

PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2011 at 7.30pm at South Perrott Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Anthony de la Poer (Chairman), Mike Johnson (Vice Chairman), Ewan Alexander, David Lines, Kate Organ and Peter Simmons. County Cllr Rebecca Knox, District Cllr Caroline Payne, 1 footpaths officer, clerk Angela Gillingham, Carly Galloway and 3 residents.

1022. **APOLOGIES** were received from PCs Tim Poole and Alex Bishop, District Cllr Janet Page and Dominie de la Poer (footpaths officer).

1023. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr de la Poer, seconded by Cllr Johnson)

1024. **Community Resilience Planning**

Carly Galloway, Emergency Planning Unit at WDDC, gave a presentation to show the ways in which communities can be assisted with drawing up community resilience plans. Community resilience is defined as "communities and individuals harnessing local resources and expertise to help themselves in an emergency, in a way that complements the response of the emergency services." Carly gave examples of emergencies, such as flooding or severe weather, pandemic, loss of utilities and transport disruption, and explained the benefits of having a plan are that information could be readily available on e.g. equipment and vehicles, emergency accommodation, privately owned generators, etc.

Members discussed the concept of the plan and agreed that this should be taken forward. They agreed to hold a special meeting to begin putting information together.

The Chairman thanked Carly Galloway for her presentation.

1025. **Reports from County & District Councillors and Police Officers**

County Cllr Rebecca Knox reported that the A356 road scheme should begin in March. Andy Brown is now in charge of the work, having taken over from Jody Foy. During the works, the road is likely to be closed for extensive periods, between 9.30am and 4.30pm. Concerns were raised regarding the road surface next to Chedington Golf Club where the adverse camber has caused accidents, and the slippery surface at the bottom end of Pretty Box Lane. Cllr Knox to investigate if these issues will be included in the planned road improvements. In addition, Wessex Water was supposed to have looked at the water which runs across the road at Sockety. Cllr Knox encouraged the parish council to respond to a questionnaire from the County Council asking for feedback on the service provided during the wintry weather. She explained that the CC has 70 snowploughs given to farmers who will be paid if the CC asks the farmer to put the equipment into use. Cllr Knox had attended a DCC meeting regarding the recycling centre at Crewkerne, and discussed how to persuade Somerset CC to keep the site open. The local MPs were fighting for it and a huge petition is to be delivered to Somerset's Council meeting. In response to a concern raised about the school bus using the narrow Lecher Lane, Cllr Knox advised that there is to be a complete review of bus and taxi transport.

District Cllr Caroline Payne asked if the refuse and recycling had been collected on the stated days. It was reported that all Chedington collections had been made but one recycling day had been missed in South Perrott during the snowy weather. Cllr Payne reported that an open day had been held in the new sports hall in Beaminster School to test the new facilities, which are

available for individuals to hire. In addition, the school is building a fitness suite. District Cllr Janet Page submitted a written report advising on progress with the organisation of the Olympic Games in 2012. The council is well ahead with the sailing academy and a new marina has been built. The gas containers at Portland will be removed and the Olympic village and a new school built in the area. Visitors to the Games will be encouraged to watch the sailing on giant screens on Weymouth beach. A new park-and-ride is planned for Dorchester and extra trains and a taxi-boat service from Poole, and possibly also from Lyme Regis. Since the sailing academy was completed, 3000 children have had experience of sailing.

PC Poole submitted a written report stating that there is currently a slight lull after the usual Christmas crime spree in the Bridport area. Continued warnings to ensure adequate security for fuel and power tools.

The Chairman thanked the above representatives for their reports.

1026. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Millennium Green Trust – the Chairman reported that an appointment had been made to meet Roger Green, Solicitor at WDDC, to discuss the pros and cons of the Parish Council possibly taking over trusteeship of the Millennium Green. The meeting is scheduled for 20th January.
- b) Grit Bins – the Chairman advised that he had received a request for a grit bin to be installed in the driveway of the houses adjacent to Hill Farm because the drive is a pick-up/drop-off point for a school bus. Members felt that they could not support this request because the grit bin would be on private land. A request had also been received from Tim Bartlett, but it was suggested that he might be willing to be the custodian of a dumpy bag of grit.
- c) 2011 Census – it was reported that the next Census was due to take place on 27 March 2011. Members considered whether any special publicity or action should be taken, but it was agreed that there is likely to be sufficient publicity nationally.
- d) Parish Council Elections – it was reported that Parish and Town Council Elections were due to take place on 5 May 2011. It was agreed that these should be advertised in a front page article in The Source newsletter to be published in March. *Action: Cllr Lines*

1027. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence received:

1. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circulars nos. 12/10, 13/10 and 14/10
2. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular – Training Calendar 2011
3. DAPTC Newsletter – Autumn 2010
4. WDDC Refuse Collection arrangements Christmas & New Year 2011
5. Crewkerne Town Council – re Household Waste Recycling Centre
6. DCC Highway Management Group – notification of termination of partnership/agency arrangements for tree, grass cutting, weed-killing and minor highway maintenance activity works
7. WDDC Community Resilience Planning – (presentation to be given at PC meeting)
8. WDDC Legal Division - re The Millennium Green, South Perrott
9. NALC Policy & Parliamentary Briefing – The Localism Bill
10. WDDC re 2011 Census
11. DCC Western Highways Office - Winter Maintenance Leaflet
12. DCC Western Highways Office – Roads and Winter Weather
13. DCC – invitation to attend Dorset Waste Forum on 21 January 2011
14. LCR Magazine, Winter 2010

15. Community News Magazine, Winter 2010
16. Community Link Newspaper, Winter 2010

Correspondence sent:

1. DCC Parish Maintenance Units – request for works to be carried out in South Perrott.
2. Letter to Crewkerne Town Council regarding proposed closure of the Recycling Centre, enclosing petition with 35 names.

1028. **PLANNING**

- a) Applications handled since last meeting: none
- b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:
1/D/10/001510 Lower Farm Cottage, Chedington – demolish and rebuild dwelling and garage. Approved.
- c) New applications: none
- d) Tree Applications:
CA/10/00354 Bridge Farmhouse, South Perrott – approval.
CA/10/00393 Mohun House, South Perrott - application and approval.

1029. **FINANCE**

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| a) Income received: | None |
| b) Payments made since the last meeting: | None |
| c) Payments to be made: | |
| Footprintz (newsletter photocopying expenses) | £126.00 |
| Clerk's salary for Dec 2010 & Jan 2010 | £267.00 |
| Clerk's expenses | £15.00 |

Bank statement as at 2 nd December 2010	£2,969.23
Balance after above cheques agreed	£2,561.23

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

1030. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a) Chairman – none.
- b) Clerk – reported that a Christmas Tree Recycling point had been set up in the Coach & Horses car park in South Perrott.
- c) Members –
 - Concerns were raised regarding fly tipping on forest land below Keepers Piece in Chedington, in the layby above Winyards Gap and in Lecher Lane and Picket Lane. The point was made that if the rubbish was tipped onto private land then it is the landowners responsibility to remove it.
 - Cllr Johnson confirmed that he was happy to continue to distribute The Source newsletter in Chedington.
 - A concern was raised about the loss of the Golf Club amenity now that the site had been sold. It was confirmed that no 'change of use' application was required to return the land to agriculture.

d) Footpaths Officer – There were no footpath issues, but Mr Lucas reported that there had been no postal deliveries in Chedington on the previous two Saturdays due to the postman having apparently run out of time. Mr Lucas has registered a complaint with the Royal Mail and it was agreed that the Parish Council should also write in support. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*

1031. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- Millennium Green. It was reported that the MG was one of the beneficiaries of the Waitrose charity tokens for this month.

1032. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thurs 10th March 2011 in Chedington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed

Date