

**Public Participation:**

- i. Keith Sharman and Grant Slade are happy to put down a hardstanding for a Diamond Jubilee bench and contribute towards the cost. A midrange bench would cost in the region of £300. A brass plaque commemorating the Jubilee would be placed on it. PC to possibly seek funding from other commercial enterprises in Rode.
- ii. GS/KS will move the grit bin at the bottom of Church Lane in the near future.
- iii. Litter bin near the Post Office has eroded near the base. SE to assess whether it should be mended or replaced.

**Matters Arising:**

- i. **Wellhead Pump:** SE/KS to meet next week to discuss.
- ii. **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration:** Jumble Sale raised £332 pounds which has been put towards children's entertainment. Clerk to check insurance cover for bouncy castle usage. PR/AE to find out if insurance is included in hire costs.
- iii. **Water Effluent – Barrow Farm:** The Environment Agency has inspected the site and are happy that the system is working within the approved boundaries. If the system fails during the summer months, action would need to be taken.
- vi. **Phone Box:** Richard Dickinson has quoted £25 for timber to shelve the telephone box. Clerk to find out labour costs.

**Dog Mess:** Fouling currently very bad, especially in Church Lane and Marsh Road. LB was nominated Dog Fouling Co-ordinator and will write an article for the LINK. Clerk to ask MDC for Dog Fouling Signs. PC will not hesitate to take up prosecution if an offender is witnessed.

**The Mill to Scutt's Bridge Footpath:** An agreement has been made with the owner of the land and the PC. Access to the land will be for Rode and Woolverton residents and licensed fisherman only who carry a permitted pass supplied free of charge by the PC. Details of the conditions and approved footpath will be in a visible location at both ends of the footpath. Clerk to find out cost of two dog waste bins and how to dispose dog waste if the bins are out of the local authority's jurisdiction. SD will contact SCC to have the footpath adopted as a right of way.

**Pre-School, School Traffic & Church Lane Traffic:**

- i. **Pre-School:** The PC is supportive of the Pre-School seeking new premises but does not have the power to instigate this, or the ability to provide funding or land.
- ii. **School Traffic:** This remains a problem around the start and end of the school day. The headteacher occasionally does a patrol which is effective and will be writing to parents again.
- iii. **Church Lane Traffic:** Meeting with Jeff Bunting, Highways arranged for Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. Three councillors will attend.

**Church Farm Development:** Cllr Ellis and SE have been in contact with Laura McKay who has indicated that a decision will be made towards the end of April. The new government policy changes should make only a very slight difference to the consideration of the current application.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** PB/PT/SE are on the sub-committee to organise this. SE has a meeting planned with John Meeker, MDC to take this forward.

**Correspondence:**

Email from prospective resident re: new bus stop at Woolverton. Clerk to reply that this is not within the remit of the PC and refer them to the Bus Company.

**Financial Position:**

**NatWest Reserve account balance** at 25 February – £12,314.03 (Current Account £10.00).

Cheque 883	Clerk's Salary and Expenses (March)	£175.22
Cheque 884	SALC Affiliation Fee	£245.19
Cheque 885	Stride Treglown – Consultancy Services	£600.00

**Any Other Business**

Clerk to make enquiries regarding the possible removal of a tree in the conservation area without planning permission.

**No June meeting - due to Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 at 7.00pm at the Rode & District Memorial Hall