



Dodington Parish Council

MINUTES of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **20 July 2011** at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Barry Adams, Pat Cotterell, John Davis, Christine Howard, Dave Lane, Cliff Phelps, Mandy Sainsbury and Gloria Stephen (Chairman)

Wendy Mayo (Clerk)

90/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Linda Boon, Kay Crowe, Jane Giddings, Paul Hulbert, Adrian Rush, Dafydd Holbrook as well as Claire Young and Alan Lawrance (South Gloucestershire Council)

91/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- There were no declarations of interest.

92/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- The list of planning applications and the Council's decisions forms **Appendix 1** to these minutes.

93/11 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

1. Parking in bus stop laybys

- A parishioner's question had been received by email.
- The parishioner asked if action could be taken to extend the yellow lines that lead up to bus stop laybys to include the layby so that cars don't park and obstruct buses which are trying to line up with the raised kerb.
- **RESOLVED** to request that South Gloucestershire Council consider extending the yellow lines when they are dealing with other snagging issues in relation to the Greater Bristol Bus Network project.

94/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 15TH JUNE 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 86/11.3 South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau

- Members NOTED that Cllr Dave Lane had been unable to attend the SG Citizens Advice Bureau annual public meeting, held on 30th June 2011, due to work commitments.

95/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 22ND JUNE 2011

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

96/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 29TH JUNE 2011

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

97/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 6TH JULY 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 5 Maturing Fixed Rate Bond Issue 1101

- The word Clerk would be removed and replaced with the words Administration Assistant. This would reflect the fact that the Administration Assistant took the minutes at that particular meeting, not the Clerk to the Council.

2. Minute 10.4 Litter pick at Abbotswood

- Cllr Pat Cotterell reported that the majority of shop owners in the precinct pay £20 a month for a contractor to empty the bins and cut the grass.
- However due to the high level of take-aways the volume of rubbish is very high and the bins become full very quickly.

98/11 GRANT APPLICATION – ABBOTSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Members considered an application from Abbotswood Primary School who had requested £500 to support the visit of the Life Skills Bus.
- Although this request would normally be considered by the Community, Leisure

and Environment Committee, a response was requested urgently in order that the facility could be booked for September 2011.

- RESOLVED to grant £500 from the Community, Leisure and Environment budget.

99/11 LOCALISM BILL

- Members NOTED details of the launch of a White Paper proposing the reform of public service.
- RESOLVED to task each Committee to produce a 5 year plan in order that any opportunities for picking up services that are devolved to Local Councils can be integrated swiftly into the work of our Council.
- It was recognised that time could be spent planning to provide services that may not be devolved, but it was important to be in a position to seize any opportunities to deliver additional services in our Parish.

100/11 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Steve Webb MP – phasing out of cheques

- Members NOTED letter from Steve Webb MP in which he responded to our Council's concerns at the possibility of cheques being phased out.
- Members were pleased to learn that the UK Payments Council had announced that they are to reverse their decision to scrap cheques by 2018 and continue their use for as long as customers need them.

2. Cardboard recycling bags

- Members NOTED that the delivery of cardboard recycling bags by South Gloucestershire Council had been delayed until the end of August/beginning of September.

3. Parish Hall – wedding party hire

- Members NOTED a letter of thanks from Mr and Mrs Channon who had hired the hall for their wedding party in June.
- Mr Channon had enclosed photographs and Councillors were delighted to see how festive the hall looked.
- RESOLVED to ask permission for the photographs to be used in our next newsletter to promote the Parish Hall for wedding bookings.

101/11 ITEMS OF REPORT

1. Wapley Bushes Conservation Group

- Members NOTED a Wapley Bushes Conservation Group Summer-Autumn 2011 Newsletter.

2. Besom Lane

- It was NOTED that Besom Lane in Wapley had recently been resurfaced and that a good job had been done.

3. Network Rail fencing

- It was NOTED that complaints had been received regarding the new fencing erected by Network Rail alongside Shire Way. It was felt that the grey fencing was an eyesore.
- The Clerk reported that the Council was already negotiating with Network Rail to have the fencing painted green so that it would blend in with the surroundings.

4. Bus shelters

- Cllr John Davis reported that he had displayed Night Bus posters in the majority of our Bus Shelters.
- RESOLVED that posters would be displayed twice a year giving details of up and coming Council events.

5. Yate Town Centre Strategy group

- Cllr Mandy Sainsbury reported from the last Yate Town Centre Strategy group meeting.
- There were widespread fears that the new Tesco Extra store, which would be the second largest Tesco in Europe, would overwhelm the shopping centre leading to store closures and job losses.
- There would be 600+ staff at Tesco and a recruitment centre would be established in one of the vacant shops during the summer.
- Car parking, currently taken by the Tesco temporary store would not be re-established as the space was to be used for more two storey shops.
- A licensing application had been submitted for Wetherspoons Public House.
- There had been contractor issues at the Elswick Park development with Environmental Health inspectors being involved on a regular basis.

6. Yate and Dodington in Bloom

- Cllr Christine Howard reported that the Yate and Dodington in Bloom inspection, which had taken place on 14th July had been an interesting day.
- She had been particularly impressed with Abbotswood Primary School and Kingsgate Park.
- There had been some great teamwork over the preparation period.
- The Garden competition had been extended until the end of August for entries and Cllr Christine Howard asked Members to look out for lovely gardens which could be nominated to take part.

7. Promoting Dodington Parish

- Cllr Gloria Stephen said that having attended several public meetings recently, she had been made aware that our Council was not recognized by many of our Parishioners – they assumed that they were either in the Sodbury or Yate Town Council area.
- Members felt that this had been an age old problem but were keen to push at promoting our Parish.
- RESOLVED item to be placed on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting for further discussion.

102/11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

- APPROVED schedule of payments.
- Payments with cheque numbers 10600 to 10649 inclusive as well as standing orders and direct debits for the period 20th June to 20th July 2011.
- NOTED bank reconciliation up to and including 30th June 2011.

103/11 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 31 August 2011** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

SignedChairman

Date 31 August 2011