

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1st MARCH 2010

PRESENT: Chair: Cllr Pepper

Cllr Arthurs, Cllr Button, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Elkins, Cllr Henshaw, Cllr Massey, Cllr Morshead, Cllr Rylance, Cllr Stiff and Cllr Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Bowden (DCC), Mr Smart (NT), PC Cavin and clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 9

OPEN FORUM

Police & County Council reports were given – matters arising:

Public issues concerning new play equipment

- Many concerns were voiced with regard to youths using the new play equipment late at night: creating noise nuisance and inappropriate rubbish in and around the tower, requiring to be cleared before young children use it. Residents are also concerned that teenagers from out of the area could be attracted to this new equipment.
- Nearby residents have no objection to daytime use of the new equipment but the close proximity to the zip wire is an eyesore to some and particularly noisy at night; it is feared that this will escalate in the summer months.
- The tower structure (The VIP suite) is a bone of contention because of its enclosed design.

MEETING CONVENED WITH STANDING ORDERS

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Barling and Cllr Jackson sent their apologies.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS - NONE**

3 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING: 1st February 2010**

Cllr Stiff proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Massey; agreed and signed.

4 **CLERK'S REPORT – updates & matters arising: NONE**

5 **ROAD PROBLEMS CURRENTLY BEING ADDRESSED**

a) Parking problems around CCVC

- ♦ A temporary measure: EDDC has been asked for permission to include parking for Station Road properties (opposite CCVC) in the Woodbury View.
- ♦ Meeting 12th March 8.15am, in situ, between police and county council to formulate future action.

b) The B3181 from the top of Town Hill to Broadclyst Primary School is scheduled for major resurfacing. Cllr Bowden will request dropped kerbs to be included in these works, which should ease the way forward for the extra BCPS car parking project.

c) The quality of South West Highways' work is being reviewed by DCC. Complaints regarding their work should be addressed to the Highways Team West, 01392 385080 (demand a reference number). Any pothole repairs undertaken this winter are not considered permanent, but have been "make safe" repairs due to the extreme weather damage. After March required works should be repaired to a permanent standard.

d) Westwood's extreme pothole problems are being addressed. Westwood residents request temporary road safety signs for commuters after dark.

ACTION Clerk to request signs from DCC highways as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Bowden left the meeting

6 FINANCE

- a) Cllr Arthurs proposed acceptance of the monthly Finance report, this was seconded by Cllr Wardle; agreed and accepted.
- b) Finance Committee Recommendations: Public toilets annual electrical inspection should be carried out by a commercially certified electrician prepared to be called out for essential maintenance.
Grounds maintenance: Cllr Elkins proposed that the existing contract cutting will be extended to include extra work, as the quotation was agreed to be very reasonable, this was seconded by Cllr Massey and agreed by all.

ACTION Clerk to arrange site visit to agree cutting requirements in the new play area.

- c) The council financial risk assessment was reviewed and updated at the committee meeting 17th February 2010; Cllr Massey proposed acceptance of this, seconded by Cllr Arthurs and agreed.

7 COMMUNITY UPDATES

- a) Play area improvements: The designer/contractor has completed installation except for a few finishing touches and wood preservative will be applied in warmer weather. In addition to the new equipment, the contractor made extra maintenance improvements to existing equipment at no additional charge. The parish council wishes to thank nearby residents for their tolerance during the construction phase.
 - The VIPs have been responding to how children utilise the equipment and appropriate modifications have been made where needed.
 - Owing to evening misuse, the VIP suite will be monitored and reviewed next month; if problem continues the contractor will modify the tower by opening up the sides, within the bounds of safety and trap hazards. The post installation inspection should assess whether the tower is considered a medium or low risk (the possibility of a child falling); the report will be tabled at the next meeting.
 - In response to litter problems an extra rubbish bin will be sited by the VIP suite.
 - Opening ceremony will be Saturday 3rd April at 2pm.
- b) The VIPs suggested investigating ways forward to develop an area specifically for teenagers, as top priority, although there are no firm proposals as yet.
- c) Youth Building: The parish council have not received a response from the National Trust to a few specific enquiries. Mr Smart (NT) suggested the email was resent and copied to him.
- d) Twinning Preparations for May: Most of the council from Plobannalec-Lesconil intend joining us in the signing of the Charter ceremony Saturday 15th May, 11am.
 - SPMC will be asked if the Sports Pavilion and playing fields may be used for the ceremony.
 - Information to go in the next broadsheet
 - Host families are still required for some of our visitors
 - Design of the Charter: CVCC art department will be involved and PC may be asked to help fund its creation, if necessary.
- e) Proposal for a community litter picking event: Saturday 27th March 10.00 – 12pm. Many areas have been highlighted for targeting.
 - TNT will be encouraged to dispose of their vending cups responsibly (reducing litter in Station Road) as part of this campaign.
- f) Sports Pavilion: Meeting agenda will be sent to VIP representative. VIPs will send their agenda items in advance of the meeting.

ACTION

- Replacement sign will be put up in play area indicating suitable age limit and closing time for the play area. An age restriction was put in place for the play area when it was first created, signage has been vandalised.
- The teen shelter and immediate area will be reviewed to try to make this more attractive.
- Investigate the possibility of deactivating the zip wire overnight

- Investigate any possible benefits of making the whole recreation area a drink free zone. However police are not likely to respond in time to enforce this, it may rely on local intervention and there are concerns it would exclude a bar from the annual Fun Day.
- Litter Picking event: posters around the village: article in Broadsheet and website. Equipment required: high visibility jackets, pickers, gloves and bags, clerk to source free of charge.

8 PLANNING

PLANNING APPEAL against refusal of planning application: **APP/U1105/D/09/2119300**

Construction of 2 storey front & side extension – 31 Meadowside, Westclyst

This had been **DISMISSED**

EDDC Decisions

Application No.	Location	Application Details	EDDC Decision
09/2097/FUL	Pippins	Construction of new dwelling and access	Granted
09/2522/FUL	Land adjacent to Sunnyhayes	Construction of two dwellings with garages and access	Granted
10/0002/FUL	St Pauls church Westwood	Conversion of church to dwelling. (Renewal of app. 06/2486/FUL)	Granted
10/0004/LBC	St Pauls church Westwood	Insert rear roof windows and sub divide interior. (Renewal of app. 06/2487/LBC)	Granted
10/0047/LBC	Priors Court	Installation of solar panels to south roof slope	Refused

NEW APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Location	Application Details	PC comments
10/0082/FUL	1 Martinsfield	Construction of lean-to extension to existing agricultural building	SUPPORTED
10/0179/LBC	Newhall Farm Budlake	Internal and external alterations including works to doorways, replacement doors and windows, installation of new kitchen and toilet facilities, refurbishment of dovecote, replacement floorboards and installation of under-floor heating	SUPPORTED There are no substantial changes requested and the NT agrees to these alterations.
10/0173/TRE	Drinking Fountain, BC village green	Crown thin 2 x Holm Oak trees	SUPPORTED
10/0210/TRE	27 Broadview	1 x Oak: Remove epicormic growth up to 4 metres and remove specified branch. 1 x Oak: Remove epicormic growth up to 4 metres. 1 x Oak: Remove epicormic growth up to 4 metres and reduce eastern crown aspect.	SUPPORTED

9 BROADCLYST COUNCIL GOING GREEN

Council considered ways of reducing our parish Carbon footprint:

- Investigate the viability of solar panels on public buildings – noting that photovoltaic cells need full south elevation to be most effective. Can the parish council be a catalyst for change?
- Encourage the community to consider ways of reducing carbon emissions e.g. the community farm project will reduce our Food Miles footprint. Provide information through Broadsheet, community fun day and contact with the schools. Encourage local farmers to rethink their power options (renewable sources).
- Consider socially responsible resourcing of council materials
- Should we campaign local supermarkets to reduce their packaging?

10 CORRESPONDENCE

- Cllr Pepper and Cllr Massey will represent the PC at the Local Development Framework planning event 10th March 6.30 – 8pm.
- Report on the Exeter International Airport CONS Group meeting was tabled for councillors.

11 POINTS of INFORMATION & AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL

- Investigate the possibility of having a monthly National Trust news update at the parish council meetings.
- 'Oakdene' property has been vacant for a long while and the NT are asking the parish council to suggest possible community use. A site meeting will be organised to ascertain the viability of a community project.

Agenda Items:

- ◆ NT cycle track update
- ◆ Discuss a disabled access audit for the parish
- ◆ P3 update (Parish Paths Partnership)

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**NEXT PARISH MEETING Tuesday 6th APRIL 2010 - 7 pm Wiltshier Room, Victory Hall
PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday 29th March – 7.30pm Sports Pavilion**

These minutes were agreed and signed at the Parish Council meeting: 6th April