

# Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

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## **Present:**

Cllr D Benfield, Cllr A Foss, Cllr E Godbold, Cllr L Kellaway, Cllr B Osbourn, Cllr L Thompson

## **In attendance:**

Jo Wheeler (parish clerk)

## **13. Apologies**

Apologies from Cllr D Haigh and Cllr S Wichall

## **14. Declaration of Interests**

None

## **15. Police matters**

PC Jack Newman reported that Neighbourhood Policing priorities include the speeding and weight restriction offences on Merlin Way. He distributed a report that showed that 90% of vehicles travelling southbound and 88% northbound go under 36mph (which is the guidance enforcement limit). This means that Community Speed Watch could not be implemented under the current requirements where at least 85% of vehicles have to exceed the limit.

The team will be focusing on problems with vehicle thefts and burglaries. He reminded everyone to keep their vehicles and back doors locked.

## **16. Minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

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

## **17. Matters arising**

Drain Master have advised the council that soak-aways are not an option but installing new drains into the existing storm drains would be a feasible option. Full report to follow.

Cllr Foss reported that the parking of work vehicles at Swallowdale has improved.

**18. Public forum**

None

**19. Forward Planning, Recreation & Highways Group**

Already discussed.

**20. Allotment committee**

There are twenty Covingham residents on the waiting list for allotment plots. Agreed to ask the borough council to help find some appropriate land for a new allotment site.

**21. Planning matters**

One new planning application for a double garage at 16 Fieldfare, Covingham: no objections

**22. Financial matters**

The monthly financial summary and cheque list were approved.

**23. Matters for consideration**

Cllr Foss asked whether the parish council would be providing school pupils with something to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. The parish council agreed to buy the school a bench. Cllr Foss to organise at the next School Governors meeting.

Cllr Benfield commented on the good work Swindon borough council have made with maintaining tress around the parish.

The parish council agreed to provide a budget to cover the cost to parish councillors in printing large documents.

Close of meeting: 8.40pm

***Signed:***

***Date:***