



Dodington Parish Council

MINUTES of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Dodington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **20th January 2016** convening at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Keely Barrett-Waines, Linda Boon, John Davis, David Fitt, Paul Hulbert, Christine Howard (Chairman for the meeting) Phillip Jones, David Lane, Annette Parsons, Cliff Phelps, Adrian Rush, Mandy Sainsbury, Gloria Stephen (until 9pm), and Chris Zapata

Also present were Rob Creer (South Gloucestershire Council), Clerk Deputy Clerk (until 8:15pm), Steph Wyatt from SGC and 1 member of public (until 8:15pm)

Prior to the meeting the Chairman explained the evacuation procedure.

1/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barry Adams

Apologies were also received from Cllrs Claire Young and Tony Davis (South Gloucestershire Council).

2/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- Cllrs Linda Boon and Gloria Stephen – South Glos Planning
- There were no requests for dispensations.

3/16 DRAFT WASTE STRATEGY PRESENTATION BY STEPH WYATT

- Steph Wyatt from South Glos Council gave members a presentation on the Draft Waste Strategy.
- Steph has emailed presentation to Clerk – who post meeting forwarded to members.
- Rationale behind the changes – is to encourage more households to recycle – and thus reduce the amount of waste that goes to Landfill and therefore save the council money.
- Current recycling rate is below the benchmark figure of 50% so this is the first target to hit.
- It is believed by simplifying the recycling collections (changing containers from

bags to boxes, kerbside sorting and weekly collections) this will encourage more households to recycle.

- In order to encourage this further – the black bin is to be reduced in size from 240l to 140l (and will still only be collected fortnightly).
- The Green Bins and Green Bin Charge are not part of this consultation at all.
- It was stressed that households that had to have larger bins due to medical needs or that required an assisted collection – wouldn't be affected.
- Members asked questions – although the actual business plan that illustrates expenditure and time to recoup this and make the desired savings is not available yet.
- Steph was thanked for her time and Chairman apologised that it was a short slot due to business that has to be transacted with it being first full council meeting of year.
- This consultation will be considered by members at the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 3rd February 2016.

4/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A list of all planning applications and the Council's decisions forms Appendix 1 to the minutes

5/16 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

- There were no parishioner's questions.

6/16 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 9th DECEMBER 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a true record (after a couple of minor amendments).

Cllr Christine Howard signed the minutes.

One matter arising that Cllr Linda Boon pointed out – and that was that she had been asked to call in planning application PK15/5154/PNGR. However, she was to rescind this – as application is going to be refused.

7/16 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as read for the following Committee Meetings:

1. Community, Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting of the Council held on 16th December 2015.
2. Planning Committee Meeting of the Council held on 6th January 2016.
3. Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings of the Council held on 6th January 2016.

8/16 TO DISCUSS ARRANGMENTS FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- Cllr David Fitt proposed that a minutes silence be observed – in recognition of all people that had been involved in council life over the years – and had sadly passed away. No names to be mentioned (so as not to miss anyone out). This was duly **RESOLVED**. For clarity Cllr Christine Howard will mention the loss of Wendy during her Chairmans report.
- Idea's for guest speakers were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to have a series of smaller presentations instead of one main speaker. Steph Wyatt or someone from S Glos Council to be invited to explain Draft Waste Strategy (along with samples of smaller bins, etc). Cllrs from Dodington Parish Council and other stakeholders / users to present on Green Spaces in the Parish. This led onto question of projector – need to look into purchasing a new one. Clerk to put on agenda for F&GP committee. Cllr Paul Hulbert checked about claiming back expenses for presentation boards – as has done previously.
- It was noted that Derek Mayo was happy to do the refreshments this year – in memory of Wendy.

9/16 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILLORS TO GO INTO DRAW TO ATTEND ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

- After due consideration (Cllrs Paul Hulbert and Cliff Phelps declined nominations). Cllr David Lane proposed Cllr Christine Howard. Christine accepted – if she could take a past councillor and Chairman as her guest (John Marshall). This proposal was seconded by Cllr John Davis and **RESOLVED**.

10/16 TO RECEIVE ANY NOMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY AWARDS

- After due consideration it was **RESOLVED** to nominate 4 people for the excellent work they have done not only over past year – but for many years within the Parish of Dodington. These nominees were:- Terry Stanforth and Jenny Shiles (for work on Agincourt day), Pat Cotterell for all her work at Lilliput Park and Cllr Paul Hulbert – for all of the work and volunteering he does.

11/16 TO NOTE LETTER FROM COTSWOLD CONSERVATION BOARD RE ELECTIONS

- This was duly noted – nobody was interested in joining the board – Clerk to respond accordingly.

12/16 TO NOTE / DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM R HODEY (deferred from F&GP Meeting)

- Meeting went into closed session while this item was discussed and note of minute will be placed in confidential minute file.

13/16 TO INFORM MEMBERS THAT CLLR PHILIP JONES IS TO COME OFF CL&E COMMITTEE

- This was duly noted – and Chairman of CL&E committee Cllr Paul Hulbert asked that his thanks to Cllr Philip Jones for contribution to the committee be minuted (and if his work commitments change – he is welcome back).

14/16 TO INFORM MEMBERS THAT SODBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW CHAIRPERSON

- This was duly noted.

15/16 TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2016-17

- The Chairman briefly ran over the budget – explaining the increase on previous year (6.06%).
- It was proposed by Cllr David Fitt and seconded by Cllr David Lane and **Resolved** that budget of £194,909.00 be approved.

16/16 TO APPROVE PRECEPT REQUEST 2016-17

- It was proposed by Cllr David Fitt and seconded by Cllr David Lane and **Resolved** that a precept of £194,909.00 be requested.

17/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

- The payment and bank reconciliation for past month were noted.

18/16 ITEMS OF REPORT

1. Cllr David Fitt mentioned the hedge outside the bungalow at Rodborough (where car had gone through it over Christmas period). It was agreed to ask Streetcare to go and have a look at it.
2. Cllr Annette Parsons mentioned litter being dropped by school children (at the end of the day) along Kingfisher and Finch Road. A letter to the school was suggested.
3. Cllr Cliff Phelps reported back on the Shop Mobility meeting that he had attended. Clerk to forward minutes of meeting onto Cllr Paul Hulbert – as there was a suggested action for him.
4. It was reported by Cllr Rob Creer that the results of the speed calming consultation along Heron Way were due to be published – and measures are going to be put in place.
5. There was a suggestion by Cllr Chris Zapata about advertising the APM at the end of March – by utilising some of the boards that he had made up for Agincourt. This will go on the CL&E agenda for 3rd March.
6. Cllr Linda Boon explained that the roadworks currently taking place in Chipping Sodbury are the implementation of the 20MPH scheme and a new pedestrian crossing.
7. Cllr John Davis mentioned that there is a problem with parking at Mallard Close – meaning that the footpath is blocked and anyone in a wheelchair or with a pushchair can't get through. It was agreed that this be put on the next Planning Committee agenda.
8. Cllr Christine Howard brought the issue of Chipping Sodbury Library / Mobile Libraries to member's attention. A consultation on future of these is imminent. It will go on the CL&E agenda for comment as and when comes in.

9. Clerk informed members of recent 'safety' issues that Raysfield Infant and Junior School have encountered. A copy of letter sent out from school to parents is on file, and it is likely that the school will revisit the subject of 'fence' again.
10. Clerk thanked all members for their contributions to Newsletter, and advised them of timeline that working towards. If haven't done your article – please can you get to Clerk by 1st February.

19/16 NEXT MEETING

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of the Council would be held at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 24th February 2016** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed – at 9:20pm.

SignedChairman

Date 24th February 2016