

Payhembury Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 7.30pm (Subject to approval at next meeting)

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Leach.

Present: Cllrs Somers, Scarle, Fowler, Doble, Williams and Long.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting: were agreed and signed.

3. Presentation by Active Villages: Lottie Young spoke to the meeting about the Active Villages project, and how to encourage parishioners to get involved. Sport England has provided funding for villages throughout East Devon to kick start activities or help to sustain existing activities in the village. This amounts to approximately £2,000 for Payhembury. Lottie is asking for ideas of how to spend this money in the village. Feedback forms are available in the shop to complete.

4. Public Session: The on-going problem of the blocked gully from Upton towards Payhembury was discussed. Complaints were also aired about a blocked drain at Uggaton; pot holes towards Glebe Farm and the drainage situation at Colestocks. In addition, a request was made for speed signs, or signs warning of horses to be placed just outside of Upton to reduce speeds. Clerk to contact Richard Hosegood at DCC Highways regarding these issues.

5. Police report: PCSO Anning was unable to attend, but reported there had been no reports of crimes in the Village since the last meeting.

6. County Councillor's report: Cllr Diviani spoke of his concerns that not enough funding is being provided to roads in the country. He asked for people to take photos from their mobiles to send onto him to support his case. He also took the opportunity to highlight how the number of children now in care in the County has soared, largely due to the recession. There are now over 750 children looked after 'in care' at a cost of £3.5 million. DCC is encouraging people to become foster parents or to consider adoption. Finally, Cllr Diviani reminded the meeting of the following day's Police & Crime Commissioner elections. The post will replace the current Police Authority.

7. District Councillor's report: Cllr Skinner discussed his involvement in the Mimosa planning application, and how his desire mirrored the Parish Council's of being able to incorporate a pavement between the house and the road. Unfortunately, the space was not great enough for an adopted pavement and just a 'refuge area' of 0.5m has been secured. The Parish Council expressed their wish that this 'refuge area' be raised to ensure vehicles do make use of it. Cllr Skinner requested a greater dialogue with the Parish Council regarding planning requests that are not straight forward.

8. Matters arising: Hembury Fort – The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Gundry's Attorneys confirming that they believe the 'public footpaths' have remained open. They have barred access to areas of the Fort which they believe were not in fact public footpaths.

Telephone Box: no interest had been shown from within the Parish to take on the job of renovating the telephone box into a book lend box. It was suggested that Petroc College, Tiverton or King's School be contacted to see if they would be interested in renovating it as project for their students. Clerk to action

9. PPC Village Boundaries response to EDDC: Cllr Williams summarised the results of the 'additional housing' response forms that were completed at the 2 open meetings in the village. 66% of parishioners indicated they would prefer site C021 in the village, with 32% preferring site C130 out of the village. (2% unclear with their response). In addition, Cllr Williams informed the meeting that based on criteria set out by EDDC, site C021 met 9 positive points on the criteria, as opposed to 5 for site C130. The Chair put the two sites to the vote of the Councillors who were unanimous in their decision that site C021 be the preferred site for development.

It was hard to highlight any preferred areas within the overall site for development (based on responses), however the Parish Council will state the clear need that suitable alternative accommodation is made for existing business within the site. The PC will also highlight the need for a pavement for the front of the site, as well as to run along the front of the shop.

It was clear that the community wanted no more than 10 houses on the site, mainly family and affordable housing.

The main items required for any potential community levy fund is more pavements throughout the village, lighting and investment in pedestrian safety. Ideas for the strategic levy were mainly improvement of roads and public transport.

All responses from the public meeting and the Parish Council's final decision to be sent back to EDDC. Cllr Williams asked if the PC wished to consider changing the village boundary, which currently omits houses from the centre of the village. The Clerk to contact EDDC to enquire regarding the process of changing boundaries.

The Chair will contact each site owner to inform them of the outcome of the meeting. A summary of the results to be sent to the Parish Paper and fuller details to be displayed on the notice board. The Chair thanked Cllr Williams for his hard work in managing the exercise and collating results.

10. Christmas Lights: Cllr Long was asked to order appropriate lights for the Cherry tree. The Clerk to apply for the licence and obtain the road channel and 'ramp' signs.

11. Playing Field S106 funding update: Cllr Doble met with Jamie Buckley, EDDC who suggested applying for match funding from 'Awards for all'. It was agreed that it would be more appropriate for the Playing Fields to apply for this money. It is the intention to organise a 'drop-in' for teenagers in the village to discuss what activities they require.

12. Best Kept Village: It was agreed to invite a representative from The Best Kept Village in Devon Competition to speak at a meeting in January, and encourage people from the community to attend and to become involved.

13. Planning

App Number	Property	Details	Decision
12/1697/FUL	Mimosa Cottage	Erection of 4 bedroom family cottage	Pending
12/1670/LBC	Tuck Mill	Internal alterations	Approval with conditions
12/2075/FUL	Lauriston	Two storey rear extension	Approval with conditions
12/2146/FUL	Apple Tree Farm	Permanent agricultural workers dwelling	Pending consideration

14. Finances – Bank balance as at 28th September 2012 was £3,378.84

		Credit	Debit	Balance
	Bal brought fwd			2,018.17
03.09.12	EDDC BACS Precept	2,150.00		4,168.17
19.09.12	Chq 487 N Power (Tel. box)		39.33	4,128.84
19.09.12	Chq 489 S P Wilkinson (Salary)		625.00	3,503.84
20.09.12	Chq 488 SmithsGore (Rent)		125.00	3,378.84

15. Audit Commission Invoice: The Clerk informed the meeting that the invoice from the Audit Commission had almost trebled this year, jumping from £60.00 for the past few years to £174.00. This is as a result of the Parish Council receiving the S106 funding, which had simply been passed onto the Tennis Club. Clerk to write to the Audit Commission challenging the invoice.

16. Parishes Together: An e-mail had been received from Cllr Diviani, encouraging Parishes to consider participating in the Parishes Together project, which could access funding for projects within the village. Cllr Skinner confirmed he would forward an e-mail regarding a meeting of Parishes to discuss the project.

17. Dog fouling: Cllr Williams reported there had been numerous incidents of dog fouling outside the school, in close proximity to the dog bin. Clerk to post an article in the Parish paper reminding people of the need to use the dog bins, and to contact PC Anning to ask for advice on the process of reporting dog fouling.