

A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20 February 2008 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

Apologies: Mr Hancock - abroad, Mr Friend - abroad, Cllr Kindersley - away, Cllr Elsby - bereavement..

Present: Mr Martin, Mrs Hurst, Mr Wittey, Mr Wheeler, Mr Sole and the Clerk,

Minutes: of the last meeting, previously circulated, were amended, agreed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Footpath 11: John Cooper from CCC rang to let us know that Mr Sapsed's letter had been received and Mr Andrew Stimpson is currently off sick and will respond on his return to work.

B1042 junction with Larkins Road: Cllr Kindersley was not at the meeting

"Speed Bump" in the High Street: Mr Vacher reported that the severe depression and bump in the High Street will be done at the same time as the Capital Bid Team does some other work in the High Street.

Police Meeting: Mr Sole attended the Police Meeting on behalf of the Council. He reported that the Police representatives present were roasted by every single parish. Each parish has asked for speed checks and the Police only appear to have done a handful of these, and at the quiet times of the day. They did explain that villages like Arrington with an A road can only be speed checked by Traffic Police, and there was nothing that can be done by the Panel in this respect. The Police instigated the Panel Meetings to ask the parishes what they wanted from policing; they have been told and then do not action it! A representative from Highways who attended also received some pressure from the meeting and left at 9.00pm.

Village Matters:

Footpath 7/23: The Clerk wrote to Arrington regarding Council's decision not to support the reinstatement of the circular walk.

Cemetery: John Cobbs have finished the field entrances and these have been approved by Mr Denis Vacher from CCC Highways. Mr Sole and Mr Martin to liaise on a two fencing plans, and pass to the Clerk who will obtain quotations from two contractors.

Dog Bins: SCDC have responded that Croydon does not qualify for any additional dog bins. Council is undecided as to whether Croydon has any at all. Mrs Hurst and Mr Wittey will check to see if there are any and pass the information to the Clerk. The Council's response will depend on the presence of any bins.

4 x 4 days: The Planning Enforcement Officers from SCDC have written asking for local residents to keep a log of the field usage. Copies of the letter will be passed to complainants for their information.

Allotments: Mr and Mrs Kennerley have asked for an allotment. So far, every request received has been from a template letter. The Chairman repeated that the increase that would be needed in the precept to provide allotments for a few people would be exorbitant.

Village Fete: Mr Friend has called a meeting to arrange this year's village event. There was sufficient interest to go ahead – the date will be Saturday 5 July in the Queen Adelaide garden, with a proposed 4.00pm start going through to late evening.

Report from Cllr Kindersley was e-mailed to all Councillors

Correspondence:

Site Specific Policies: Cambourne – The clerk has replied as instructed on behalf of the Council.

Future of Council Housing: From the leaflet received it appears that SCDC still seems to be trying to offload the council housing stock to a housing association.

Conduct of Members – Consultation: A large booklet was received from the Standards Board regarding a consultation on the regulations. No-one was particularly keen to read through it.

CALC: Bulletin received and distributed. Mr Wheeler to attend a seminar on allotments on 8 March 2008 at Bluntisham, at a cost of £45-00.

Countryside Access Forum: A poster has been put on the notice board and the accompanying letter will be passed to Mr Jenkins for information.

Celebrate St George's Day: Council decided not to organise anything this year as so much fundraising is going on in the village at the moment.

Planning:

4 x 4 Issues: SCDC has sent a response to the complaints made about the use of the field in the centre of the village. Copies will be passed to complainants.

Finance:

Appointment of Auditors: Moore Stephens has been appointed as auditors for a further five years.

John Cobbs: An invoice for £5753 - 98 has been received for works in the churchyard. It was proposed that a cheque for that amount be signed. All in favour.

ACRE: Subscription card for 2008 received.

Re-issue of PCC cheque from 2007: Clerk had noted, on preparation of the figures for the precept, that the PCC cheque for churchyard maintenance had not been presented. Apparently the PCC Treasurer did not get the cheque and asked if Council would re-issue it. Clerk to prepare a letter to the bank which the cheque signatories will sign out of meeting, asking for the original cheque to be stopped prior to issuing another cheque at the March meeting. Proposed by Mr Sole, seconded Mrs Hurst. All in favour.

Website: Mr Wheeler presented his annual account for website costs. The invoice total is £546-99. He asked that he should be paid £300 towards a system upgrade and £46-99 for the annual host costs, with the balance of £200 being split equally between the parish church and the Reading Room. Proposed by Mrs Hurst, seconded by Mr Sole. Four in favour with one abstention. Clerk to forward the two cheques on Mr Wheeler's behalf with a covering letter.

CALC Training: It was proposed by Mrs Hurst and seconded by Mr Martin that a cheque for £45-00 to cover Mr Wheeler's attendance at the seminar on Allotments should be signed. All in favour.

Items for next agenda:

None put forward.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 19 March 2008 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Signed

Date

