

# Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

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## **Present:**

Cllr D Benfield, Cllr P Bennell, Cllr J Day, 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)

## **100. Apologies**

Apologies from Cllr P Davis

The parish clerk read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Bennett. The council resolved to accept her resignation.

## **101. Declaration of Interests**

None

## **102. Minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

The council approved the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and they were signed as a true and accurate record.

## **103. Police matters**

PCSO Jason Wines and PCSO Maria Giles were welcomed to the meeting. They informed the council that five minor crimes were reported in February. The restructuring continues however redundancies are only directly affecting office based staff.

The council discussed concerns that some vulnerable residents are being targeted by criminals and pushy sales people, because they are displaying A cards in their windows. The A cards help Swindon Borough Council contractors identify those people who aren't able to put their bins and recycling boxes at the front of their property ready for collection. Suggestion was made that SBC could hold a list rather than displaying the A cards. Parish clerk to discuss with Swindon Borough Council.

## **104. Matters arising**

Parish clerk to chase Swindon Commercial Services about the delayed installation of the basketball hoop.

#### **105. Public questions**

Comment received about the increase in cigarette butts on the pavement outside the betting shop. Parish clerk to report to Swindon Borough Council.

#### **106. Annual assembly arrangements**

Agreed that councillors would deliver leaflets advertising the annual assembly to all homes in Covingham.

#### **107. Recreation and Amenities Group report**

Resolved to delegate power to decide on the successful skate park tender to the Recreation and Amenities Committee. The committee agreed to arrange a meeting to review the quotes again.

#### **108. Planning matters**

Proposed wind turbines in Honda were discussed. As the turbines wouldn't have a negative impact on residents of Covingham the council agreed not to comment.

The proposed telecommunications column would be discussed at the next meeting when more information was available.

#### **109. Grant applications**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount awarded</b>
Covingham Park Primary School	£600
Diabetes UK	£400
Danzone	£45

#### **110. Financial matters**

The financial summary and cheque list were approved.

#### **111. Matters for Consideration**

Cllr Sandle asked about the progress on allotments. Cllr Osbourn reported that he is currently in discussion with the chairman of Wanborough parish council. They will determine how big the demand for allotment plots is before options are explored.

Cllr Benfield suggested that the council ask about getting St Pauls Drive resurfaced.

He expressed concerns that the vicarage site was granted planning permission on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010, but there has been no sign of development.

Cllr Haigh commented on a scheme run by Life Cycle UK who are offering the opportunity to apply for free cycle racks. Agreed that the parish clerk would apply.

Cllr Haigh mentioned the fact that Didcot have some well used adult play equipment, so this is something the council should consider next year.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

***Signed:***

***Date:***