



Dodington Parish Council

MINUTES of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **10 November 2010** at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs L A Boon, Mrs E K Crowe, Mrs P J Cotterell, J V Davis, D Holbrook, Mrs J Giddings (until 9.10pm), Mrs C M Howard, P Hulbert, D Lane, C Phelps, Mrs A J Sainsbury (until 8.50pm) and Mrs G E Stephen (Chairman) Also present was Cllrs A Lawrance (until 8.50pm) and Mrs C Young (South Gloucestershire Council)

Mrs W Mayo (Clerk)

Also present were:

Peter Murphy, Director of Community Care and Housing, South Gloucestershire Council (7.40pm to 8.50pm)

Parishioners:

Maria Simeon (Slimbridge Close) and John Williams (Cherington) (until 8.50pm) and David Fitt (Woodchester)

137/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Holbrook and P Hulbert.

138/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- Cllr Mrs L A Boon - planning

139/10 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 6 OCTOBER 2010

It was resolved that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

The Chairman signed a copy of the Minutes.

140/10 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 13 OCTOBER 2010

It was resolved that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as read and be confirmed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

141/10 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 20 OCTOBER 2010

It was resolved that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as read and be confirmed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

142/10 BETTER SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE

- The Chairman welcomed Mr Peter Murphy to the meeting.
- A summary of the points raised form **Appendix 1** to the minutes.

143/10 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

1. Better Support for Older People

- Members of the public took the opportunity to ask Mr Murphy questions relating to Woodleaze and Wapley Residential care homes.

2. Parish Council meeting minutes

- A member of the public asked where they could see copies of Parish Council meeting minutes apart from the Parish Office. They had visited the Library but the minutes were not available there, neither were they on the Parish Council Website.
- The Clerk advised that the Library did not have the capacity to hold hard copies of the minutes but would enquire if they had electronic means to do so.
- There had also been some technical issues related to placing the minutes on the Website which the Clerk confirmed were being resolved.

144/10 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 27 OCTOBER 2010

It was resolved that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as read and be confirmed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

145/10 LILLIPUT PARK ENHANCEMENT PROPOSALS

- Members NOTED that there had been 58 responses to the Lilliput Park

consultation.

- The responses to be discussed at the next Community, Leisure and Environment meeting to be held on 17 November 2010.

146/10 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2011/12

- RESOLVED to adopt the revised Schedule of Meetings for 2011/2012 which provides for meetings during August.
- RESOLVED to review the effectiveness of the change in October 2011.

147/10 NORTHAVON MAGISTRATES' COURT

- A number of Councillors had attended the 'Your Community, your Justice System' event.
- They enjoyed the experience which gave them a better insight into the function of the Magistrates' Court.
- RESOLVED to write a letter thanking the organisers for an informative day.

148/10 COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD

- Members were very pleased with the Christmas Card which was designed by Cllr J Davis and they thanked him for his efforts.

149/10 DIGITAL EXCLUSION

- Members NOTED a report from the Citizens Advice Bureaux regarding digital exclusion and which asked organisations such as ours to support their aim to make IT more accessible to people.
- The Clerk reminded Members that we have given £3,000 during 2008/09 and 2009/10 to support the 'Gateway' triage system and in this way we support their aims.
- Further funding for the Citizens Advice Bureaux would be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting to be held on 15 December 2010.

150/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- The list of planning applications and the Council's decisions forms **Appendix 2** to these Minutes.

151/10 CORRESPONDENCE

- There was no correspondence to be considered.

152/10 ITEMS OF REPORT

1. Lamp post alongside Wapley Rank

- Despite the lamp being mended recently, Cllr Mrs Giddings reported that it was out of order again.
- RESOLVED to contact Streetcare to arrange a repair.

2. Sustainable Housing

- Cllr Mrs Boon reported that she had visited a zero-carbon housing development in Bristol called Hanham Hall.
- RESOLVED to invite Mrs Boon to the next Planning Committee meeting to give a full report.

3. Woodchester/Littledean subway

- Cllr Lane reported that the clear-up operation from the fire in the subway was progressing.

4. Dodington Road

- Cllr Mrs Young said that she had visited the bridge on Dodington Road with Brian Allinson and various options had been discussed.
- It was established that the land adjacent to the bridge is owned by South Gloucestershire Council and had been purchased originally for the purpose of straightening the road. However, although there is sympathy for the concerns about the road layout, there are insufficient funds to make any changes at present.
- Cllr Mrs Young reported that the speedvisor sign has been installed on Dodington Road and there may be opportunities for it to be sited behind Wayleaze Cottages and the entrance to Lydes Farm in the future.

5. Wreaths

- Wreaths bearing the Parish logo were given to Cllrs Mrs Howard and Mrs Stephen in advance of the Remembrance Day services on Sunday 14 November.

6. Annual Parish Meeting

- After discussion it was RESOLVED to invite Iain McGuire to be the guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 23 March 2011.

7. Christmas Cards

- After discussion members were invited to make a donation to the NSPCC rather than exchange cards, if they so wished. The collection would be made at the Christmas get together on 8 December.

8. Benches alongside Goldcrest Road

- Members NOTED that SGC were willing to pay for the replacement of two of the three benches located alongside Goldcrest Road.
- RESOLVED to ask for the removal of the bench at the bottom of the hill and the replacement of the other two.

9. Parish Hall radiators

- The Clerk reported that there were constant problems with the radiator thermostatic valves sticking and that they needed replacing.
- A quote had been sought to present to the next Finance committee meeting on 15 December, however, the problem was occurring regularly and the Clerk requested that the work should be done immediately to save on call out costs.
- RESOLVED to drain the heating system and have supplied and fitted 9 ACL lifestyle thermostatic radiator vales at a cost of £350.97.

10. Regional Spatial Strategies

- The Clerk reported that the decision to scrap regional spatial strategies had been found unlawful.
- RESOLVED to fully discuss the matter at the next Planning Committee meeting.

153/10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- APPROVED schedule of payments.
- Payments with cheque numbers 10346 to 10388 inclusive as well as standing orders and direct debits for the period 6 October to 10 November 2010.

154/10 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 5 January 2011** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

SignedChairman

Date 5 January 2011