

## **A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20 June 2007 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.**

**Apologies:** Mr Martin and Mr Sole for late arrival.

**Present:** Mr Wheeler, Mr Martin, Mrs Hurst, Mr Hancock, Mr Wittey, Mr Sole, County and District Cllr Kindersley, District Cllr Elsby, two members of the public and the Clerk.

**Co-option:** Mr Friend had asked to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. The Chairman proposed that Mr Friend should be co-opted and all were in favour. Mr Friend joined the Council tables. Councillors also took this opportunity to update, as required, their Members' Interests forms.

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

### **Matters Arising:**

**Footpaths:** Mr Jenkins and Mr Hancock met with the County Council footpaths representative. There are currently two unusable footpaths, which apparently belong to Mr Farrer. It is the landowners' responsibility to keep the footpaths accessible. There is also a badly rutted footpath above the church, which belongs to Mr Farrer. The footpath at Low Farm has been reported as "difficult". The kissing gate by the notice board needs attention. Mrs Hurst raised the subject of disabled access and kissing gates. Any tools used for work on the footpaths must belong to the Parish Council. Mr Jenkins is covered under Council's Local Councils' Insurance Section 1, part B, Employers' Liability 2 (v), but must only use Parish Council tools. Mr Hancock has offered to donate some of his surplus tooling to the Parish Council. The footpath warden must not lop trees, burn waste or use any chemicals. Mr Wheeler thanked Mr Jenkins for his work and for attending the meeting.

**Model Code of Conduct:** There was a great deal of discussion on the new Model Code of Conduct. It was proposed by Mr Hancock that a resolution be passed to adopt the new Code of Conduct from today, including section 12(2). The proposal was seconded by Mr Wheeler - all in favour. The Clerk will inform the Standards Board for England, SCDC Monitoring Officer and advertise the Code's adoption in the local paper.

### **Village Matters:**

**Lower Manor Farm:** The sign erected to advertise the sale of this site has caused a great deal of unrest. The site only has planning permission for one four bed-roomed house and will not be the location of another new town!

**Round Your Way:** The Company will be moving back to Valley Farm offices in September, when the Portakabin will be removed.

**Collapsing Road:** Some work has been done on the potholes, but there is still more that could be done.

**Gypsy and Traveller Meeting:** Mr Hancock has volunteered to attend the meeting at South Cambs Hall in Cambourne on Thursday 19 July from 3pm until 7pm.

### **Correspondence:**

**Anti-Social Behaviour and Envirocrime:** Meeting on Tuesday 25 September at Cambridge City Airport from 5.30 - 8.30pm.

**Painting Contest:** CWC and CEN contest for Water Colour painting. Details to be passed to the local artists.

**Dog Bins:** Council considered the options put forward by SCDC regarding emptying the bins in the future and it was proposed by the Chairman that Option 2 was the most reasonable alternative. All in favour. Clerk to e-mail Stuart Harwood-Clark at SCDC with the result.

**Patient and Public Involvement:** (PPI in health). Volunteers required to be on a panel. Details will be available from the website.

**Affordable Housing Open Day:** Notification of Open Day at Bowker Close, London Road, Newport near Saffron Walden on Thursday 19 July received.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Mr Keith Fowler, who has been our NHW co-ordinator for several years has resigned from the post. He wished to make it clear that it has nothing to do with response from the village, which has been brilliant, but his disillusionment with the Police. Council was very sorry to hear of Mr Fowler's resignation and asked the Clerk to invite Inspector Paul Ormerod and Mr Fowler to a meeting to discuss the problem. The problem with traffic during the Cereals 2007 event at Wendy was raised. The roads were so badly clogged up that local young people were unable to get to Bassingbourn Village College for their GCSE exams. It would have also been impossible to get an emergency vehicle through to anywhere. It was reported that the Police were conspicuous by their absence. General opinion was that the organisation of the event was a shambles.

**Melbourn Neighbourhood Panel:** Croydon is in the Gamlingay division. There will be liaison to see what the public actually wants the Police to do.

**Mobile Library:** There will be a new timetable starting from January 2008.

**SCLDF:** Local maps have been updated - Cllr Kindersley reported that there was nothing relevant to Croydon in the updates.

#### **Planning:**

**Croydon Farm:** The application for a swimming pool has been refused again.

**Hawthorn Cottage:** An application to build an extension to the rear of Hawthorn Cottage in the High Street was received. Councillors inspected the plans and it was proposed by the Mr Wheeler and seconded by Mr Friend that there be no objections. All in favour.

#### **Finance:**

**Audit:** Council's accounts have been received by Moore Stephens.

**Bank Statement:** The balance in the account on 30 May was £784-65.

**Website:** Mr Wheeler has purchased the "Vista" software for the website. It was proposed by Mr Sole and seconded by Mrs Hurst that Council reimburse to Mr Wheeler the sum of £61-70 for this. All in favour.

**Councillor Kindersley:** Reported that the Conservatives have overall control at SCDC and are ditching the Transformation Project. Council housing is likely to be sold off and the interest used to pay off the debts. There is a need to get a representative onto the Participation Panel.

#### **Items for next agenda:**

None put forward.

Mr Wheeler gave his apologies for the July meeting as he will be on holiday.

**Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 18 July in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

**Signed**

**Date**