

CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2015
in the Peace Memorial Hall which commenced at 7:32pm**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Councillor Mark Ireland
Councillor David Connold
Councillor Jacque Grant
Councillor Helena Gregory
Councillor Colin Mackrill
Councillor Felicity Moody
Councillor Caroline Tinner
Councillor John Warwick

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk)

2015/105 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Ben Knapper (other commitments) and Steve Sanders (other commitments).

2015/106 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

None.

2015/107 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

2015/108 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29th SEPTEMBER 2015:

To take the minutes as read and approve them as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Warwick and seconded by Councillor Gregory. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman.

2015/109 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 29th SEPTEMBER 2015:

2015/085: Codicote tennis courts: The Clerk reported that Councillor Mackrill had assisted in producing another cash flow document and the Internal Auditor had carried out a 6 month review of the accounts. Councillor Mackrill reported that projections show that there would be c£38K at the end of the financial year compared to £55K the previous year. This is explained in that £40K has been spent in support of the John Clements Sports & Community Centre and the tennis court repairs.

The Clerk is continuing to challenge the insurers' decision on not accepting a claim on the Council's policy. Councillor Warwick reported that the contractors were on site and had commenced the repair work.

Council unanimously agreed to fund the project from reserves. Councillor Ireland agreed to update Maxine Sanders on the decision reached by the Council in not accepting a loan from the Tennis Club.

It was agreed that all grants awarded to Codicote Tennis Club for this project should be forwarded to the Council (£1,500 from the Southern Rural Committee and £500 from County Councillor Richard Thake).

2015/110 TO REVIEW QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE INFORMAL RESIDENT & COUNCILLOR SESSION:

Councillor Mackrill reported that Mr Ian Moody wanted to explain his position regarding the football pitch and to cover the points raised by the Clerk in her e-mail. A plan had been provided to him by Mr Moody which would be shared with the Recreation Committee.

It was noted that at their meeting the Recreation Committee had considered the Football Association's guidelines and it would be important to know what the FA would now agree to change.

Councillor Connold stated that the Recreation Committee should consider the additional information that was now available. Councillor Mackrill suggested reviewing the points in the FA's e-mail to Mr Moody dated 27th October 2015.

The Recreation Committee had unanimously voted at their meeting on the information provided by Mr Moody prior to the meeting. Councillor Mackrill reported that he had not read the document prior to the meeting.

Councillor Moody stated that it is vital that Codicote Football Club return to play their football in Codicote. The Clerk reminded Councillor Moody that she has a disclosable, prejudicial interest. Councillor Moody stated that she did not have an interest and continued to take part.

The Committee had asked Mr Moody if there was anything else that the Committee needed before making a decision and he had provided the FA's definitive guidelines. Further clarification was required from Mr Moody on what the FA require as essential. Councillor Warwick was concerned that the Recreation Committee were advised that the walkway round the pitch could be plastic but the FA guidelines state that a concrete path would be required. The sports field is in a rural village and is not a town football ground, the Committee were also not in favour of static floodlights.

A Recreation Committee meeting will be held at 8:00pm on Tuesday 3rd November at the Parish Council offices.

2015/111 **TO DISCUSS THE 8th NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS:**

Councillor Warwick reported that there will be a road closure from 10:30am for approximately 30 minutes and that those attending the service should be at the Church by 10:45am. Councillor Ireland will lay a wreath on behalf of the Council.

2015/112 **TO AGREE PAYMENTS IN LINE WITH THE PRESENTATION OF INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:**

The payments for October for £11,690.44 were agreed by Council.

2015/113 **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Planning Committee Meeting – 22nd October 2015: To present the minutes to Council and to take them as read and to approve them as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Warwick. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chair of the Planning Committee.

Councillor Tinner reported that she would be representing the Council at the NHDC Planning Control Committee meeting in November to object to two planning applications namely Fairhaven Farm, Slip Lane and Uncles Wood, Canonsfield Road.

Environment Committee Meeting – 15th October 2015: To present the minutes to Council and to take them as read and to approve them as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Warwick and seconded by Councillor Tinner. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chair of the Environment Committee.

Councillor Gregory reported that the family were not consulted prior to the removal of the circular seat at the pump and they were very distressed that the memorial had been removed. However, they are now delighted that the memorial has been re-sited.

Recreation Committee Meeting – 20th October 2015: To present the minutes to Council and to take them as read and to approve them as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Connold. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, the meeting then closed at 8:20pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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