

The Annual Meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16 May 2007 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

Apologies: None

Present: Mr Wheeler, Mr Martin, Mrs Straw, Mrs Hurst, Mr Hancock, Mr Wittey, Mr Sole, County and District Cllr Kindersley, District Cllr Elsby and the Clerk.

Elections:

Chairman: Mr Wheeler was nominated for the office of Chairman by Mrs Hurst and seconded by Mr Hancock. All in favour.

Vice Chairman: Mr Sole was nominated for the office of Vice Chairman by Mrs Straw and seconded by Mrs Hurst. All in favour.

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

Matters Arising:

Cemetery: The quote from John Cobb for works to the churchyard extension has been accepted and the clerk will notify Websters of the Council's decision.

Andrew Lansley: Copy of response to Andrew Lansley's letter to Yvette Cooper, Minister for Housing and Planning was received.

Village Matters:

Round Your Way: The portakabin does need planning consent. The owners have three months to apply for permission.

Collapsing Road: Memory jog item until completed.

Correspondence:

New Model Code of Conduct: **This is to be an agenda item at the next meeting.** The clerk will send the link out to Councillors so that they have the chance to read the new Code before the meeting.

Councillor Kindersley's report:

Cambs County Council: Council has agreed to a 28 year privately financed waste contract, on a site at Waterbeach. The compost-like material produced from recycling the green bin waste will be used to top off landfill sites. Northstowe has been approved. Lower Road in Croydon has been dug up again, and there is no progress with speed reduction.

District Council: Following the local elections, the Council is in a state of flux as overall control now rests with the Conservatives. The Conservation portfolio holder has stepped down, and there are no plans to collect plastic waste from homes.

Cllr Kindersley invited questions on his report. As there were none put forward, he left to go to his next meeting.

Correspondence continued with:-

CALC: The first liaison meeting with SCDC and CCC has been arranged for 7 June. There is no-one available to attend for Council. Clerk will send apologies.

ASBO: Leaflets about ASBOs received and distributed to Councillors.

Gypsy and Traveller Meeting: Minutes from 27 March 2007 meeting received.

Fire and Rescue Leaflets: Distributed for completion by Councillors.

CALC: Bulletins distributed. Trainings for Clerk and Councillors received.

Materials and Waste Plan: The timetable for various decisions on the waste strategy has altered. The Plan is due to be adopted in December 2010.

Parish Councillors Guide: Clerk brought to Council's attention an advertisement for the newest edition of this book, and suggested that it should be purchased for reference purposes. This was proposed by Mrs Hurst and seconded by Mr Hancock. All in favour. A cheque for £14-50 was signed.

Information: A list of useful telephone numbers has been updated to the village website.

Training Day at Ely: Offers of places on a training day about churchyards have been received. As the Council is not responsible for this, the e-mail will be forwarded to the Vicar and Churchwarden.

P3: Letter of Council's acceptance onto the scheme has been received. Clerk to invite Mr Jenkins, the Footpath Warden, to the next meeting.

Electoral Roll: There are two additions to the village electoral roll.

Councillor: Mrs Straw tendered her resignation from the Council due to relocation. The Chairman thanked her for all her hard work whilst on the Council and wished her well for the future. Clerk will notify SCDC of the vacancy.

Planning:

Crail: The Parish Council may not write to the Ombudsman, but individuals can.

Gransden Gliders: The Gliding Club has applied for a variation in its Planning Conditions because of a National Competition from 18-26 August. As there were no reported problems last year it was proposed by Mr Hancock and seconded by Mr Sole that there should be no objections to this. Motion carried by a majority vote - with one vote against.

Catkins: Planning permission for the garage granted with conditions.

Finance:

Auditors: Moore Stephens have been appointed as auditors for another year.

VAT: Clerk has reclaimed £284-38 VAT and it has been repaid by BACS.

Bank Statement: Balance at 27 April was £2204-10 (VAT not in this total).

Insurance: Clerk to send a copy of the page on Volunteers in the Policy Document to Mr Jenkins.

Cheques: The following cheques were presented for signature:-

Allianz Cornhill Insurance - £448-41, Croydon Parish Room - £110-50, Croydon PCC (for churchyard maintenance) - £225-00. St George's Day expenses - £91-78, Clerk's salary and expenses - £1149-14, Mr P Chilvers (internal auditor) - £30-00. It was proposed by Mr Hancock and seconded by Mr Sole that the cheques should be signed. All in favour.

Website: Following the vote at the Annual Parish Meeting for the continuation of the village website, despite its sporadic use, it was suggested that Mr Wheeler should be paid at a rate of £10 per hour for the time he spends working on the website. Mr Wheeler asked that the money earned for this be split between the Reading Room and the Church at the year end. In order to save him time in this work he asked that he could purchase a piece of software called Vista at a cost of around £55-00. This was proposed by Mr Hancock and seconded by Mr Wittey. All in favour.

Accounts: Council considered the effectiveness and findings of the internal audit and concluded that the accounts were being kept and prepared in accordance with the Regulations. Council could see no areas requiring development or change. The Annual Governance Statement was completed by the Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. It was proposed by Mr Wittey and seconded by Mr Sole that the accounts be formally adopted. All in favour.

Parking: It was brought to the Chairman's attention that there had been a problem with inconsiderate parking at the Church during the christening on May 6. A horsebox had been unable to get through and a church member was lambasted about this. The Chairman suggested that it is made very clear to the PCC that the creation of the churchyard extension will not produce any more parking for the church, and perhaps signs indicating where vehicles may or may not be parked should be displayed when there is likely to be a large congregation.

Items for next agenda: Footpaths.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 20 June 2007 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Signed

Date