

Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd September 2012
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

Present:

Cllr Benfield, Cllr Davis, Cllr Foss, Cllr Godbold, Cllr Fitchett, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Osbourn,
Cllr Sandle, Cllr Short, Cllr L Thompson

In attendance:

Jo Tomlinson (parish clerk)

40. Public meeting

Parishioners were welcomed to the meeting. The parish council explained that Swindon Borough Council are reviewing the parish boundaries in Swindon and the parish council would like to hear the views of parishioners before submitting it's response.

There was a discussion on possible outcomes of the boundary review; the general opinion was for the Covingham parish boundary to include Bullfinch Close, Owl Close, Pheasant Close, Mallard Close and Avocet Close, but to otherwise remain unchanged.

41. Apologies

Apologies from Cllr L Kellaway

42. Declaration of Interests

None

43. Police matters

The new neighbourhood PC Francis Kee introduced himself. He invited parishioners to attend the monthly police drop in sessions. These are held on the first Saturday of the month, between 11.30am and 12.30pm, at the Messenger Pub.

44. Co-option of parish councillors

The parish council resolved to co-opt Terry Davis and John Short onto the parish council.

The council welcomed two members of the public who expressed an interest in joining the parish council: Corinna Allen and Terry Hayward. Both are active in the community and are keen to be involved in parish activities.

45. Minutes of the meeting on 16th July 2012

The council approved the minutes of 16th July 2012 and they were signed as a true and accurate record.

46. Matters arising

Concern was raised over the fact the hedge around the school grounds hadn't been cut over the summer. Cllr Foss has agreed to chase this up.

47. Merlin Way lorry watch

Most parish councillors agreed to volunteer for the lorry watch scheme survey, at various times over the 48 hours. Cllr Osbourn will provide details when Swindon Borough Council are ready.

48. Planning matters

One new planning application for a single storey rear extension at 31 Merlin Way: no objections from the parish council

49. Financial matters

The monthly financial summary and cheque list were approved.

50. Matters for consideration

The parish council agreed to produce some literature for parishioners about responsibilities for services around Covingham (grass cutting, rubbish collection, litter picking etc) so they know who to contact about service provision.

Cllr Thompson reported the problem of inconsiderate parking at school drop off and pick up time. Cllr Foss explained that the school has a five minute walking zone. It is trying to educate parents about walking to the school or parking considerately. It has suggested that parents use St Pauls car park.

Cllr Short expressed his concerned about poor quality of services provided by Swindon Commercial Services. Cllr Short agreed to contact the director of SCS.

Parish clerk to contact Wiltshire Probation Service to chase up the work they had promised to carry organise around the parish.

Cllr Osbourn reported that the VAS signs along Kingfisher and Covingham Drive will be repaired or replaced within two weeks.

Close of meeting: 9pm

Signed:

Date: