

Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th June 2010
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr D Benfield, Cllr Y Bennett, Cllr P Bennell, Cllr J Day, Cllr A Foss, Cllr E Godbold, Cllr D Haigh,
Cllr B Osbourn, Cllr L Sandle

Parish clerk: Jo Wheeler

1. Apologies

Cllr P Davis – illness; Cllr D Fitchett – family commitment; Cllr D Haigh – holiday; Cllr W Reddaway – away; Cllr S Wichall - injury; Cllr W Reddaway – away;

2. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman reminded Councillors of their obligations to declare any interests, and of their obligations under the Code of Conduct.

3. Police Matters

WPC Lisa Draper was unable to attend. Report was distributed to councillors.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 10th April 2010

The council approved the minutes of 10th April 2010 and they were signed as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters arising

None

6. Chairman's update

The council discussed the commencement of Covingham Square Phase One. Cllr Osbourn has also reported the fact that the contractor has left some large root bowls still within the ground work, which need to be removed. Cllr Osbourn informed the council that he met with Ward Cllr Dale Heenan to discuss current issues.

7. Finance matters

The cheque list was approved.

Monthly financial statement was discussed and approved.

8. Matters arising from public questions

There were no members of the public in attendance.

9. Allotments

Cllr Benfield and Cllr Sandle reported on their attendance at the Allotment Association meeting. There is no change with the current policy as a written agreement between the two parish councils cannot be found. All agreed that locating the old parish council minutes would be the only way to show whether an agreement was made. Previous parish clerk to find minutes.

All agreed that the alternative is to find a piece of land in, or near to, Covingham to provide allotment plot for Covingham residents. Cllr Osbourn to discuss with Ward Cllr Dale Heenan.

10. Recreations & Amenities Group

Cllr Day reported on quotes for adult exercise equipment for the parks. All agreed to consult residents on their views.

The council agreed the following actions:

- 1.) Basketball area in Smitan Brook needs resurfacing rather than patching. Parish clerk to send the quote from Swindon Commercial Services (SCS) to the members of the Recreation & Amenities Group, and ask SCS to amend with requirements.
- 2.) Parish clerk to ask the school whether the parish council can look into some drainage over school land, to reduce flooding in Covingham park.
- 3.) Obtain quotes for Covingham Park basketball area
- 4.) Mark out football pitch on Covingham Park

11. Covingham Primary School

Cllr Osbourn reminded Councillors to attend the official opening on the 25th June.

12. Road condition survey

The council discussed the survey Cllr Benfield compiled to show all the problem road surfaces. Parish clerk to send to Swindon Borough Council.

13. Grant applications

| Organisation | Decision |
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| Wiltshire Victim Support | All agreed £200 |
| St John ambulance | Refused – as parish council doesn't 'sponsor' events, it awards grants direct to organisations. |
| Covingham Roundabout Pre School Ltd | Refused – cannot award grants to limited companies. |

14. Planning Matters:

The following planning applications were noted:

| Planning application | Location | Details | Decision |
|----------------------|-------------|--|--------------|
| S/10/0756 | 3 Dovetrees | Erection of a single storey rear extension | No objection |

15. Matters for Consideration:

- Cllr P Bennell – number of issues to report to police. Cllr Bennell to contact WPC Lisa Draper directly
- Cllr D Benfield – suggested that planning permission may be required for 1 Brind Close. Parish clerk to find out.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed:

Date: