



# Dodington Parish Council

**MINUTES** of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **30 March 2011** at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Linda Boon, Pat Cotterell, Kay Crowe, John Davis, Jane Giddings, Dafydd Holbrook, Christine Howard, Paul Hulbert, Dave Lane, Cliff Phelps, Mandy Sainsbury and Gloria Stephen (Chairman)

(Cllrs Dafydd Holbrook and Mandy Sainsbury left the meeting at 9.00pm)

Also present were Cllrs Alan Lawrance and Claire Young (from 7.45pm) (South Gloucestershire Council)

Adrian Rush – Sodbury Resident

Wendy Mayo (Clerk)

## **38/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Barry Adams

## **39/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

- Cllr Paul Hulbert – non prejudicial interest in minute 48/11

## **40/11 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS**

- There were no Parishioners questions.

## **41/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

## **42/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 9 FEBRUARY 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 matter arose:

**1. Minute 21/11.1. Motorcycle race track**

- Cllr Mrs Young said that no further information had been received regarding the motorcycle race track that had been set up off Shorthill Road, Westerleigh, but that she would report back as soon as any more information was received.

**43/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 23 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

The following matters arose:

**1. Minute 11 Yate and West Dodington In Bloom**

- Cllr Paul Hulbert said that he was very appreciative of the Yate and West Dodington in Bloom Group who had been very busy and put a lot of effort into the project.

**2. Minute 12 Wapley Common – Detached Youth Work**

- The Clerk said that setting up the detached Youth Work in Wapley Common was a frustratingly slow process and that there were concerns that the Council would get good value for money from the Service Level Agreement with SGC Youth Service.
- RESOLVED to continue with plans to provide detached youth work, but to monitor it very carefully to ensure that our Council was fulfilling the objective of reducing anti-social behaviour on Wapley Common.

**44/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 9 MARCH 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 11 Subways**

- It was noted that the lighting grilles in the subway between Woodchester and Littledean had not been replaced.
- RESOLVED to resubmit the request to SGC.

## **2. Minute 12 Pedestrian Safety on Rodford Way**

- It was NOTED that people had been seen vaulting over the new barrier and Members were concerned that accidents would still occur on Rodford Way.

## **45/11 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.

The following matters arose:

### **1. Minute 13.1 Parking by Mallard Close**

- Cllr Gloria Stephen reported that vehicles were still parked on the grass verge.
- RESOLVED to follow up the situation with SGC.

## **46/11 YATE BUS STATION**

- Cllr Christine Howard, who had attended the Yate Town Strategy Group meeting reported that Yate Shopping Centre management and the Tesco developers are well aware that the shelter at the new bus station is inadequate and are working towards a solution.

## **47/11 MINUTE WRITING**

- Members discussed an alternative way of writing the minutes which would see Councillors names written using their first and second names, eg Cllr Mrs G Stephen would be written as Cllr Gloria Stephen and Cllr Lane would be written as Cllr Dave Lane.
- RESOLVED to make the change with immediate effect.

## **48/11 GRANT APPLICATION – YATE, SODBURY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

- Members considered a grant application from Yate, Sodbury and District Community Transport.
- RESOLVED to ask Sodbury TC the amount of Grant support they gave to the organisation this financial year.
- RESOLVED to grant £870.00 to help with the purchase of a rollaramp to enable wheelchair access to the office.

## **49/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Democratic and Statutory Services**

- Members NOTED an email from the Head of Democratic and Statutory Services in relation to the deadline for nominations for the coming County and Local elections.

## **2. Parish Hall cleaner/keyholder**

- Members NOTED, with regret, a letter of resignation from the Parish Hall cleaner/keyholder, effective from 27 May 2011.
- RESOLVED to establish a small staffing committee to include the Clerk and Councillors Linda Boon and Gloria Stephen to recruit a replacement member of staff.

## **50/11 ITEMS OF REPORT**

### **1. Yate Town Strategy Group meeting**

- Cllr Christine Howard reported from the meeting, the main points being:
- Wetherspoons Pub chain had made an application to open a branch in the South Parade.
- There had been an increase in anti-social behaviour.
- The premises vacated by Riley's was to be re-opened as a nightclub called Waves.
- The demolition of Tesco is going to plan.
- RESOLVED to write to the Town Centre management to enquire what remedial action would be taken to replace the trees that had been destroyed during the demolition process.

### **2. Footpath alongside Chipping Sodbury School**

- Cllr Linda Boon gave details of a new footpath which has been laid alongside Chipping Sodbury School.

### **3. Parish Publicity**

- Cllr Paul Hulbert said that there had been significant publicity for the Parish in relation to planting the 'Orchard for the Future' on Wapley Common.
- He reported that the Evening Post is involved in trying to locate people who had taken part in a Mother's Day planting 9 years ago with an aim of taking an up to date picture of the group by the mature trees on the tenth anniversary in 2012.
- Cllr Linda Boon said that she had a photograph of the original event showing her and David Stimpson planting a tree.

### **4. South Ward issues**

- Cllr Claire Young said that she would be taking part in the site visit to Beech Hill Farm on 1 April.
- The planning application for an earth bund at Lydes Farm had been placed on the list but she had not called it in.
- Cllr Claire Young brought the Council up to date on the use of HRA funding in the Parish.

## **5. 'Green' dog walkers**

- Cllr Claire Young reported that South Gloucestershire Council had not included the 'green' dog walkers scheme as part of their cleansing strategy and had bounced the idea back to Town and Parish Councils. She felt that the scheme should be given more recognition.

## **6. Wapley Court residential home**

- Cllr Alan Lawrance reported that a SGC debate on the closure of Wapley Court residential home had been triggered following a petition of 2,500 signatures organised by Mr Williams, a Maisemore resident.
- The timing of the closure was now to be reconsidered which was a good outcome for the residents.

## **7. Big Spring Clean 2011**

- Members were given details of litter picking, organised by Barry Riley of the Rotary Club, which would take place on Thursday 7 April 2011, starting at the Kingfisher Road entrance to Lilliput park at 10am.

## **51/11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

- APPROVED schedule of payments.
- Payments with cheque numbers 10467 to 10515 inclusive as well as standing orders and direct debits for the period 18 February to 18 March 2011.
- Members NOTED the bank reconciliation as at 28 February 2011.

## **52/11 NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 11 May 2011** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

Signed .....Chairman

Date 11 May 2011