/10, to Trustees of Millennium Green regarding future of MG.

## 1017. PLANNING

- a) Applications handled since last meeting:  
1/D/10/001510 Lower Farm Cottage, Chedington – demolish and rebuild dwelling and garage.  
Amended plans also received. No objections.
- b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:  
1/D/10/001177 Bridge Farmhouse, Pickett Lane, South Perrott - internal and external alterations, listed building consent – Approved.  
1/D/10/001404 Old St James, High Street Chedington - internal alterations, listed building consent – Approved.  
1/D/10/000287 Rowan Tree Cottage, Lecher Lane, South Perrott – Grant of non-material amendment to original application.
- c) New applications: none
- d) Tree Applications:  
CA/10/000289 Pattens Cottage, South Perrott - application and approval.  
CA/10/00354\* Bridge Farmhouse, Picket Lane, South Perrott – application. No objections.  
(\*Clerk Angela Gillingham declared an interest in this application)

## 1018. FINANCE

- a) Income received:
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| Precept 2 <sup>nd</sup> half | £1700.00 |
| VAT repayment                | £81.65   |
- b) Payments made since the last meeting: None

c) Payments to be made:	
Sunnyside Web Design (annual maintenance charge)	£150.00
DAPTC (training courses)	£50.00
David Lines (newsletter printing expenses)	£51.20
Photocopying expenses	£6.30
Retiring Clerk's salary for Oct 2010 + gratuity	£454.84
New Clerk's salary for Oct & Nov 2010	£267.00
Retiring Clerk's expenses	£28.16
New Clerk's expenses	£55.84
Bank statement as at 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	£4,032.57
Balance after above cheques agreed	£2,969.23

The above payments were proposed by Cllr de la Poer and seconded by Cllr Johnson.

The Budget for 2011-2012 was discussed and it was agreed to seek a precept of £3,600. Proposed by Cllr de la Poer, seconded by Cllr Lines.

**1019. MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a) Chairman – none.
- b) Clerk – none.
- c) Members – a concern was raised that the A356 floods in the first dip of the road when travelling out of the village towards Misterton, and also in the village, at the bottom of Picket Lane. The Highways Department to be asked to ensure that the gullies and surface drains are cleared regularly. It was reported that the hedges around Chedington Court protruded out into the roadway and Cllr Alexander had agreed to speak to the relevant landowners.
- d) Footpaths Officer – Mrs de la Poer reported that visitors staying in South Perrott had been unable to walk the footpath by the Old School House in Pipplepen Lane because two fields had been planted with a crop. The Rights of Way officer had been contacted and had provided leaflets to be distributed to the farmers reminding them of their duty to keep footpaths clear.

**1020. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**1021. Dates for Next Year's Meetings**

The following dates were agreed:

- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – South Perrott
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – Chedington
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (AGM) – South Perrott
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – Chedington
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011 - South Perrott
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – Chedington

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed .....

Date .....