

Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th November 2011
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

Present:

Cllr D Benfield, Cllr P Bennell, Cllr J Day, Cllr D Fitchett, Cllr A Foss, Cllr E Godbold,
Cllr D Haigh, Cllr B Osbourn, Cllr W Reddaway, Cllr S Wichall

In attendance: Jo Wheeler (parish clerk), members of the public

60. Apologies

Apologies from Cllr P Davis, Cllr L Kellaway, Cllr L Sandle, Cllr L Thompson

61. Declaration of Interests

None

62. Minutes of the meeting on 10th October 2011

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

63. Matters arising

S106 money: agreed to ask Swindon Borough Council to put the S106 money towards a crossing on Merlin Way or in some traffic calming. The first choice of repairing the paths around Smitan Brook would be too expensive.

64. Police matters

The council welcomed PCSO Maria Giles. She reported that there has been a few thefts from the Co-op shop at Covingham Square. Extra patrols have been monitoring the skate park area with no problems to report.

Cllr Osbourn reported that there have been 80 plus police patrols in the area over the last month. The police are still looking into the use of CCTV at the skate-park and decided that CCTV would be more beneficial when the weather improves.

65. Public questions

- i) Parishioner reported that Ward Councillor Richard Hurley is dealing with their request about working with the Youth Services at Swindon Borough Council.
- ii) Parishioner has distributed a note with the new police non-emergency 101 contact number to every house in Larksfield.
- iii) Parishioner asked about lighting at the basketball area and fencing around the skate park. Council agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

66. Recreation and Amenities Group report

Resolved to award grass cutting contract to All Build. Decision based on best value for money, and the fact All Build cut grass to an excellent standard for a neighbouring parish.

Terry Young (parish groundsman) to report sewage leak.

Terry also confirmed that he manages weed growth in the basketball area.

67. Planning matters

1 Brind Close: Louise Moore (planning enforcement officer) confirmed that the property has changed from a residential dwelling to a House in Multiple Occupation. The use and set-up of this dwelling falls within use Class C4 – House in Multiple Occupation, without the need to apply to the local council for planning permission.

She asked that residents report any parking problems to the police. She spoke to the property owner and raised the issue of problem with her. The owner agreed to speak to the tenants regarding the parking.

68. Financial matters

Council resolved to obtain a debit card for the petty cash account, so the groundsman can make small purchases on behalf of the council.

The financial summary and cheque list were approved.

69. Matters for Consideration

Cllr Godbold and Cllr Wichall commented on the asbestos found at the old Woolwich building.

Cllr Benfield asked about the Stratton parish petition being run by Ward Cllr Heenan. Parish clerk to check on progress.

Cllr Benfield agreed to arrange a meeting with John Roberts (Swindon Borough Council) to discuss flood prevention.

Cllr Haigh agreed to send a list of addresses of properties with overgrown vegetation to the parish clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed:

Date: