

# CRUWYS MORCHARD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting was held in Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 8 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs S. Smyth (Chairman), Mr D. Berry, Mr M. Lake, Mr A. Chave, Mr N. Baker, Mrs J. Mitchell, Mr. G. Hall.

7 parishioners

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P. Colthorpe (District Councillor), Cllr M. Squires (County Councillor)

## ABSENCE NO APOLOGY GIVEN

Mr. G. Kingdom

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015 had already been circulated prior to the meeting.

**Proposal:** Agreement to the content of the minutes was proposed by Mr. Chave and seconded by Mr Hall unanimously agreed by the meeting and duly signed by the chairman.

## DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

## MATTER ARISING

None

## PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

The clerk stated that the Parish Emergency Plan had now been updated.

**Proposal:** Mr Lake proposed and Mr Baker seconded adopting the revised Parish Emergency Plan and the meeting unanimously agreed

The clerk stated she would email a copy to all parish councillors and other relevant people.

## TRANSPARENCY CODE GRANT

Due to the introduction of the Transparency Code, which means parish council are now required to publish certain information on a website, a grant is available to parish councils to cover the cost of complying to the code.

The clerk stated that at present she uses her own laptop and printer for parish council business, but the grant would enable equipment to be bought which would belong to the parish council. At this stage it was not clear whether the grant monies would cover the cost of security software, bag and word processing which would be required.

**Proposal:** Mr Berry proposed and Mrs Mitchell seconded agreement for the clerk to apply for a grant to cover the cost of a laptop, printer and other essential items for sole use by the parish council and the meeting unanimously agreed.

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**PLANNING APPLICATION (15/01438/FULL)** – Installation of 150KW ground mounted solar panels at Wood ford Farm, Witheridge

A short discussion took place about this application

**Proposal:** Mr Berry proposed and Mr Chave seconded agreement to this application and meeting unanimously agreed.

**CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR 5 POULTRY SHEDS AT MENCHINE FARM AND EDGEWORTHY FARM NOMANSLAND**

The clerk stated that in August, just after the last meeting, she received 2 documents asking for comments on proposed planning applications for 5 poultry sheds at both Menchine Farm and Edgeworthy Farm. The consultation documents only gave just over a week to respond which included a bank holiday. The clerk contacted Pegasus stating because of the very short time scale for comments the parish council would not be able to respond.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE - CONSULTATION ON A REVIEW OF THE FEED-IN TARIFFS SCHEME**

The parish council had been made aware of the above document which had a response deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Mrs Smyth summarised the contents of Section 6 of the document dealing with Anaerobic Digesters and stated the three questions being asked. It was agreed that Mrs Smyth give a response to the 3 questions (see attached copy of responses)

**PLANNING APPLICATION (15/01571/MFUL)** – Erection of 5 additional poultry units (5040 sq.m) and biomass boiler unit; formation of attenuation pond, access track, and hardstanding; landscaping; and associated infrastructure at Menchine Farm, Nomansland.

The applicant was given time to explain the application. Then a lengthy debate took place between the applicant, parishioners and councillors discussing the concerns that parishioners had with the application.

**Proposal:** A proposal to reject the application was put forward but as there was no one prepared to seconded it and no other proposal offered, no decision could be made.

**HIGHWAY PROBLEMS**

The clerk stated that due to another accident (there had been several in the past years) on the bend at the bottom of Cruwys woods, Mr G. Cruwys the owner of a property damaged when this incident occurred, had emailed the Highways section asking for barriers to be erected on this bend.

Meeting closed 10:05 p.m.

Signed (Chairman)..... Date.....