



# Dodington Parish Council

**MINUTES** of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **11 May 2011** at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Barry Adams, Linda Boon, Pat Cotterell, Kay Crowe, Jane Giddings, Dafydd Holbrook, Christine Howard, Paul Hulbert, Cliff Phelps, Adrian Rush, Mandy Sainsbury and Gloria Stephen (Chairman)

Also present were Cllrs Alan Lawrance and Claire Young (South Gloucestershire Council)

Wendy Mayo (Clerk)

## **61/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Davis and David Lane

## **62/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

- Cllr Linda Boon - planning

## **63/11 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS**

### **1. Open Space alongside Merlin Way (The Tump)**

- Cllr Christine Howard reported that there was a lot of rubbish in the ditch alongside The Tump.
- RESOLVED that the Clerk report it to Streetcare.

### **2. Trees bordering Mallard Close/ Finch Road and Elswick Park**

- Cllr Linda Boon raised concerns relating to the trees bordering Mallard Close/Finch Road and Elswick Park. She was under the impression that gaps would be made in the treeline to accommodate a pedestrian route from Elswick Park to the Heron estate.
- Cllr Hulbert said that these routes had been marked on the original plans but that the Council had contacted SGC to inform them that they were too steep for pedestrians to use.
- Cllr Linda Boon said that she had a link to a map of the proposed steps which she would forward onto both Cllr Paul Hulbert and the Clerk. She would also contact the tree officer at SGC to alert him to the potential tree damage.

### **3. Shire Way entrance to Wapley Common**

- Cllr Pal Hulbert asked that the Council progress replacing the gate at the Shire Way entrance to Wapley Common. Although the CLE Committee had considered putting in a chicane to slow down cyclists, dogs who were off their leads were running straight out onto the road.
- RESOLVED to reconsider the Council's options at the CLE Committee meeting.
- Cllr Paul Hulbert said that the vegetation needed to be cut back either side of the gateway as it was causing a visual disruption.
- RESOLVED to ask Streetcare to cut back the vegetation.

### **4. Pedestrian barriers along Rodford Way**

- Cllr Paul Hulbert asked whether there had been an assessment of the consequences of a car hitting the new pedestrian barriers which run along the centre of Rodford Way.
- The Clerk reported that information had been received from SGC regarding an earlier query from a resident about turning right out of Chargrove and the impairment to visibility caused by the barriers.
- SGC highways had provided photographs to give an illustration of the view that could be had from the central reservation, but this did not reflect the position a car would take in the road.
- RESOLVED to write to SGC seeking their views on the above comments.

## **64/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- There were no planning applications for consideration.

## **65/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 30 MARCH 2011**

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

The Chairman signed a copy of the Minutes.

The following matters arose:

### **1. Minute 50/11.5 'Green' dog walkers**

- Amendment to the Minute as follows:
- Cllr Claire Young reported that South Gloucestershire Council would discuss the inclusion of the 'green' dog walkers scheme as part of their future cleansing strategy but in the meantime had bounced the idea back to Town and Parish Councils.

## **2. Minute 50/11.6 Wapley Court residential home**

- Cllr Alan Lawrance reported that local resident, Mr Williams was still putting pressure on SGC to reconsider the way in which it was implementing the closure of Wapley Court although there were fears that he was being sidelined.
- Local SG Councillors were keeping a keen interest in the case and supporting Mr Williams in his endeavours.

## **66/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 6 APRIL 2011**

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

## **67/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 13 APRIL 2011**

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

The following matter arose:

### **1. Minute 7 Long Acre Farm**

- Cllr Claire Young reported that some South Ward parishioners felt that enforcement actions taken against the tenant at Long Acre Farm had been unfair, that people had a right to make a living and that there was an unbalanced view of local opposition and opinion.
- Cllr Claire Young advised the Parishioner that although there may be positive local views towards planning concerns, unless SGC were notified of those views they would be unheard.

## **68/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 26 JANUARY 2011**

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

## **69/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Chipping Sodbury Festival**

- Members NOTED a letter from the Chipping Sodbury Festival Committee inviting our Chairman to two services to celebrate the start and finish of the Festival.
- The first service to be held on Sunday 12 June at 9.30am at St John's Parish Church.
- The second service to be held on Sunday 19 June 2011 at 6.30pm at Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church.
- RESOLVED that the Chairman would attend both services.

## **70/11 STAFFING**

- Council entered a confidential session to discuss filling the vacant Parish Hall cleaner/keyholder's position.

## **71/11 ITEMS OF REPORT**

### **1. Yate and West Dodington in Bloom**

- Cllr Christine Howard reported that the Yate and West Dodington in Bloom group is working strongly together and preparations for judging in July are progressing well.

### **2. Chipping Sodbury Football Club**

- Cllr Cliff Phelps reported that he would be presenting prizes at the Chipping Sodbury Football Club AGM.

### **3. Grass verges and open spaces**

- Cllr Rush commented that dandelions had not been cut when grass verges and open spaces had been mown leaving long stalks everywhere.
- RESOLVED to bring this to the attention of Streetcare and ask them to lower the cutters to make sure that the dandelion stalks were cut.

### **4. St John's Church 727<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert**

- Cllr Pat Cotterell reported that she had attended the 727<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at St John's Church, Chipping Sodbury with music from Dodington Parish Band.
- The concert was well attended and thoroughly enjoyable.
- Members asked for a diary of events for the Parish Band.

### **5. BT Phone Box**

- Cllr Dafydd Holbrook reported that the bottom two panes of glass were broken and the handset was missing in the phone box between Kingscote and Cherington.
- RESOLVED to report the breakage to BT.

### **6. Transport for young people from the South Ward**

- Cllr Claire Young reported that South Ward parishioners had asked about transport for young people into Yate. Following investigations, a youth worker had found transport to a boxing club, but the young people want to have transport to badminton classes at Brimsham Green School.
- Cllr Claire Young would be asking Community Transport whether they could accommodate the request.

## **7. Priority Neighbourhood Meeting**

- Cllrs Paul Hulbert and Dafydd Holbrook said that they would be unable to attend the next Priority Neighbourhood meeting to be held on Friday 13 May.
- Cllr Alan Lawrance said that he would be attending and would represent our Council.

## **8. Consultation processes**

- Cllr Gloria Stephen reported that some Parishioners had wished to see full results of the recent public consultation on improvements to Lilliput Park.
- The Clerk said that the results had been published in the recent Newsletter which was distributed to every household and is also available on the Council website.

## **9. Yate Common**

- Cllr Gloria Stephen reported that there had been a lot of complaints about dog mess on Yate Common. However, Cllr Pat Cotterell informed the Council that people are not obliged to clear it up as it is classed as agricultural land.

## **10. Community Songs of Praise service**

- On behalf of Tyndale Baptist Church, the Clerk asked whether the Chairman would say a few opening words at the Community Songs of Praise service to be held on 12 June.
- The Chairman agreed. The Clerk RESOLVED to inform the Pastor Weenink.

## **11. 3<sup>rd</sup> Chipping Sodbury Guides**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Chipping Sodbury Guide patrol requested that they be given permission to do a car wash to raise money on 26 May.
- RESOLVED to give permission.

## **12. Exhumation of ashes**

- Enquiries had been made from a Parishioner regarding a possible request to exhume a relatives cremated remains.
- Members agreed that the Council would give the necessary permission.
- RESOLVED to give the necessary permission.
- RESOLVED to make an administration charge of £100.00 which is equal to the charge for interring cremated remains.

## **72/11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

- APPROVED schedule of payments.
- Payments with cheque numbers 10516 to 10556 inclusive as well as standing orders and direct debits for the period 5 April to 28 April 2011.
- Members NOTED the bank reconciliation as at 30 April 2011.

**73/11 NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 15 June 2011** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

Signed .....Chairman  
Date 15 June 2011

DRAFT