

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CREDENHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE YOUTH AND RESOURCE CENTRE ON 14 DECEMBER 2011



Credenhill Parish Council

Present: Mr A Round (AR) (Chairman), Mrs D Daw, (vice chairman)
Mr J Beavan (JB), Mr A Slater (AS), Jeremy Daw (JD) Mr R Rose (RR), (Parish Councillors)

In Attendance

Mr B Matthews District councillor
Mrs J Everall (clk) Parish clerk
1 member of public

Item 1 Apologies/Disclosure of Interests

- a. Apologies Mrs E Moore (EM) Mrs D Pullen (DP), Mrs S Gummery (SG) Mr J Spreckley (JS) Mr R Shutt (RS) (Parish Councillors)
- b. Disclosures of interest Mr Rose (Grass cutting)

Item 2 Visiting Speakers

1 District Councillor Bob Matthews

- a. Following on from a recent meeting attended by BM, JB, Clk and Kevin Wargen (Monitoring and Publicity Assistant) regarding the bus service to Credenhill BM referred to an email sent from Mr Wargen, stating that Sergeants' buses were unable to come to the village as they were unable to turn around JB replied that other bus companies do manage this task. Mr Wargen also stated he would look at spacing the buses better through the day and investigate a later bus but he could not justify an earlier bus on a Sunday morning. The PC were unhappy with the response from HC and asked the clk to send a letter with the PC concerns. Clk note: Send letter to Mr. Wargen. Sent 4/1/12
BM suggested contacting the family liaison officer at the MOD to seek support. Clk Note: Send letter
- b. BM also reported on complaints he has received regarding speeding vehicles on Dovecote Lane, BM has informed both CSO Dean Wall and the school headmaster Mr. Moynihan.
- c. BM gave a brief report on the Standards Board, more information is to follow.
- d. BM reported on the new camera planning application for the MOD property (Married quarters) the PC discussed this issue during November's meeting. BM passed on apologies to JB regarding his objections to a recent planning application at the Magna Castra farm. The application was received after the closing date. BM recommended the Clk send a letter to Magna Castra farm reminding them that the area needs to be landscaped before work commences. Clk note: send letter. Not able to send. Refer to minutes for Jan 12.

Item 3 Public Questions

None

Item 4 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Following a proposal by DD seconded by JB it was **resolved** that the minutes for the meeting on 16 November 11 are accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Item 5 Matters arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Road sweep. The clk reported the road sweep is due in December and June so Wye Valley Group will complete road sweep in March 2012.
- b. Pavement Roman park The clk has contacted the highways agency but no reply has yet been received. Clk note: chase up. Contacted BM 4/1/12
- c. Post box The clk has contacted Royal Mail to request a larger post box, this is ongoing. RR suggested Royal Mail could you the posts for the grey storage boxes that are no longer used. Request sent to Royal Mail 4/1/12
- d. Boiler repairs A local firm has been booked to undertake the service in January. Repair completed 13/1/12
- e. Electric meter The clk has contacted Western power to arrange a site visit to discuss the installation of a new meter for the street lights. Awaiting confirmation of meeting.
- f. Cleaning at Social club. The chairman confirmed this work will be undertaken when the weather is suitable.

Item 6 Financial Report

The clerk reported the following:

a. Authorisation of Payments from the parish funds

C. Powell £484.00 litter £306 handyman £178 the chairman has asked for C. Powells contract be updated to show 7 hours per week for litter collection. Clk note: contact Craig and amend contract. Done: 4/1/12

J. Everall £381.99 inc £16.99 ink cartridge

Pip print £360.04

C. Powell £107.13 Materials purchased for repairs

Total : £1,333.16

Receipts

Football fee's £150.00

Preschool £1,200.00 November rent

Total: £1,350.00

Bank balance (14/12/11) : £17,089.27

Following a proposal by JB seconded by DD was **resolved** that the above payments are paid from parish funds

Item 7 OAP Christmas party (DD to lead)

The OAP Christmas party was held on the 8th December at a cost of approximately £10 per person

Item 8 – Pot Hole in car park(Clk to lead)

Following on from a letter being sent to all concerned the pot hole has now been repaired.

Item 9 – Changing room insurance(Clk to lead)

The clk has advised the PC insurance company of the removal of the old changing rooms and the value (£80,000) of the new facility. Also, has asked for advice regarding the use of razor wire around the changing room. Clk note: chase up. Done, waiting for response.

Item 10 Business arising from correspondence received since last meeting.

a. Herefordshire council – Community Technology Grant _An email has been sent regarding funding available to parishes wishing to purchase items of Technology for the parish use. After a brief discussion the clk was tasked with obtaining quotes for a projector and screen. Clk Note: obtain Quotes.

b. Mr. Wargen (Hereford council)

Covered in item 2 visiting speaker

Mrs. E Moore has written to the chairman with her resignation from the parish council. Clk note: inform Electoral office.

Preschool. Mrs Pritchard has advised the PC the closing dates for the Christmas period are 21st Dec – 4th Jan. Also she has again raised concerns regarding the removal of the fence and the safety of the children now that access to the rear of the community hall and social club are open. The chairman replied that the fence was not there before the ESG work began and so would not be replaced. Mrs. Pritchard also complained about a large puddle to the entrance of the preschool, this will be looked at in the new year.

Item 11 Reports (updates) concerning the working groups within the Parish council

a. Finance – (D Daw/J Beavan/A Slater/R Rose) RR informed the PC the electric supply to the Social club is separate from the hall and street lights, also the supply to the old changing rooms has been disconnected although the cable is still visible. RR recommended the PC inform the community hall that the PC will no longer pay towards their electric bill. The chairman raised his concerns over the high standing charges the hall are currently paying. The clk is to send a letter to inform the hall of this change and to inform them that RR is to be the point of contact on this matter. Proposer:DD seconder: JB. Clk Note : send letter. The clk is also to arrange with Western power the connection to the preschool electric. Done waiting for appointment. The Clk also informed the PC that contact had been made to obtain a quote for a new meter installation for the street lights this would be sited with the social club’s meter.

RR stated the next water bill is due on the 10th January. DD confirm this was correct.

b. Roman Park – (A Slater/D Pullen/D Daw). Quotes for new equipment is ongoing Clk to chase up. CLK note: Contact Kompan. Done 4/1/12 Football- the chairman queried if High Ground Maintenance are still working on the football pitches at roman park. Clk to contact HGM and report back to chairman. Done 4/1/12 The chairman also raised his concerns over the destructive use of the social club toilets by a particular team. AR is also having some trouble obtaining fees for matches paid. The PC gave the chairman its full backing to deal with any team not using the facilities in the appropriate manner. The PC are keen to up hold a good reputation with the football teams.

c. Footpaths.-(J Daw/R Shutt) BM reported that the work to improve the bridleway has not been undertaken as such an enforcement officer has now been informed.

d Planning – (A Slater) Credenhill park wood. Ref: DMS/112995/A. PC have no comments. Verdi Mews ref: DMS/113374/F –PC have no comments, Orchard House have withdrawn their application. CLK note: send in PC’s comments to Mr Dugdale. Done 15/12/11

e. Flood Alleviation Scheme-(J Spreckley, J Beavan, J Daw, R Rose) A lengthy discussion took place over the lack of communication from Chris Gilmartin regarding the car park at the FAS site. Several problems have occurred and the PC are failing to move things forward with Amey.

RR suggested that Alison Hext and Jonathan Bretherton attend a site meeting. BM suggested contact be made with Charles Pickles. The chairman has asked the clk to write to Charles Pickles to arrange an urgent meeting. Clk note: send letter. Refer to Jan’s minutes for this matter.

RR asked if the fence at the top of the bank can be installed urgently, also the gates at the preschool have been hung the wrong way and the opening of these may cause an accident. JB suggested the PC contact a specialist tarmac company to ask their advice on the work completed at the car park.

f. CCN/Website. – (J Daw) JD reported that new photographs have been added.

g. Schools- (S Gummery) No report.

h. Community Hall – No report.

Item 12 Agenda items for next meeting

Library – Social club

Technology funding

Item 13 Any other business

Social club rubbish- RR asked if the PC could write to the social club asking them to remove the rubbish. The chairman replied he would be offended if the PC took this action and agreed to remove the rubbish as soon as possible.

Quotes for grass cutting and weed control –The clk informed the PC that she would be obtaining quotes for discussion in next month’s meeting.

Jason Davies has been co-opted onto the parish council. Action: the Clk is to notify the Electoral Office of the appointment and issue Mr. Davies with a copy of the parish council standing orders and the code of conduct before the next meeting.

Item 19 Date of Next Meeting (18 January 2012)

After wishing all present a very Happy Christmas and thanking all councillors for their hard work over a very busy year the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

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