

Notes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 1 February 2010

Public Forum

Two members of the public joined the Parish Council and raised concerns regarding the poor state of Clay Lane, the difficulty caused by heavy vehicles looking for the industrial estate coming up into the village and the removal of the public telephone facility.

Planning Matters

Decisions

09/02095	Marley Grange Lane, section 73 variations	Approval
09/02276/HOUSE	Stocks Barn, Webbs Lane Dormer and roof lights	Approval

New Planning Application

0902228/FUL	The Caravan Company, Bath Road Garage and toilets	No Objection
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Minerals and Waste Strategy

The Secretary of State having decided that the waste aspects of the Strategy are unsatisfactory, the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy has been withdrawn by the local authorities. There will be further consultation, probably later this year, on a new Core Strategy. It is not thought that the recommendations re mineral extraction sites will materially change.

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The chairman's research leads him to believe that there is some £23k available for open space initiatives in the parish, and further monies available for highways and education. A meeting is being arranged with WBC to agree the amounts and how they can be accessed.

Veolia/Padworth Sidings site

The latest information about the works was considered. It was decided to stress to WBC the importance of keeping Padworth Lane open as much as possible for the convenience of local residents.

Highway Matters

- Weight restrictions through the village. Awaiting response from WBC. Ongoing.
- Station Road. Consultation on the signage and parking restrictions has been completed, and it is believed that the work will be carried out in the next financial year.

- A petition is being signed by local residents for a crossing over the A340 between the canal and the Butt Inn to facilitate access to the play area.
- WBC will be contacted to see whether the potholes in Clay Lane can be filled. It was also decided to ask local residents again whether they would contribute to a full resurfacing. When they were asked in 2007 there was not sufficient support for the proposal, but the subsequent deterioration may encourage more support. WBC will be asked for an estimate of the cost of full resurfacing.
- Much concern was expressed regarding the scrap yard, particularly the dangerous way in which vehicles accessed the site and the continuance of vehicles parking on the bridleway. The Environmental Agency and WBC will be contacted.

Environmental Matters

- Community Room kitchen refurbishment -ongoing; a request will be made to WBC for capital funding for this.
- Allotments - agreement in principle has been reached with local landowners. The next step is to obtain costs estimates for water supply and the laying out of the selected area, and also to check again the level of local requirements. (See note below if you are interested in an allotment.)
- A grant of £400 will be made towards the printing of the Padworth Newsletter, which is distributed to Wharf residents.
- It was agreed that the proposal for purchase and disconnection of the telephone box would proceed. BT have been asked for further information and whether a supply of glass can be made available.

Finance

It was decided to reappoint Mr. Terry Stares as internal auditor.

Next Parish Council Meeting Monday March 1 at 7.30pm, the Community Room.

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Please contact Dick Russell (dickrussell@clara.co.uk or 9712269) if you are interested in an allotment and have not already put your name forward.

