

WEARE GIFFARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Weare Giffard Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th. March 2007

Present:

Chairman Mr. J. Ruston
Councillor Mr. H. Curtis
Mr. A Nickels

Also present County Councillor Mr. H. Barton. Mrs. P. Johns. District Councillor Pam Paddon, Brian Lacey P.C Sally Middleton-item 8 only.

1. Prayers
2. Apologies: Councillor Mr. R. Randell, Clerk-Mr. B. Wittram, Rev. P. Dobbin, Mr. M. Gallagher, Ms. C. Church
3. The minutes of 29th. Nov. 2006 had been previously circulated and approved as a correct record. Proposed by Mr. Nickels. Seconded Mr. H. Curtis
4. Declarations of interest: Councillors Ruston and Nickels Item 7.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting.

- a. The Chairman has received a response from Mr. G. Elmhurst re. the Cheese Factory signage. He agreed to put a sign up detailing the name of the property- Venton Fm. only. Clerk instructed to write to DCC to ascertain if planning permission is required.
- b. CPRE letter read out re. 2006 judging- the only adverse comment was re.plastic bottles in the area of the Play Park.
- c. Clerk has asked Mr. M. Elliason to quote for making good of the concrete steps at Sunnyside.
- d. P3 forms have been sent- 07-08 grant has been received.
- e. Burnyards hedge has been cut. Clerk to write and thank Mr. and Mrs Carter. It was noted that the hedge at Corner Cottage has now been cut. Clerk reported that this year the owners have said that they will cut it back harder in the autumn.
- f. Clerk reported that Mr. Gallagher was unable to attend this meeting, as invited, but would be happy to do so next time in order to discuss the way forward for the web-site.
- g. Copps Hill. There was a doubt if the road had been cleared of debris. Clerk to follow up.

6. Financial Report. 28-3-07

Previous Balance 29-11-06
Inv. Acc. £1416.54
Bank acc. £2547.42

Cheques in:
27-03-07 £400 DCC p3 Grant

Cheques out:
29-11-06 100051 £50 Grant to Weare Giffard Youth Club-Karen Coggins Memorial
03-12-07 100054 £27.50 Weare Giffard Village Hall Comm. Hire of Hall
12-01-07 100055 £58.75 Audit Commission
25-03-07 100056 £460 Clerks wages and expenses.

Balances
Inv. Acc. £2916.54
Bank Acc. £851.17

7. Grants.

Weare Giffard Groups who applied were Village Hall Committee, Youth Club, Cricket Club and Church- all had requested a portable public address system to be kept and used in the Village Hall.

Suggested a similar as per 06-07 be given-which totalled £600 for the 4 groups. Youth Club to be asked for copy of accounts. No decision as meeting not quorum.

8. Neighbourhood Watch.

Chairman suggested that Neighbourhood Watch needed a higher profile in the Village.

To this end a meeting has been organised in Weare Giffard Village Hall Wed. 9th. May at 19.00 between the Police, Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch and all Parishioners from Weare Giffard and the surrounding Parishes to be addressed by P.C Middleton, Sergeant Tyzack, and the two local PCSOs. PC Middleton said she would invite the Fire Service and Torridge Handyman for security advice.

PC Middleton reported that this is still a low risk crime community although tax discs are being targeted.

Recommended that people think security and inform the police and close neighbours if they are on holiday and who holds the house keys.

Chairman suggested PCSOs patrol the Villages when the Meeting is taking place. PC Middleton confirmed this was planned.

9. Planning.

Clivorum. Double garage conversion. No objection by Parish. Approved by TDC.

10. Local Election.

Thursday May 3rd. Chairman reported there are 7 seats on the Parish Council to be contested as well as 3 on District Council.

11. Correspondence.

The Chairman read out all outstanding correspondence.

He reported that the Clerk had followed up the letter from Tracey Lees re.drainage at Park Hill

12. AOB.

- a) Councillor Curtis said that the repaired road near Halfpenny Bridge is sinking after recent works there. Clerk to contact Simon Phillips of DCC.
- b) There have been complaints re. a parked van on the pavement just before Corner Cottage. Chairman to follow up.

Date of next Meeting Wed. 23rd. May. 2007 7.30pm. Weare Giffard Village Hall