

# Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

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## **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

## **In attendance:**

Jo Wheeler (parish clerk), Terry Young (parish council groundsman) and member of the public

## **106. Apologies**

Apologies from Cllr D Benfield, Cllr J Day, Cllr D Fitchett, Cllr L Kellaway, Cllr L Thompson and Cllr P Davis

## **107. Declaration of Interests**

None

## **108. Minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

The council approved the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> February and they were signed as a true and accurate record.

## **109. Matters arising**

Cllr Osbourn confirmed that Covingham Library does not need any funding/help for an evening opening. However, the library is offering three options for new opening times. It is carrying out a survey to see which is the most popular. The favourite so far is the option that provides Saturday opening. All councillors completed the survey for Cllr Osbourn to return to the library.

Cllr Foss reported that the school are still considering solutions for the rain water run-off in Covingham Park. There is some concern about the impact on safety. The council agreed that a site visit by an engineer is probably the best way to determine the implications.

## **110. Police matters**

PC Jack Newman provided a report on recent activities:

The Messenger Pub licensees have asked about making a change to its licence conditions. There is a condition that states after 11pm once a person has left the pub they cannot re-enter the premises. The licensees will be asking for this condition to be removed. The police will object on the grounds of noise nuisance and in the interest of the public.

There has been a report of anti-social behaviour and incidents of egg and stone throwing in Martinsfield. Swindon Borough Council's anti-social behaviour officer has spoken to three young males and has issued them with a warning.

Ward councillors are bidding for a vehicle weight restriction along Merlin Way, as part of the borough council's budget planning process. If the bid is successful the restriction would help with the problem of HGVs using the road and causing a nuisance.

If the Blunsdon Speed Watch trial is successful it will be rolled out to the rest of the borough.

The parish council thanked PCSO Jason Wines for resolving the issue of the van driving over the grass at Covingham shops. The company have agreed to speak to the driver of the vehicle and request that he doesn't use this route to access the cash machine.

#### **111. Public questions**

None

#### **112. Parish council election: May 2012**

Parish clerk reminded councillors of the parish elections on 3rd May, and that nomination forms have to be handed into the Elections Office at Swindon Borough Council by midday on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **113. Annual assembly arrangements**

Agreed to have a short parish council meeting at 7pm before the annual assembly, to agree and sign cheques. Non-urgent matters will be dealt with at the May meeting.

The council agreed to move the June meeting from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Nothing to report

#### **115. Planning matters**

None

## 116. Financial matters

The following grant applications were discussed and agreed:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount agreed</b>
Dorcan Holiday Club	£300
Danzone	£400
Wilts Victim Support	£300

The monthly financial summary and cheque list were approved.

The council agreed to pay All Build (new grass cutting contractor) at 6 monthly intervals.

## 117. Matters for Consideration

Cllr Sandle asked about installing seating near the skate-park.

Cllr Foss expressed concern at the on-going problem of dog fouling in the parks. The council agreed to continue to report the problem in the news articles and will remind people to report offenders to Swindon Borough Council.

Cllr Haigh suggested some areas around Covingham that would benefit from some litter picking by the Probation Service. He marked the areas on a map for the parish clerk to send to the Probation Service.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

**Signed:**

**Date:**