

PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th May 2012 at 7.30pm at Chedington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mike Johnson (Chairman), Kate Organ (Vice Chairman), Sue Coutanche, Liz Fray, Anita Legg and Peter Simmons. Also in attendance: District Cllrs Janet Page and Caroline Payne, Bob Buckland (tree warden), clerk Angela Gillingham and 6 residents.

1122. **APOLOGIES** were received from County Cllr Rebecca Knox and Dominie de la Poer (footpaths officer).

1123. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th March 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Coutanche, seconded by Cllr Organ)

1124. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE OFFICERS**

District Cllr Caroline Payne reported that WDDC officers were currently very busy with the Weymouth & Portland partnership and with the Olympics. The waste collections throughout Dorset are to be joined up and plastics and food waste, which are currently only collected in East Dorset, will be collected in West Dorset by 2014. The Planning Team has a new team leader for the western area, Debbie Reading. There have been delays by the Standards Team in progressing the new Code of Conduct.

District Cllr Janet Page advised that the new Home Choice Scheme, which helps people looking for homes to rent, has now been widened to cover the whole of Dorset, except East Dorset and Christchurch.

There were no further reports.

1125. **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **A356 Road Scheme**

- The Chairman reported that a problem with the speed monitoring device meant that the equipment had stayed in place for longer. A question was raised as to why the device had not been installed at the other end of the village, east of Picket Lane. Clerk to request DCC Highways to do this. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
- It was reported that the recurrent potholes on the A356, Crewkerne side of village, had been filled.

b) **Matters arising from the two Village Meetings**

South Perrott

Cllr Organ reported a list of concerns raised at the South Perrott Village Meeting and the following action was agreed -

- Hill Farm - chase Highways to put SLOW signs on the road.
- Narrow section at Swing Gate Cottage - ask Highways to change "road narrows" signs to "single track" signs.
- Lecher Lane - ask Highways to consider erecting a "road narrows" sign and a gradient sign.
- Bakers Arms - ask Highways to consider feathering the edge of the footway outside the property to reduce the noise from passing traffic.

Action: Mrs Gillingham

- Junction of Lecher Lane and A3066 – it was agreed that a joint letter from the Chairman of this council and the Chairman of Mosterton parish council should be sent to DCC Highways asking for action to be taken to improve safety at this junction, where overtaking cars risked endangering cars intending to turn right into Lecher Lane. Residents were also encouraged to write individually.
Action: Mrs Gillingham

Chedington

The Chedington councillors reported on the concerns raised at the Chedington Village Meeting and the following action was agreed -

- Road surface – to report to Highways the potholes and general deterioration of road surface through the village, particularly past Sandy Knapp. Also past Pretty Box Farm, where heavy lorries (directed by their sat navs) are travelling on unsuitable roads and breaking up the road surface.
Action: Mrs Gillingham
- Trees – it was noted that Chedington residents would like to have the self-sown trees cleared along the road from Highfield House towards Winyards Gap Inn and replaced with some more attractive trees.

c) **Refurbishment of The Pound, South Perrott**

Members discussed the continued plans for the refurbishment of The Pound and the following points were made -

Design of seat - Cllr Organ reported on a concern that had been raised as to whether the proposed combined seat and stone planters would need planning permission. The Chairman considered that, as the planters were an integral part of the design of the seat, the structure would be permissible within the permitted development in the parish. Cllr Coutanche raised a concern to ensure that the new seat is safety compliant.

Clearing the ground – Cllr Organ offered to ask one of the local farmers if they would be willing to use their machinery to clear the ground. She warned that when the seat is removed, the metal brackets fixing it to the ground would also need to be removed to prevent them being a trip hazard.

Action: Cllr Organ

Funding – the Chairman said that it was hoped that most of the costs would be raised from donations from within the village, but that the Parish Council might be willing to top-up any shortfall. It was suggested that an article and envelope for donations could be included in "The Pump and Pound". The Chairman emphasised that this was very much a South Perrott community project.

[Following the meeting it was suggested that the old seat could be sold by sealed bid to raise money.]

d) **Consultation on Community Involvement in Snow Clearing Operations**

The Clerk reported that DCC Highways are consulting parishes about snow clearing in rural areas. Currently they run a "Farmers Snow Plough Scheme" where they have distributed snow clearing blades to local farmers who are then responsible for clearing the snow, but the number of farmers attending when required has gradually reduced. Highways are now proposing to distribute a snow blade to each parish council, which will then be responsible for making arrangements with the local farmers to use the blades when required.

It was agreed that in principle this parish council would be willing to accept a snow blade, subject to clarification of the following points –

- The type of vehicle can the blade be attached to.
- Whether farmers can use red diesel when driving on the road.
- What insurance cover the farmers would have when using the blade on the roads.

- What happens if the road surface gets damaged by the blade.

Action: Mrs Gillingham

e) Village Clean-Up

Clr Coutanche advised that the village clean-up scheduled for 29th April had been postponed because of wet weather and would be held on 13th May.

f) Mobile Library Service Questionnaire

The Clerk reported that DCC was reviewing the Mobile Library Service and was consulting users. It was agreed that the present arrangements worked well, and the only comment was that the selection of books should be changed more frequently.

Action: Mrs Gillingham

1126. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In

1. DAPTC Circulars 4/12, 5/12 and Newsletter Spring 2012
2. Dorset Police re Dorset Police Enquiry Office Review
3. Email from DCC Highways re. Consultation on Community Involvement in Snow Clearing Operations
4. DCC re the Great Dorset Beach Clean
5. Two letters from Ms Swan, South Perrott re. planning application at Hill Cottage
6. Somerset CC re conditional planning permission for Pipplepen Farm, South Perrott
7. Somerset CC re Somerset Waste Core Strategy Development Plan
8. DCC re Mobile Library Service Review
9. Email from DCC Highways re. Changes to Routine Maintenance
10. Email from DCC Highways re. Grass Cutting 2012
11. WDDC re Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Fund
12. Crewkerne Town Council – press release re Royal Visit to Crewkerne
13. DCC re Dorset Country Car Scheme
14. DCC Highways re Local decision-making

Correspondence Out

1. Responses to Ms Swan, South Perrott re. planning application at Hill Cottage.
2. Email response to DCC Highways re. Snow Clearing Operations

1127. PLANNING

- a) Applications handled since last meeting: none
- b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:
1/D/11/002116 Hill Cottage, South Perrott – fencing. Approval of Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent. The clerk advised that she had received an email from the owner of the property saying that he had been unable to comply with one of the conditions of the permission, to paint the fence, because his neighbour had not allowed him onto her land. WDDC was aware of the situation.

11/04506/CPO Pipplepen Farm, South Perrott – infill of a 0.65 hectare area with soils and hardcore and restoration to agricultural pasture. Grant of Conditional Planning Permission.
- c) New applications:
1/D/12/000385 Waylands Farm, Chedington (adjoining Parish) – retain existing mobile home for holiday let purposes. Members discussed this application and raised no objections.
- d) Tree Applications: None

1128. FINANCE

a) Income received:	
Precept (1 st half)	£1800.00
DCC for Dorset Country Cars Scheme	£20.00
b) Payments made since the last meeting:	None
c) Payments to be made:	
Footprintz (photocopying for newsletter)	£50.00
Community First annual insurance	£167.74
Dorset Country Cars	£20.00
Clerk's salary for Apr & May 2012	£273.44
Clerk's expenses	£27.38

The above payments were proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr Johnson.

Bank account as at 30 th April 2012:	£4,097.95
Balance after above cheques agreed:	£3,559.39

1129. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a) Chairman – none.
- b) Clerk – none.
- c) Members –
 - Cllr Simmons requested that PC Tim Poole be asked to attend the next meeting to report on crime in the area. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
 - Cllr Simmons reported on fly tipping at the bottom of Pretty Box Lane. Also a pothole on the road between Pretty Box Lane and Winyards Gap Inn. Clerk to report to DCC Highways. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
 - Cllr Legg requested an item for the next meeting - the Localism Act and Code of Conduct. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*
 - Cllr Coutanche requested articles for the "Pump & Pound" by deadline of 22nd May.
- d) Footpaths Officers – none.
- e) Tree Warden – none.

1130. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chedington – it was reported that the cats eyes have not been replaced on the new resurfaced road past the Golf Club and up to Winyards Gap. Clerk to notify DCC Highways. *Action: Mrs Gillingham*

County and District publications – the comment was made again that these publications are very similar and a waste of money. The Chairman advised that both councils have a legal requirement to provide a means of communication to all households.

1131. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12th July 2012 in South Perrott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Date