

## **HERBRANDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes from meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the hall.**

**Present : Cllrs, M.Galdo, R.Owens, T.Roberts, N.Coles , S.Davey**

**Clerk : D.Davies**

Apology : Cllr D.Philpin

**54/21 Declaration of Interest.** None declared.

**55/21 Questions from the Public** A resident had asked if the nettles at Church lane could be cut back. Contact will be made with Emrs Llewellyn at PCC to ask for this can to be attended to . Several residents have raised concerns over speeding traffic through the village and are concerned that an accident may occur. We will ask PCC to review the speed limit again even though we have already been refused our request to reduce to 20 .

**56/21 Minutes from last Meeting :** Minutes from last meeting was reviewed by the council , passed as a true record, proposed by Cllr T.Roberts and seconded by Cllr S.Davey

#### **57/21 Matters Arising :**

1.Triplestone Close : Cllr R.Owens informed the council that he had received information from National Parks that they will be serving notice on the developer as the site has not been completed in accordance with the original planning application. Cllr Owens also has found from PCC that the road has not been fully adopted.

2. Speed Checks : Clerk had received information from Clare Williams PCC that they had placed monitoring devices on the top road to collect data on amount of traffic exceeding the speed limit. Once results are received, she will share them with us. Clerk had told her that the council has received the funding to purchase a solar speed sign and Clare has agreed that PCC will place the pole in the appropriate place along the top road . Councillors have asked clerk to contact PCC to again ask if the speed limit through the heart of the village be reduced to 20 from the existing 30.

3.Junction to Havens Park : Clerk read the reply from Robert Evans PCC. The work to remove the parking bay on the top road will commence shortly. His team are presently working at St Ishmaels are we are programmed in as the next job. He also informed that the new signs at the junction were put in place in February.

4. Sea Creek Road : Clerk asked councillors to attend a meeting she has set up with Matt Cloud PCC on Tuesday at 11am. They will discuss the concerns they have about protecting the Right of Way for the public from the turning circle to the creek.

5. Defibrillators: Clerk has received email from National database to update the condition of our 4 machines. Cllr N.Coles has checked all and found all to be in working order. Clerk had made contact with Mr R.Varns who told her that he is no longer qualified as it ran out in February. She has made contact with Gerard Rothwell at Welsh Ambulance who informed her that due to COVID restrictions he is not allowed to take any training sessions at the moment , but will contact us once these rules are removed .

6. Beach Footpath : Clerk had received an update from National Parks . The fence to extend the footpath into the farmers land along the beach stretch ensuring safety for public had been completed. They are still waiting for the contractors to improve the surface in the attempt to stop the flooding by the turn style but hope this will be done very soon.

7. Beach Road : No update from PCC as to when the yellow lines will be placed along the road from car park to beach. Bollard has been received from National Parks and Cllr M.Galdo, T.Roberts and N.Coles have agreed to complete the work of placing it into position. Before that Cllr M.Galdo will get keys cut for emergency services and clerk will contact Andrew Forrest to get a sign made for contact details for any public needing access for the purpose of launching any boats. Cllr T.Roberts will obtain a pay as you go mobile where the sign will give the number and asking for 24 hour notice for the removal of the bollard.

8. Village Green Status : Clerk had been given a contact at Land Registry from Mr Dunkley at PCC. She has sent an email asking for the necessary form to be sent to her to start the process of the Council taking ownership of the village green as well as the land in front of the cottages just off the green.

9. Car Park at Sandyhaven Beach. Cllr M.Galdo informed the councillors that the cost of purchasing the stones required to resurface the car park has dramatically increased to £1200 from last year at approx £600. Cllr T,Roberts suggested a different supplier and Cllr Galdo agreed to get a price from them to compare.

10. Beach Road : The meeting with Roberts Evans PCC has taken place with the 2 land owners , Mr Davies and Mr George. There was a successful outcome where they agreed to a further 3 passing bays being placed along the beach road. Cllrs M.Galdo and T.Roberts who were present at this meeting, helped make the choice of position for these bays .Reasoning behind this project is to help reduce traffic issues along this narrow stretch as well as giving pedestrians more room when passing traffic.

11. Play Park : Clerk informed Cllrs that she had weeded the park following the last meeting . Cllr T.Roberts was still waiting for the machine to power wash the equipment. Clerk has obtained a quote from our existing Insurance company to insure the play park . It would increase the premium by £257 per year .The council presently pay £600 to PCC to insure and complete the risk assessment checks on the park. The councillors need to discuss the idea of improving the park with new equipment that has been offered us , along with the the cost of improving the flooring before any final decision can be made. Cllrs will also need to complete regular risk assessment checks on the park to comply with the insurance regulations. Contact to be made with Neil McCarthy at PCC for some guidance on Risk checks and to get a quotation on cost of improving the flooring.

12.Traffic and Highways Funding : At present we have not been successful in obtaining this funding. Pcc informed that they have received a large number of applications that exceed the funding , they will be in touch if this decision changes.

13. Broad Band Upgrade : Clerk has emailed PCC asking for update on the village receiving Fibre upgrade with Broadway .There has been no information from the company since we choose them as the provider back in February 2021. Cllr R.Owens has agreed to contact Sean Hannon at PCC for any information.

**58/21 Correspondance** OVW updates. Audit questions. Pavs completion form . Paul Davies updates . St Ishmaels request for a letter to support their request to funding of improving their park

that used by all Coastlands pupils. Thank you letter for the council offering a free car park at Sandyhaven beach from Mrs Vivian Stottart. Letter from Ryan Banner requesting council to consider his request to place a food trailer at the beach car park , clerk asked to reply asking for more information .

**59/21 Finance .** Balance of main account £ 12,212.23 cr. Chq issued to grass cutter £120. Savings account £1616.28 cr increase of 4p interest. Cllrs agreed to hold the Firework display this year, clerk asked to order the fireworks from same company. Clerk informed council that the Welsh Audit team had asked for confirmation on the salary increase .They were happy with her result. Not yet received their final certificate of conclusion.

**60/21 County Council Report.** Cllr R.Owens informed the council of information he had received about the closure of the waste recycle site on Old Hakin Road. PCC were considering various sites to move this to, one being the Puma site. There are also plans to move the Waste transfer site from Pembroke Dock to Puma also. Once further information received about this Cllr Owens will update us. All Cllrs felt this was important that we know what decision PCC come to in case they choose to raise any objection.

**61/21 Planning Matters .** Clerk had shared email with her cllrs last week from National Parks planning . There was an application to remove TPO on trees at bottom of Middle Kilns road at the creek. Clerk asked to strongly object to this application , proposed by Cllr M.Galdo and seconded by Cllr T.Roberts. This wooded area has been a natural habitat for wildlife undisturbed for more than 80 years. The Sandyhaven Estuary is a Special Area of Conservation by removing some of the trees this could seriously threaten some species.

**62/21 Matters not requiring Resolution.** None

Next Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October