

COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 2nd March 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Councillor L. Tucker (Chairman)
Cllr. R. Angell (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs. Jones, MacDougald, Nye, Rayner, Mrs Underhill and Zeffert

Officer Present: Mr. RLN Hewson (Clerk and Finance Officer)

PC/09/92 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Jacqui Wheeler, Cllrs. Hood, Laxman, and Pabbi.

PC/09/93 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd February 2010 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

PC/09/94 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no declarations.

PC/09/95 SBC RIGHT-OF-WAY OFFICER – Gave her apologies and will be invited for April meeting.

PC/09/96 SERVICES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 17th November 2009 were submitted by Cllr Zeffert.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes be received.

PC/09/97 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

a) Cllr Angell submitted the minutes and reported on the meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2009.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes be received.

b) List of Payments

The list of payments in the sum of £29,526.91 (inc. VAT) from 10th November 2009 to 8th February 2010 were received.

RESOLVED:- that the payments list be confirmed and approved.

c) Geoff Preece – Notice Boards

RESOLVED:- that the committee recommendation be endorsed.

d) Annual Maintenance Contract

That the existing contract be extended for a further year.

PC/09/98 15 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The working team has not informed our representatives of current progress.

PC/09/99 PLANNING

- a) P/11133/012 – Siting of a mobile screen and crusher at Aggregate Depot, Colnbrook By-pass, Slough – Clerk instructed to write a letter of opposition.

PC/09/100 CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence other than circulars and catalogues.

PC/09/101 OUTSIDE BODIES

- i) Cllr. Nye reported on two main items:-

- a) Albany Park – Slough Enterprise and the Environment Agency had without notifying the Parish Council, been on site clearing undergrowth, cutting ivy and removing non-indigenous plants. The scheme was originally designed to be a wildlife habitat and these works have decimated the very areas that were so intended. It is envisaged that the cleared species will be replaced by natural indigenous planting. (The Council requested the Clerk to invite a representative from SBC to the next Services Committee meeting to outline the proposal).
- b) Communities Crime Fighting – Cllr Nye said that he had been asked by Kam Bhatti of Slough Borough Council, if he would be available to attend a meeting on the subject. It transpired that the meeting was held in Reading Town Hall at 9 am on Monday morning. When he arrived he was met with a “ring of steel” security and on getting into the meeting found it contained the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, the Lord Lieutenant of the County and many other dignitaries including Louise Casey (author of the Casey Report on Policing), the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister.

When he left the meeting having had an opportunity to talk about Colnbrook and our PCSO and policing arrangement, he was regaled by reporters and interviewed by Sky News as well as BBC radio.

- ii) Cllr Angell reported on:

- a) A meeting of the Local Focus Forum accompanied by Cllr Nye. The main topic being the finances of Slough Borough Council. The likely increase in rates would be under 2%. SBC had recovered all their £2 million from the Icelandic Bank. There was still an ongoing argument with the government over the number of people living in Slough and the resultant grant based upon population.

- b) Pippins Park – Although the electricity feeder pillar had been installed and was now live, it was impossible to make further progress because of the height of the water table and resultant damage if vehicles and machinery were to go in at present.
- c) Colnbrook Recreation Ground. The submission made for a grant for improvements would be ongoing for the next Board meeting. SBC had also intimated that some £20,000 - £30,000 of grant might also be available in the new financial year.

iii) Cllr Tucker reported that he had attended the following:-

Tuesday 9 February 2010	NAG, Village Hall - attended by Cllr Nye.
Tuesday 9 February 2010	Colne Industrial Park, Liaison Group
Wednesday 10 February 2010	Neighbourhood Board, Colnbrook School with Cllr. Nye.
Thursday 11 February 2010	BIFFA Liaison Group, Sutton Lane, with Cllr. Nye
Thursday 11 February 2010	Crime Fighters, Town Hall with Cllr Nye
Wednesday 17 February 2010	Neighbourhood Board, Colnbrook School with Cllr Nye
Thursday 18 February 2010	Richard Goade Trustees
Wednesday 24 February 2010	Parish Council Forum, Town Hall – Cllrs Angell and Nye

and will be attending:-

Wednesday 3 March 2010	Neighbourhood Board
Friday 5 March 2010	LAANC Executive
Friday 5 March 2010	LAANC Full Council
Wednesday 17 March 2010	Planning, Town Hall
Monday 22 March 2010	C.C.P.
Tuesday 23 rd March 2010	NAG

