

## PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.30pm at Chedington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Anthony de la Poer, (chairman) Mike Johnson (vice chairman), David Lines, Peter Simmons, Kate Organ, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, PCSO Alex Bishop and clerk Vicky Reed.

956. APOLOGIES District Cllrs Caroline Payne & Dominie de la Poer.

957. MINUTES of the parish council meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were approved and signed.

958. REPORTS from Community Police Team, County Councillor and District Councillors.

County Cllr Rebecca Knox advised that the recent cold weather had caused problems for the county council and she is keen to feedback the areas which have been worst affected by the gritting policy. Cllr Knox is asking that the priority routes be reviewed to include the school bus route. The road surfaces have been badly damaged by the weather and many of the pot holes which have been filled in recent months have reopened, possibly due to the quality of the initial repairs. Clerk will log pot holes in and around Sockety, west of Winyards Gap, around the Bakers Arms in South Perrott, along Lecher Lane, and heading out towards Crewkerne on the A356.

Cllr Knox advised she is to having a meeting shortly with Jody Foy of DCC, along with Jill Haines to discuss the A356 route management scheme.

PCSO Alex Bishop advised that although crime has been low in our area oil tank thefts continue to be a problem. The police urge vigilance and can offer crime prevention advice if required. There was a dwelling burglary in South Perrott in November, again people are asked to remain vigilant. The next PACT meeting takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in St Mary's Gardens, Beaminster.

959. MATTERS ARISING.

- a) Highways Issues – Jody Foy of DCC has advised that the feasibility study on the A356 route management scheme had been completed and he will shortly be meeting the county councillors to discuss the report, before then meeting with the parish councils involved. There will follow a preliminary design stage followed by a public consultation. There was concern expressed by the parish council that the remit of the pilot scheme is being increased to include more villages than was originally intended, therefore potentially reducing the amount of funding available to each of the villages initially included.
- b) South Perrott Flood Storage (Millennium Green access) - Cllr de la Poer has again written to the Environment Agency to discuss the conditions of access to the Millennium Green. The agency acknowledged the letter just prior to Christmas, and will be sending

a full reply. Cllr de la Poer is still exploring the possibility of purchasing land to enable an alternative access route via the Engineers Path.

- c) BT Telephone Boxes – The telephone box in Chedington does not currently have a means by which a standard telephone call can be made. Clerk has requested that BT visit the box to put up the necessary signs giving instructions on how telephone calls can be made via a voice prompt system.
- d) Risk Assessment – The risk assessment document was reviewed, and accepted by the parish councils, proposed by Cllr de la Poer and seconded by Cllr Lines.

## 960. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received

Letter of thanks from Parrett & Axe School for donation  
WDDC letter confirming opposition to removal of BT phone boxes  
DCC Dorset road and transport survey (completed during December)  
Letter from Victim Support requesting financial assistance  
Electoral Register  
DCC Letter to advise Western Highways team moved offices  
DCC letter regarding Lengthsman Scheme  
DAPTC Chief Executives Circular 17/09  
Local Council Review newsletter  
Get Growing – guide to allotments in West Dorset  
Dorset Community Transport Directory  
Dorset Community Action newsletter  
Email regarding the proposed closure of the Breast Care Unit at Dorset County Hospital  
Email regarding High Speed Broadband provision for Dorset  
Email from Chalk & Cheese regarding community development funding

## 961. PLANNING

- a) Applications handled since last meeting:
  - 1/D/09/001894 & 1893 Riverside Church Hill, South Perrott Conservatory
  - 1/D/09/001988 Mount View, Pipplepen Lane South Perrott Remove door & frame to porch
- b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:
  - 1/D/09/001715 8 Manor Close, South Perrott – Porch – Amended plans received & approved
  - 1/D/09/001587 Stoneleigh, Penney's Hill, Chedington - Approved
- c) Tree Applications  
None

## 962. FINANCE

- a) Income received: None
  - b) Payments made since the last meeting: None
  - c) Payments to be made
    - Clerks salary £ 279.90
    - Clerks expenses £ 15.67
- Bank statement as at 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009 £3099.60

Balance after above cheques agreed £2804.03

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

963. MATTERS OF REPORT.

a) Chairman – None

b) Clerk – A resident of Church Hill, South Perrott has requested that a grit bin be placed in Church Hill for resident's use. There are currently 4 grit bins in Chedington and none in South Perrott. It was agreed that 3 bins will be purchased for South Perrott, at an cost of £99.95 each excluding VAT, to be placed in Church Hill, Pickett Lane and Pipplepen Lane. This was proposed by Cllr Simmons and seconded by Cllr Organ.

c) Members – Cllr David Lines advised that Chedington Golf Club have expressed an interest in having a recycling point situated within their grounds. Clerk to speak to West Dorset District council recycling officer about the matter.

d) Footpaths Officer – None.

964. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

South Perrott Village Hall repairs will be covered by the insurance company in full.

There was a discussion about the Chalk & Cheese letter regarding community development grants. Clerk to speak to a representative to find out further information.

Western Power Distribution has recently been working in South Perrott to replace electricity poles. It was felt that the communication from the company to the residents was poor and it was agreed that the clerk would write a letter of complaint.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in South Perrott Village Hall

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