

WINKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd February 2011, 7.30pm in Winkleigh Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Bowers, Holman, J.Turner, Judge, Johnson, Cooper & Gledhill
District Cllr Lausen.

Apologies: Cllrs Stutt, Hodgson , N.Turner, PCSO Brown.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2011 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

1.2.11 Guest Speaker : Debbie Ely-Gillbanks CAB Rural Outreach

The Guest Speaker addressed the Council and gave a detailed background to the CAB and its initiative to provide CAB services to areas where contact with the larger CAB offices is difficult. Cllrs were advised that the CAB is a registered charity and that 2 year funding has been secured for the rural outreach programme and that Winkleigh had been approved for the scheme. If the initial 2 years prove successful then the CAB will seek additional funding to continue with the service.

Cllrs were informed that the CAB outreach will be running on a Monday morning fortnightly at the Chapel alongside the coffee morning in a private room to ensure privacy and confidentiality.

Cllrs then addressed Ms Ely-Gillbanks and asked a number of questions. Cllrs were assured that any discussions with individuals would be dealt with in the strictest of confidence and that this is stressed to all volunteers at the CAB. Ms Ely-Gillbanks agreed to return to the Council in the future to advise how the programme is progressing.

Public Period

2.2.11 Reports

TAAG: Cllrs were advised that the next meeting will be held on 8th March, 7pm in Torrington Town Hall.

TDC: Cllr Bowers reported that TDC are consulting on "Rural Settlements" and have requested information from the PC regards TDC's allocation of "Rural Hub status". Cllrs Bowers advised that she intended to speak with Beth Saachs and request that she attend a PC meeting. District Cllr Lausen interjected that TDC need the PC to collate information as to what the community wants and link this with the Parish Plan and agreed to pursue this.

Cllr Bowers reported that County Cllr Boyd will attend the next PC meeting re Winter planning.

Cllr Bowers asked that it be noted that thanks should be given to TDC for their quick response following an incident with frozen pipes in the public toilets.

3.2.11 District Councillor reports to and from TDC

District Cllr Lausen addressed the Council and advised them of the current business at TDC. Cllrs were advised that the District Council is prioritising discussions around savings from the budget with £1 Million to come from the next budget with a further 1.6 Million over the next 3 years. Cllrs were advised that the future ahead will be particularly hard.

Cllr Lausen informed Cllrs that despite the Governments announcements for changes in planning the Planning Officers have been instructed to work to the existing Local Plans. Cllr Lausen is to meet with Geoffrey Cox MP to discuss this issue.

The PC were advised that the Government has suspended the grants/funding for renewable energy projects while the system is rechecked due to massive demand in the early stages. It was suggested that this was the reason that the visit and exhibition in connection with a solar farm proposal for Winkleigh Airfield had been postponed.

4.2.11 Letters from Parishioners

The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Wonnacott requesting additional street lighting on Townsend Hill.

Cllrs discussed the proposed traffic calming scheme on this stretch of road. Cllr Gledhill said that he felt this decision should be revisited and changed as DCC had stated that this project would not reduce traffic and the other factors such as light pollution and the cost to taxpayers must be taken into consideration. As this matter was not on the agenda for consideration no further discussion took place and the matter was placed on the March agenda for full debate.

5.2.11 PLANNING

A) Returned from TDC

a) 1/0007/2011/AGR: Building for machinery & Livestock storage, Land at Broadparks Deer Farm, Winkleigh : **GRANTED**

6.2.11 FINANCE

Cllr Cooper proposed that the following payments be authorised:

Co-Heat Services (Boiler service & Repairs)	£ 95.40	Cheque 1394
Winkleigh Community Centre (Hire)	£ 13.00	1395
N.Bullen (Clerks salary + expenses Feb 2011)	£ 474.57	1396

2nd Cllr Holman: A.i.f: **MOTION CARRIED.**

7.2.11. Current business matters

a) Discussions on Clerks Reports

Cllr Bowers proposed that the Parish Council write to English Heritage requesting immediate update on the now 3 year old request to list the telephone kiosk in Winkleigh Square – 2nd Cllr Holman: A.i.f: **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cllrs were advised that the tree on the Ring ‘o’ Bells site was causing problems to the adjacent church wall. The Clerk was instructed to contact TDC and request immediate attention and also to query the formal position regarding the previously reported collapsing wall on the other side of this site.

b) Winkleigh Development Brief

District Cllr Lausen advised that it is expected that the Core Strategy will be adopted towards the end of 2012 and that until then the Local Plan is to be followed with the Core Strategy acting only as a “material consideration”.

c) Faber/Infirgergen

Cllrs were advised that Geoffrey Cox MP had been in contact requesting an update on the position with the offensive odours from this plant. Gail Flockhart a resident local to the plant said that whilst there had been some improvement there were still incidences occurring and that in addition to the smells there are also issues with noise and light pollution. Cllrs discussed and stated that TDC’s system of individuals keeping diaries and reporting problems direct does not seem to fully address the problem

and is not giving TDC the full picture. Cllrs agreed that face to face contact with local businesses is essential to clarify the extent of these problems. Cllr Bowers proposed that the Council respond to Geoffrey Cox MP that despite the new equipment at the plant there are still problems with odours and also issues with noise and light pollution and further suggesting that TDC contact local businesses face to face to see the extent of the problem – 2nd Cllr Holman : a.i.f: MOTION CARRIED.

Cllr Bowers proposed that the offer made by TDC Environmental Services to meet with the Parish Council be accepted and a meeting agreed as soon as possible – 2nd Cllr Holman: A.i.f: MOTION CARRIED.

d) Wallingbrook Health centre

Cllrs were advised that there had been no formal response from Wallingbrook Health Centre but that a notice had been put on the Winkleigh surgery door. The Chairman advised that she had been in contact with TDC as landlords and was informed that Wallingbrook Practice had been in contact regarding access and that negotiations were now underway.

e) Winkleigh Community Centre

Dist. Cllr Lausen advised that he and County Cllr Andy Boyd had met with DCC to try to establish the position with the Community Centre. Two meetings for the Community Centre had been held and a unanimous decision had been taken to move forward and renegotiate with DCC. The PC were advised that a Committee had now been formed with Peter Stutt as Chairman. Cllrs were advised that the new committee is working through the implications of the previous notice to quit and were working with the other halls in the community. Cllr Lausen stated that he felt it is essential to improve services provided and encourage new uses and activities at the hall adding that while there is evidence of need for the Community Centre it could not be used for anything else (ie development). Cllr Gledhill suggested that use of the car park would increase if the gates were removed.

8.2.11 NEW BUSINESS

a) Elections 2011

The Clerk advised of current information regarding the forthcoming May elections and confirmed that she had a number of nomination papers for collection. Cllrs agreed that the poll cards proposed by TDC were acceptable and that no separate cards were necessary.

b) DCC Consultation on Minerals update 7

Cllrs stated that they had no response to make to this consultation.

PUBLIC PERIOD II

9.2.11 Late Items at the Chairman's discretion

Cllr Gledhill reported that parking in the junction of Exeter Road onto the A3124 is still very dangerous and needs attention as soon as possible adding that there is also a problem with parking outside the post office.

10.2.11 .LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

There were a number of magazines for circulation.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm