

PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th July 2010 at 7.30pm at South Perrott Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Anthony de la Poer, (chairman) Mike Johnson (vice chairman), Kate Organ, Euan Alexander, District Cllrs Caroline Payne & Jan Page, PCSO Alex Bishop, clerk Vicky Reed and 3 residents.

991. APOLOGIES Cllrs Peter Simmons & David Lines, Footpaths officer Dominic de la Poer. County Cllr Rebecca Knox

992. MINUTES of the parish council meeting of 13th May 2010 were approved and signed.

993. Jody Foy DCC Highways – Update on A356 Pilot scheme

There was a lot of positive feedback at the consultation afternoon held in April, with particular interest in footpaths, village gateways, improving The Pound area and the removal of the central white lines. A safety audit of the proposals has been carried out and the plans are being reviewed in line with the findings of the audit. The funding for the scheme is still available and Jody hopes to have an update for us with revised plans for the next meeting in September.

994. Reports from County & District Councillors & Police Officers

PCSO Alex Bishop advised that the biggest problem locally is the theft of oil from tanks, and gave out leaflets of a crime prevention scheme called "Stop That Oil". 2 different types of alarms are available to be fitted to tanks at an approximate cost of £130.

District Councillor Caroline Payne advised that money is being held by the district council from the Section 106 agreement related to the Fry's development in Beaminster. If anyone has redundant buildings they would like to see being used for small businesses or industry please contact the district council.

WDDC has been working with Weymouth District Council to centralise some services, possibly joining up with Purbeck in the future too in order to reduce costs whilst still providing the high levels of service. This has currently saved £1 million to date. There are currently no plans to change the frequency of waste refuse collection, although as food waste collection increases this will be reviewed.

995. MATTERS ARISING.

- a) Millennium Green Access – An agreement has been reached between the Environment Agency and the Millennium Green Trust regarding access rights, and a key has been duly handed over. .

996. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received

DAPTC Extraordinary Chief Executives Circulars 04/10 & 05/10

PMU re-launch letter and email

DCC Letter regarding Highways Maintenance changes

Letter from Rachel McCarthy Rural Housing Officer (attending September meeting)
DCC letter regarding direct telephone number
AONB Letter regarding fingerpost spotting
Local Council review letter
BDO to Hayward auditor's letter requesting additional information
WDDC District council Overview and Scrutiny report
Westree Tree safety Survey (example & sales letter)
Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter

Correspondence Out

Letter to applicant acknowledging receipt of application for post of Clerk

997. 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 – Approval
- c) New applications
None.
- d) Tree Applications
None

998. FINANCE

a) Income received:	None
b) Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c) Payments to be made	
Clerks salary	£ 279.90
Clerks expenses	£ 18.99
Bank statement as at 10 th June 2010	£ 3120.18
Balance after above cheques agreed	£ 2821.29

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

999. MATTERS OF REPORT.

- a) Chairman – Dog fouling around the village seems to be on the increase. Cllr de la Poer will put a mention about this in the next newsletter.
Cllr de la Poer spoke to the recent sad death of Tilly Edwards (Bass) and how she will be sadly missed within the village, condolences to her family at this difficult time.
- b) Clerk – None.
- c) Members – Cllr Organ raised the matter of gardens alongside the river and the need for overhanging trees and hedge growth needing to be kept cut back in order not to clog the river. Cllr de la Poer will speak to residents this applies to.

- d) Footpaths Officer – Mr Lucas has spoken to Jill Exton at the district council regarding the lost sign posts. The district council do not routinely replace fingerboards on footpaths which start on private roads. However WDDC are happy for Mr Lucas to erect replacement signs. These would come at a cost of £41.13 for 2 new hardwood poles, and Mr Lucas is happy to arrange this. The expenditure was proposed by Cllr de la Poer and seconded by Cllr Organ.

1000. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Mr Coles raised the matter of the missing Cat's Eyes in the A356 down from Winyards Gap Inn, this was raised at the last meeting and has been logged as a call with the Highway's Department. The trees bordering Highfields and Court Farm in Chedington are overgrowing the road. Cllr Johnson will enquire who is responsible for cutting back these back and report back.

Mr Lucas raised the matter of the very sever cutting back of the grass over the flood prevention scheme land. Cllr de la Poer reported that the Environment Agency have confirmed this is how the cutting will proceed in the future to prevent damage to the flood prevention scheme.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next meeting 10th September in Chedington Village Hall.

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