

Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th January 2012
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

Present:

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

In attendance: Jo Wheeler (parish clerk)

81. Apologies

Apologies from Cllr J Day, Cllr P Davis, Cllr L Thompson, Cllr S Wichall

82. Declaration of Interests

None

83. Minutes of the meeting on 12th December 2011

The council approved the minutes of 12th December and they were signed as a true and accurate record.

84. Matters arising

Cllr Haigh stated that the problem with cars being parked on grass happens all over Covingham. Cllr Benfield will highlight this problem in his monthly article.

85. Police matters

PC Jack Newman sent his apologies. His email report stated that crime has been very low in Covingham and officers are continuing to patrol areas such as the skate park.

86. Public questions

None

87. Boundary review

Cllr Benfield stressed that if Ward Cllr Heenan's proposal, to join Coleview, Nythe and Covingham as one parish, is successful it would bring problems to Covingham parish council. Examples include having to take on extra amenities, bus shelters and grass cutting, all of which have to be managed and funded.

Cllr Foss responded that the parish council would need to do some research by looking at the potential costs, income and liabilities.

Parish clerk to speak to an electoral officer at Swindon Borough Council to determine timescales and consultation period for the parish boundary review in Swindon.

88. Recreation and Amenities Group report

Nothing to report.

89. Planning matters

None.

90. Financial matters

The monthly financial summary and cheque list were approved.

91. Matters for Consideration

Cllr Haigh to produce a list of properties whose overgrown gardens are causing a hazard.

Cllr Haigh raised the issue with the amount of litter in Covingham. Parish clerk to arrange for the Wiltshire Probation Service to help by carrying out a litter pick.

Agreed to discuss the suggestion of 'Welcome to Covingham' on gateways at the next meeting.

Cllr Benfield reported that the River Cole was in an excellent condition. Cllr Kellaway reported that the Dorcan Stream is also fine.

Cllr Kellaway expressed the need for two new dog waste bins along Merlin Way and Covingham Drive.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

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