

A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17 October 2007 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

Apologies: Cllr Elsby – away

Present: Mr Martin, Mrs Hurst, Mr Wittey, Mr Sole, Mr Friend, Mr Wheeler, Mrs Hurst, Cllr Kindersley and the Clerk.

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

Matters Arising:

Police: Following the discussion with the PCSOs, it seems that feedback to Mr Fowler is beginning to take place.

Village Matters:

Cemetery: Clerk wrote to John Cobbs in Barrington regarding the cemetery fence, and at present has not received a reply. Mr Martin has offered to contact them.

Cold Calling Zone: The Cold Calling Zone was raised at the Neighbourhood Panel meeting. It was agreed that the Police would be approached to discover the merits and costs of the scheme

Allotments: If six people make written requests for an allotment, then a site has to be provided. The site need not be in the village and the costs of its provision would need to be reflected in the annual rental of the plot.

Bales and 4 x 4 Days: Two letters of complaint were received by Council regarding the frequency of the 4 x 4 events and the proximity of bale stacks to residences. Council agreed to write to SCDC Environmental Health and Planning for clarification of various points. Clerk will acknowledge receipt of letters to the complainants.

Councillor Kindersley gave his report to Council:-

Cambs County Council: Cllr Kindersley reminded Council of the Neighbourhood Panel meeting at Haslingfield Pavilion on 24 October, 7.00 for 7.30pm. It appears that at the previous meeting the main village concerns were, as always, police invisibility, anti-social behaviour and speeding! Croydon has not had a speed check, which would be extremely useful.

Congestion Charge: If CCC establishes a congestion charge, it will acquire lots of money. Cllr Kindersley feels very strongly that, if the congestion charge is implemented, the public transport system needs to be greatly improved. He suggested neighbourhood Park and Rides and buses that go directly along main roads instead of “round the houses”. If this is not done, he feels that people who live in the country will be penalised for using their cars to go into Cambridge.

Audit: CCC has been audited and it was found to be operating at the lowest acceptable level. No extra Government funding for the large amount of immigrants the region has to cope with has been cited as the reason for this.

Afghanistan: SCDC has been asked if it will donate money for a memorial. Council does not feel this is the best use of public funds.

Wysing Arts: SCDC and Wysing Arts have a long-standing partnership and Wysing Arts is improving its premises with a grant from the Lottery.

Highways: CCC Highways has agreed to work on a scheme for the junction of Larkins Road and the A603. Cllr Kindersley recommended that Council does not apply for a Joint Funded Minor Improvement scheme grant.

Tractor Driver: The tractor driver who caused chaos in the High Street recently received 180 hours community service and will have to take an extended driving test.

Correspondence:

Housing Futures: Poster sent for the notice board. Unfortunately it was double sided so impossible to display both sides at once. Mr Friend offered to copy one side and will return it to the Clerk for display.

Code of Conduct: Newsletter received – interesting reading.

Defra: Leaflets received on Ways to Tackle Climate Change. The information will be put on the website and leaflets placed in the distribution centre in the Queen Adelaide.

Hunts Youth Funding: Poster to go into the notice board.

Cambridge East Area Action Plan: The Inspector has suggested using land originally identified as “green” as without it the Plan would be unsustainable. Councillors to comment if it is felt necessary. The information was circulated by forwarded e-mail.

Finance:

Precept: Has been paid in.

Items for next agenda:

Footpath 11

Footpath cutter

High Street sign

Woods Ménage

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 21 November in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

Date