

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)
Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 15 th Sept 2009 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School

Present : (CCC Councillors)	Apologies:
Rhona Goldie (RG) Finn Warholm (FW) Mike Beatt (MB) Alan Simmons (AS)	Rhona Mackay (RM) Ann Pennaluna (AP) David Jones (DJ)

Also in attendance was Cllr J Fullarton (JF), and various members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from those noted above, also SBC Councillors D Raw(DR) & M Cook (MC).
2. Minutes : Agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report : RG read out a letter from M Clift re outstanding payment for website. This is the first either RG or AS had seen of an invoice and it was quickly agreed this should be paid immediately. Next year, the Gala Committee are pleased to meet half of the annual cost, for which CCC are grateful. CCC minutes from October will also be visible on the website.
4. Police Report : AS tabled the draft letter to the residents in the proximity of the Reston Road Junction. It was agreed that AS would distribute same. It was reported that there was still the odd party and a lot of mess taking place at the picnic site. There is NO litter bin at the site, JF reports that it is "on the list for litter bins", so hopefully this will soon be resolved. There are still reports of broken glass at the Priory Gardens, and the loos are suffering from childish pranks such as paper jamming etc.
5. Matters Arising : Much discussion followed re availability of public conveniences both here and in Eyemouth. JF reported the existence of a scheme whereby some commercial premises open their facilities to the public. However, the problem remains that on at least 1 occasion the conveniences in C'ham were only open from 10am till almost 4pm. This is NOT adequate and is discouraging visitors. Re the roadsign at the Sooty Duck, it is believed SBC are trying to find somewhere to re-site it, in the meantime, it was felt that the landowners may be amenable to helping improve its visibility, for which we would be grateful. There was much debate about the 20mph sign on the approach to the school. JF will see if it is working and if not, defect will be notified to the correct authority. Re Xmas Lights : "Awards for All" have received our application, and it is hoped to have a response before the Oct meeting. RG has checked the situation re insurance and within sensible boundaries, we are indeed covered under SBC.
6. Planning : Bogangreen : We are grateful to AS who has contacted the architects re a meeting with CCC councillors to explain the scheme to us, prior to any decision re public meetings etc. The intention is to invite SBC also, and report back to next meeting. There is general discontent as the figures are way higher than those "indicative" figures from the local plan. Concern was raised about the development at Little Law as CCC originally opposed this application. JF was asked to check with building control re sewerage arrangements/improvements and also the flooding situation on the road. Tentative application has been received for 2 plots at Templehall. Initial comments only being requested. CCC initial comments are guarded, but we would like to point out that having lost 1 caravan club site in the village, we would rather NOT lose a 2nd to building. Recent events have shown that there are currently not enough sites in the village for touring caravans, and the loss of this site would adversely impact an already fragile economy.

7. SBC Councillors' Reports :

First of all, many congratulations to the Garden Party for achieving a fantastic 3rd place in the Berwickshire Floral Gateway!! With more public support, who knows what 2010 may achieve. JF reminded us that the Primary School is now under Joint Headship. EHS turfed sports pitches are still not mature enough to play on, so some hockey and all rugby is still being played on the old pitches. JF reported that in support of concerns re caravan sites, he was approached by one family who had to forego their holiday in this area as they could find nowhere to park their caravan. Re flooding, JF reminded CCC that there is a range of subsidised sacks, bags etc which householders can purchase to help with flooding. It was also suggested that gullies may not be cleaned as often as before, and whilst nothing can prevent the freak weather of late, the cleaning of gullies etc would certainly help. Mr Miller reported the presence of 2 huge puddles beyond the Templehall Road End to SB Local, unsure yet of outcome. SBC have complained to the Scottish Minister about various issues, one of which is the lack of progress at the Burnmouth Roadworks, another the lack of progress with the Reston/ A1 junction.

8. Correspondence : AS & RG received a copy of a discussion paper / strategy statement re Scottish Ambulance service. A copy will be put in the Post Office. This overlaps with NHS Borders discussions on Patient Care. Also received was a communiqué from Scottish Natural Heritage re Nitrogen Samples on Coldingham common. We needn't do anything, but again, for anyone interested, it will be made available.
9. AOCB : The recycling centre at Eyemouth is a fantastic facility which we do not wish to lose, however, the garden refuse skip fills up very quickly, especially at this time of the year. Would it be possible to request additional facilities at busy times. Re the walkways built by the criminal justice team : the walkways are splendid and an enhancement to the local walking network, but recently a dog got a paw caught in a rather large gap. JF will check whose is the responsibility re maintenance of these walkways. Yet again, the subject of 30mph signs and repeater signs was raised. RG will get a definitive answer for next meeting and the topic is then closed! Concern was raised about the deterioration of Dental services in Eastern Berwickshire. Whilst delighted that Coldstream is getting a big super duper facility, RG expressed the hope, (for JF to feed back) that Eastern Borders will not again become the poor relations wrt services.
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Next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th October 2009 at 7:30pm. in Coldingham Primary School