



Dodington Parish Council

MINUTES of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **6 October 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, Mrs C M Howard, P Hulbert, D Lane, C Phelps, Mrs A J Sainsbury (until 9pm) and Mrs G E Stephen (Chairman) Also present was Cllr Mrs C Young (South Gloucestershire Council)

Mrs W Mayo (Clerk)

119/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from B Adams, and M Williams. Apologies were also received from Cllr A Lawrance (South Gloucestershire Council)

120/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- Cllr Mrs L A Boon - planning

121/10 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

- There were no Parishioners questions.

122/10 LILLIPUT PARK

Members agreed to bring forward item 12 on the Agenda in order that the projector and screen could be put away to give more room for the meeting to take place.

- Members watched a power point presentation showing proposals for a footpath and an outdoor gym in Lilliput Park. Additionally a short video showing an outdoor gym in action was shown. Both items were prepared by Cllr Davis and he was thanked for his contribution to the presentation.
- Cllr Mrs Boon confirmed that the HRA funds could not be used for any other purpose and were therefore safe from redistribution.
- Members were presented with a quotation from Mr C Belcher to lay a path between Swift Bridge and the quiet corner at a cost of £4080.00.
- Two quotations had been received in respect of the outdoor gym equipment with GB Sport quoting a total cost of £10,144.95 (including VAT) to supply and

fit five pieces of equipment and Caloo quoting a total cost of £14,094.13 (including VAT) to supply and fit eight pieces of equipment.

- The Clerk reported that there were queries about the cost of the matting that would surround the equipment which would need to be followed up to ensure that the quotes were competitive.
- RESOLVED to form a sub-committee to oversee the project. Members who volunteered to be on the sub-committee were Cllrs Hulbert, Davis, Lane, Holbrook and Mrs Giddings.
- RESOLVED to conduct a wide ranging consultation to include local residents who live on the Birds estate and the 'Lilliput' roads in Sodbury as well as older people's groups such as the U3A, the Police and any other suggested stakeholders.

123/10 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

Shrubs alongside 7 Mallard Close

- Cllr Davis reported that the shrubs alongside 7 Mallard Close were very overgrown and needed attention.
- RESOLVED to report the matter to Streetcare.

124/10 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 1 SEPTEMBER 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.

The following matter arose:

Minute 116/10 (1) Abbotswood Action Group

- It was reported that members of St Nicholas family centre had done some planting, gardening and litter picking around the perimeter of their site.

Minute 116/10 (3) Sodbury TC – Parish Poll

- Cllr Mrs Boon reported back on a local poll in respect of the proposed Barnhill development, the result of which would be considered by the developers.

125/10 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER 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.

126/10 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 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.

127/10 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 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.

128/10 FEEDBACK FROM COURSES ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

1. New Councillor Training

- Cllr Mrs Cotterell reported that the training environment had been much improved for the Course.

2. Working Together

- Cllr Lane reported that he had enjoyed the 'Working Together' event and the Safer Stronger Community Group presentation in particular.
- Cllr Hulbert invited Cllr Lane to attend the next SSCG meeting with him.
- Cllr Mrs Howard commented that she was more aware of people's responsibility for the area in which they live.

129/10 FEEDBACK FROM A COURSE ATTENDED BY THE CLERK

- The Clerk reported back from a course run by the Society of Local Council Clerks entitled "Up and Running" covering the subject of project management.
- The course had been enjoyable and very informative.

130/10 FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

- Cllrs Mrs Cotterell and J Davis attended 'Tea with Naomi – how to influence Parliament' and reported that the meeting had been a disappointment with the facilitator not arriving due to transport problems.

131/10 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Traditionally the Council has a break from meetings during August. However there are some disadvantages to this:
- Consultations are often released in the Summer and our ability to answer them is severely curtailed.

- Planning applications are not considered by the whole planning Committee and it is necessary to form a small sub committee for this purpose.
- Items are held over until the Autumn resulting in long meetings on the Council's return.
- It is not efficient to leave two months (and sometimes more) between Committee meetings.
- A significant number of members tend to take their holidays in September/October which means that there are fewer Councillors at those meetings held in September/October.
- RESOLVED to continue to hold Committee Meetings throughout August 2011 and review the outcome in October 2011.

132/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

133/10 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from a resident

- NOTED a letter from a resident from Kingfisher Road in respect of the Council's responsibilities for our parks and open spaces.
- Members discussed the contents of the letter and agreed an appropriate response.

2. Yate in Bloom Group

- NOTED the minutes from a meeting of the Yate in Bloom Group held on 14 September 2010.
- The Clerk said that as our Council is involved with both the Yate in Bloom and Sodbury in Bloom groups, perhaps we could have our Council's name appended thus:
- Yate and West Dodington in Bloom and Sodbury and East Dodington in bloom.
- RESOLVED to inform both Yate and Sodbury in Bloom groups of the preference.

3. Yate Town Centre Strategy Group

- NOTED the minutes from a meeting of the Yate Town Centre Strategy Group held on 16 September 2010.

4. South Gloucestershire Council – 2011 Census

- NOTED details of the 2011 Census and how Councillors can get involved.

5. North Avon Magistrates' Court

- NOTED the 'Your Community, your justice system' Community engagement event to be held over three days from 20 to 22 October 2010.

- Several Members showed an interest in attending.
- RESOLVED that the Clerk should book spaces as appropriate.

All other items of correspondence were summarised by the Clerk

134/10 ITEMS OF REPORT

1. Local Events

- Cllr Davis gave details of two up and coming local events:
- 'Warm Music on an Autumn Evening' with Dodington Parish Band to be held at 7.30pm on Saturday 9 October at St John's Church. (In support of the Sodbury and District Twinning Association).
- 'It's Your World' event to be held at Yate Leisure Centre on Saturday 16 October from 10am to 1pm.

2. Traffic issues on the B4465

- Cllr Mrs Young reported on various initiatives to calm speeding on the B4465.

3. Funder's Forum

- Cllr Hulbert reported on a SGC run funder's forum which had been very informative.

4. Joint Parishes Traffic Management Group

- Cllr Hulbert reported that the JPTMG had disbanded due to the lack of numbers attending. Any traffic matters would be referred to the Joint Parishes Consultative Committee (JPCC).

135/10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- APPROVED schedule of payments.
- Payments with cheque numbers 10313 to 10345 inclusive as well as standing orders and direct debits for the period 2 September to 6 October 2010.

136/10 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 10 November 2010** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

SignedChairman

Date 10 November 2010

