



Dodington Parish Council

MINUTES of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **9 November 2011** at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Barry Adams (from 7.40pm), Linda Boon, Pat Cotterell, Kay Crowe, John Davis, Jane Giddings, Christine Howard (Vice Chairman), Paul Hulbert, Dave Lane, Cliff Phelps, Adrian Rush, Gloria Stephen (Chairman)

Cllr Claire Young (South Gloucestershire Council)

Marie Partridge (NatWest Bank) – guest of Cllr Jane Giddings 7.30pm to 8.15pm

Wendy Mayo (Clerk)

137/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dafydd Holbrook and Mandy Sainsbury
No apologies were received from Cllr Alan Lawrance (South Gloucestershire Council)

138/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- Cllr John Davis – Wapley Flower Festival

139/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

140/11 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

1. Memorial Hospital

- Cllr Adrian Rush said that the Memorial Hospital in Chipping Sodbury had now closed and it was unclear where the usual annual Remembrance Service would be held.
- RESOLVED that it was too late to follow up for this year as Armistice Day was just two days away, however, the Clerk would make enquiries for future years.

141/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 5th OCTOBER 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.

142/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 12TH OCTOBER 2011

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

143/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 19TH OCTOBER 2011

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

144/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 26TH OCTOBER 2011

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

145/11 WAPLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

- Cllr John Davis reported that the tri-annual Wapley Flower Show, due to take place in 2012 had been cancelled due to a change of land ownership which meant that the usual field could not be used for parking during the three day event.
- Cancellation of the event meant that funds would not be raised for repairs and maintenance to St Peter's Church which would cost £2,200.
- The Clerk confirmed there was £4,500 available in the earmarked reserves for the Wapley Flower Show in 2012/13.
- It was proposed and RESOLVED that since the Flower Show would not be taking place for several years, that the Church Council should be invited to apply for funding of £2,200.
- The Church Council would also be asked to nominate the repair works as a project to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- The Clerk suggested that St Peter's Church would be a suitable site for a Diamond Jubilee Beacon.
- RESOLVED to discuss further at the next Community, Leisure and Environment Committee meeting.

146/11 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

- Members discussed a training schedule that had been previously circulated.
- RESOLVED to hold in-house training sessions on Wednesday evenings when normal Council meetings were not scheduled, starting in the New Year.
- Topics to be covered would be Roles and Responsibilities, Finance and Law.
- Cllr Christine Howard asked whether the Chairman of Dyrham and Hinton PC

could attend the training and it was agreed that he could.

147/11 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND - CONSULTATION

- Cllr Paul Hulbert talked the Council through potential changes to Parliamentary Boundaries in South Gloucestershire.
- A question arose as to whether our Council should comment as the consultation could be deemed as political.
- RESOLVED that the Clerk would take advice and comment on the consultation if appropriate.

148/11 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Landcare

- Members NOTED correspondence from Landcare giving details of a change of ownership to Mr Ian Batterton.
- RESOLVED that the Clerk would make contact with Mr Batterton in due course to ensure continuity in the working relationship.

2. SYPHA

- Members NOTED the agenda for the SYPHA AGM to be held on 16th November 2011.
- Cllr Adrian Rush reported that there had been some changes to the organisation which would see SYPHA join forces with the Kingswood Young Homeless Project and be renamed South Gloucestershire Youth Housing.

3. South Gloucestershire Council

- Councillors NOTED correspondence from SG Environment and Community Services in relation to recent vandalism of war memorials in the County.

4. Armadillo Youth Café

- Members NOTED letters to Cllrs Gloria Stephen and Paul Hulbert inviting them to attend a Royal Visit to the Armadillo Youth Venue and Café on Tuesday 13th December.

5. South Gloucestershire Council – Community Consultations

- Members NOTED correspondence giving details of the SGC Budget Consultation 2012/13.
- RESOLVED to consider a response to the consultation at the next Full Council meeting.

149/11 ITEMS OF REPORT

1. Yate Opportunity Group

- Cllr Pat Cotterell reported that a Treasurer had been found for the Yate Opportunity Group.

2. Yate Safer Stronger Community Group

- Cllr Pat Cotterell commented that the Yate SSCG was seeking views on changes to the way that Social care users contribute to the support they receive.

3. Food Bank

- Cllr John Davis gave feedback on the launch of Yate Food Bank.
- RESOLVED to make a donation to the food bank as an alternative to exchanging Christmas Cards.
- Cllr Davis to make the presentation to the food bank organisers.

4. N50 Night Bus

- Cllr Paul Hulbert reported that there would be a Night Bus meeting on 22nd November 2011. It was anticipated that our Council's contribution would be in the low £4k range.

5. Wapley Rank – street lamp

- Cllr Jane Giddings reported that the street lamp alongside Wapley Rank is out.
- RESOLVED to contact Streetcare.

6. South Ward Speed Watch

- Cllr Claire Young reported that training had taken place for a Codrington resident to use the Speed Watch kit.
- There was limited availability of volunteers and it was RESOLVED that a call for volunteers would be made in the January 2012 Newsletter.

7. Cardboard recycling bags

- Cllr Claire Young commented that more cardboard recycling bags were being ordered by South Gloucestershire Council and that they would be distributed to individual houses.

8. Newsletter 2012

- The Clerk asked Members to start thinking about articles that could be included in the 2012 Newsletter, to be published in January.

9. Community Christmas Carol Concert

- Members NOTED that the Community Christmas Carol Concert with Tyndale Baptist Church and Dodington Parish Band would take place on Tuesday 13th December, the time to be confirmed.
- The Clerk reported that a new Pastor, Josh Monteiro, had joined Tyndale Baptist Church and would be taking on some of the current responsibilities of Pastor Bert Weenink.

150/11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

- APPROVED schedule of payments.
- Payments with cheque numbers 10728 to 10770 inclusive as well as standing orders and direct debits from 19th October to 20th October 2011.
- NOTED bank reconciliation up to and including 31 October 2011.

151/11 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 14th December 2011** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

SignedChairman

Date 14th December 2011