

Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th October 2010
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

Present:

Cllr P Bennell, Cllr A Foss, Cllr E Godbold, Cllr D Haigh, Cllr B Osbourn, Cllr W Reddaway,
Cllr L Sandle, Cllr S Wichall

Parish clerk: Jo Wheeler (parish clerk), Terry Young (parish council groundsman)

43. Apologies

Cllr P Davis – illness, Cllr J Day – work, Cllr Y Bennett, Cllr D Benfield

44. Declaration of Interests

None

45. Minutes of the Meeting 13th September 2010

The council approved the minutes of 13th September 2010 and they were signed as a true and accurate record.

46. Matters arising

None

47. Public questions

Two members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

48. Recreation and Amenities Group report

The parish clerk informed the council that she had written to the managing director of Swindon Commercial Services to complain about the weed growth in the Smitan Brook basketball area. She had sent copies of the letter to members of the Recreations and Amenities Group.

Cllr Osbourn offered to discuss the problem trees with Ward Cllr Heenan. The council discussed the vandalised tree in Smitan Brook Park. Cllr Godbold agreed to meet Terry Young (groundsman) to stake the tree in hope of repair. All agreed to offer a £100 reward for information leading to the successful prosecution of the person that committed the criminal damage to the tree.

49. Planning matters

None

50. Financial matters

September financial summary and October cheque list agreed.

51. Grant applications

Agreed to award a grant of £300 to Vitalise.

52. Matters for Consideration

Cllr Haigh reported a number of situations where foliage from resident's gardens is encroaching onto footpaths. This is particularly dangerous for partially sighted and blind people using the footpath. Cllr Haigh to send Cllr Osbourn and the parish clerk a list of these properties. Parish clerk to then write to residents and request that foliage is trimmed back.

Cllr Sandle asked whether there has been any progress with the allotments. Cllr Osbourn to chase up with Ward Cllr Heenan.

Cllr Foss to ask the headmistress to send a letter about children's help with bulb planting. All councillors and parents encouraged to help with planting.

Cllr Wichall mentioned the grass cutting. Parish clerk to obtain quotes from other companies for 2011.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

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