

PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th May 2010 at 7.30pm at Chedington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Anthony de la Poer, (chairman) Mike Johnson (vice chairman), Peter Simmons, David Lines, Euan Alexander, District Cllrs Caroline Payne & Jan Page, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, clerk Vicky Reed and 7 residents.

983. APOLOGIES Cllr Kate Organ, Footpaths officer Dominie de la Poer.

984. MINUTES of the parish council meeting of 11th March 2010 were approved and signed.

985. MATTERS ARISING.

- a) Highways Issues – The A356 Rural Roads scheme feasibility study has reached the next stage, with a very successful open afternoon and evening being held on 29th April, with both Dorset County Council and external design consultants on hand to answer queries and concerns. Lots of feedback has been received, mostly very favourable, with the idea of refurbishing the Pound and gateways to the village proving very popular. The consultation period continues, and the money for the project has been ring fenced by the county council.

986. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received

DAPTC Extraordinary Chief Executives Circulars March 2010 & April 2010

WDDC New offices contact info

DCC Self help during Extreme Winter weather

Dorset Local Access Forum report

WDDC Planning Obligations Guidelines

DAPTC Spring Newsletter

Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter

WDDC Road Closure order – re Chedington Street Fair

Pride of Place Award email

Governance & Accountability new version email

DAPTC Nominations doc

Letter from South Perrott Village Hall asking that decision to not make donation be reconsidered

Correspondence Out

Letter to Mr P Barlow of Environment Agency regarding release of key

987. PLANNING

- a) Applications handled since last meeting:
None

- b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:
1/D/10/000263 & 1/D/10/000264 Listed Building consent – Riverside, Church Hill South Perrott, Conservatory – amended plan/photo montage

1/D/10/000287 Rowan Tree Cottage, Lecher Lane, South Perrott Demolish rear store, add new two storey extension - approval.

- c) New applications
None.

- d) Tree Applications
CA/10/00048 The Old Rectory, South Perrott - approval
CA/10/00052 Thame, High Street, Chedington Fell 2 beech trees – approval

988. FINANCE

a) Income received:	Precept	£1700.00
b) Payments made since the last meeting:	None	
c) Payments to be made		
Newsletter printing costs	£	73.63
Community 1 st Insurance	£	240.15
DAPTC subscription	£	104.65
Clerks salary	£	279.90
Clerks expenses	£	36.64
Bank statement as at 30 th March 2010	£	3855.15
Balance after above cheques agreed	£	3120.18

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

989. MATTERS OF REPORT.

- a) Chairman – None
- b) Clerk – The clerk announced she will be handing in her notice and leaving the post on 31st October 2010, in order to have a baby. The post will be advertised locally in the coming weeks.
- c) Members – Cllr Johnson advised that the issue of road surfaces and hedge trimming was raised at the recent village meeting in Chedington. Cat's eyes are missing on the A356 past Winyards Gap, clerk to raise with Highways Dept.
Cllr Lines asked if the yellow grit bins recently purchased are to be painted green. Clerk to investigate the type of plastic they are made from to see if suitable for painting. Cllr Lines discussed the Pride of Place awards, which could offer an exciting opportunity to work with external artists to develop the gateways to South Perrott and the enhancement of the Pound area. Cllr Lines will investigate further.
Cllr Lines discussed the revised parish council website and passed around some screen shots. He requested that more photos for the two villages be sent to him in order to update the carousel of photos being displayed on the website.
- d) Footpaths Officer – None.

- e) County & District Cllrs – County Cllr Knox advised that the winter self help letter is aimed at collecting information in order to prepare for next winter. Cllr Knox advised there is to be a change in the priorities given to hedge and verge cutting, and that the county council would welcome feedback on the suggestions when the letter is received.

The poor quality of road re-surfacing work was discussed, however the new equipment which is far more successful at repairing pot holes will soon be available in the area.

Cllr Caroline Payne advised that Rachel McCarthy has been appointed as the new Rural Housing Advise Officer for the area and would welcome the chance to come and speak to the parish council at the next meeting, clerk to invite.

Cllr Page advised that the solicitors are still looking into the agreement with the Environment Agency regarding access to the Millennium Green and hope there will be more to report at the next meeting.

Cllr Page has details of ways in which members of the public can contact parliament, she will forward them onto the clerk.

990. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

The matter of the letter from South Perrott Village Hall committee was raised. The parish council discussed once again the request for financial assistance, however the decision remains as before, to give assistance with match funding grants from county and district councils, and not to give grants to retrospective applications.

The matter of the wall in Manor Close was raised. Clerk advised this is not a parish council matter and the information gathered so far has been passed to local resident Peter Larkman.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting 8th July in South Perrott Village Hall.

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