

08.86(ii) – Abingdon Court Farm Open Space

Letters received from residents regarding the condition of the open space between Abingdon Court Farm and Fairview. **Action:** Assistant Clerk to see if original offer of transfer from NWDC to CTC is in writing and is still viable – We can find no written offer of transfer. **Action:** Assistant Clerk to write to NWDC regarding transfer

08.87 – Cricklade Leisure Centre Lease

Letter to NWDC with regard to freehold of the land. Letter received from D. Burbidge confirming that he is seeking instruction from D. Stirling and P. Jeremiah. Copy of letter sent to WCC as per minutes of 25.11.08. We have received acknowledgement of our letter from Mrs Scott (Leader of WCC) our comments have been notes and a reply will follow.

08.92 – Bath Road Play Area

Assistant Clerk to check Bye Laws - Waiting on information from NWDC and WCC
Assistant Clerk to investigate different types of fencing / costs - quotes requested. WCC has conducted a site visit they are happy that a fence will not cause an obstruction to the highway. The section 96 is being processed. Photographs and maps have been sent to NWDC Planning Dept for confirmation that fence can be erected under permitted development.

08.113 – Disabled Play Equipment

Grant awarded by North Wilts –Assistant Clerk organising installation

08.116 - Churchyard Maintenance

Assistant Clerk to locate the existing policy, and once agreed a definitive list of Rules and Responsibilities would be produced for the Churchyard Maintenance Group. Once established consideration would be given to the points raised at the CMG meeting. **Agenda Item**
Regarding the damage to the tomb we have arranged for a Stonemason from Cirencester to view and sent in a report.

08.126 - Allotments

CTC have been offered a piece of land – The landowners do not wish to sell the land but are happy to extend the offer to 8 years and then on an annual basis giving 12 months notice to withdraw. The Landowners are looking for a rental of £500 per year. Members were happy with the term of the lease and the figure of £500 seemed reasonable, a more detailed proposal is required for consideration before any decision can be made. Cllr Tetlow to draft a proposal for the introduction of allotments for discussion at the next meeting.

Area of Land Behind Meer Stone

Request for area behind Meer Stone to be tided up – investigating options – On hold until David O returned to work.

Cotswold Canals Partnership

Cllr Clements and Cllr Tetlow are unable to attend the Eastern Consultative meeting on 15th January. Unfortunately due to other commitments no other Cllrs are able to attend. Assistant Clerk to send apologies.

08.158. Correspondence

- i) To note Parish Steward Programme for Winter 2009 and an invitation to attend scheme familiarisation – Assistant Clerk to attend - Noted
- ii) To note Jenner Hall Management Minutes of 19 November 2008 - Noted
- iii) Christmas Lights Competition Results

Residential Winner Mrs G Williams – Abingdon Farm House

Residential Runner Ups

Mr Skal & Ms Stock – 33 Reeds
Mr & Mrs Cantillon – 11 Reeds
Mr & Mrs Berry – 22 Hallsfield
Mr & Mrs Ovenden – 92 Hallsfield

Business Winner

Mrs Barbara Mullaney - Animal Fayre

Business Runner Up

Miss Hayley Berry – Scissors

Cricklade Town Council would like to give a big thank you to all of those who lit up their homes and gardens and helped make Cricklade a brighter place at Christmas. A special mention must go to the residents of Reeds, Keels and Culverhay as they were exceptional. And of course, the businesses and homes on the High Street.

08.159. Closed Churchyards Responsibility

Consideration was given to the proposal from the Assistant Clerk to a new policy. However, in view of the recent damage to a listed tomb in St Sampson's Churchyard it was agreed to wait on the report from the Stonemason before any decisions are made.

08.160. Cotswold Canals Trust

Request for funding from Cotswold Canals Trust for provision of an interpretation board to promote the Thames & Severn Canal towpath Consideration was given to the request however, we do not have the funds to donate. **Action:** Assistant Clerk to write and invite them to apply to CTC small grant fund.

08.161. Cricklade Day Centre

Cllr Helen Dixon was invited to the table.

Cllr Robertson reported on the following: The new floor in Jenner Hall should be completed by 15 January and all other work has been completed. Mrs C Foster has been offered the position of Coordinator for the Open Door. The grant from WCC was less than expected and we have written to WCC regarding this requesting that the original grant offer be paid.

Cllr Helen Dixon confirmed that WCC would be paying the full amount as previously requested and a letter was on its way to us. The recent letter received from the Charity Commission was discussed and consideration was given to the request to use copies of letters sent to them with any correspondence they have with the Trustees, if necessary. It was **RESOLVED** to allow the Charity Commission to use letters if required however, they must contact authors of any letters not from CTC for permission to use. Cllr H Dixon is to attend a meeting with Officers of WCC to discuss future funding and the criteria for the Open Door. Cllr Dixon will not be representing Cricklade under new Wiltshire but she would like to stay involved for continuity.

We need to progress with the new charity registration, the Constitution, appointment of Trustees, the opening of bank accounts etc for April. The grant amount for 2009-10 is dependant on WCC completing an elderly needs assessment. Cllr Dixon will discuss this issue within her meeting with WCC Officers. During a Suspension of Standing Orders, Bob Jones – Chairman of Cricklade Link, explained that The Link is stretched to maintain the transport requests due to resources. Cllr Robertson with support of Councillors will move forward with planning for the new charity. Cllr Robertson pointed out that the CDCA did not receive any grant money for the period Apr to Aug 08 and therefore the rent for Jenner Hall and the mini bus costs were paid from their weekly contributions and should be refunded to them from WCC. Cllr Dixon asked for more information regarding the costs, Cllr Tetlow to provide details. Cllr Dixon also asked Bob Jones to supply her with transport costs and details of rent paid to Jenner Hall by other organisations.

Cllr Dixon was thanked for all of her support with the Day Centre.

It was established that Cricklade Town Council are exercising all powers possible to enable the Day Centre (now named The Open Door) to continue to function.

08.162. Cricklade Bloomers

Members considered the request from Cricklade Bloomers to plant trees in various locations around Cricklade and the types of trees they planned to plant. During a Suspension of Standing Orders, Anita Barratt – Chairman of Cricklade Bloomers explained the plans to Members. All were in favour of the plans and it was **RESOLVED** to apply for the necessary licences to complete the work.

08.163. Working Party Update

Flooding Working Party – At meeting of 25 November it was agreed to allocate £500 from EMR for ditch clearance on Fairview Fields. Wiltshire Probation Service has confirmed that a donation of £150 is required to cover the equipment. We are waiting for confirmation that only 5 sessions are required (£15 per session). If this is the case only £225 is required from EMR. There is a Project Manager overseeing the work and all risk assessments have taken place, it has been agreed that CTC will dispose of waste materials.

Community Garden – The grant from NWDC has been received and invitation to quote have been sent with a closure date of 30 January 2009.

Eastern Roundabout – Cllr Dixon confirmed that WCC has writing to Highways Agency requested that the Eastern Roundabout be de-trunked, Cllr Dixon will send a copy of the letter to CTC when it becomes available.

War Memorial – Waiting for Contractors to confirm start date.

Tree of Remembrance – Town Clerk to arrange meeting.

Cricklade Country Way – We have received plans with the new proposed route for the canal and railway. Cricklade Town Council is a partner of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, but we were not consulted on the new plans. Cllr Tetlow has contacted Ken Olivier of the District Council who has apologised for the lack of consultation and he has offered to come and discuss our concerns. Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** that the Assistant Clerk to write to Ken Oliver on how disappointed we are that we had not be consulted prior to the plans being submitted. Assistant Clerk for Planning to contact local media and to provide a display for TC window to inform Residents of the proposals and invite comments.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm