

WISTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022 at 20:00hrs at the Memorial Hall, Clarbeston Road.

Present:

Alan Vaughan (Chair)

Yvette Bevan

Peter Lewis

Robert Voyle

David Howlett (County Councillor)

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Thomas Bevan, Marilyn Bevan, and David Evans.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 20th June 2022.

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2022, were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Peter and by David Howlett.

4. Matters Arising There From

- a. Broadband Project Update: David informed the meeting that the work was continuing all be it slowly. There is a possibility that Clarbeston Road may be included in the New Moat Project, which could mean the village being connected a little sooner than estimated.
- b. Defibrillators: ongoing, no update at present.
- c. Parking on pavement in Clarbeston Road: update from Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC): Message from PCC Senior Traffic & Road Safety Engineer, Clare Williams – *“Currently the Civil Enforcement Officers do not have the power to enforce when vehicles are parked on the pavements. Although WG promoted that HA would be equipped with the necessary powers to enforcement pavement parking (by May 2022) this has not materialised and therefore it is a Police matter. It should also be noted that the desired outright ban on pavement parking as promoted will not be the case. I think this is why there has been such a delay with the progress on this proposed legislation – it is not as straight forward as it first appeared! I.e., if pavement parking is enforced then in some location's vehicles will not be able to proceed along a public highway. Unfortunately, there is no highway type advisory sign available within the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions to advise motorists not to park on the pavement that can be placed on the public highway. (Note the grassed area is public highway according to our records). An advisory sign can however be placed on private land with the owner's consent. The lowered kerb line over the length of the scheme presents a confusing message to motorists and does not deter motorists from parking on what appears to be an extension of the footway. In a similar manner the provision of parking immediately outside the vets but obscuring the footway appears to be acceptable? There may of course be good reason for this i.e., land boundaries /ownership but all the same does present a mixed message and promote an unsafe route to reach the tactiles/crossing point. I have made a number of “ad hoc” drive thru site observations (5 in total) at various times of the day and not observed vehicles parked on the pavement other than in front of the vets. If motorists are completely blocking the footway as illustrated above, I would encourage residents to report these observations to the Police, who currently have the power to remove or issue a FPN at their discretion.”*
- d. Cleaning of the Railway Bridge in Clarbeston Road: David had a contact (Mark Carter) who could supply a water bowser and industrial pressure washer to get this work actioned at a date in the future. The overgrown vegetation at the T Junction would also be addressed, as Network Rail claim there is no issue with the growth.

Signed:

Chairman to Wiston Community Council

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- e. Notice Board Update: the backing board had now been attached and the noticeboard is now complete. The clerk would ensure that the relevant information was displayed, and keys were given to Alan and Yvette for convenience.
- f. Clarbeston Road Playground: Peacock Landscapes had actioned the grass cutting to a good standard and maintained the grass every 2 weeks in the meantime. It was agreed to pay half of the invoice now, as the work would be actioned during the month of August. Therefore £315.00 would be paid now and the remainder in October. Proposed by Peter and seconded by Yvette.

5. Finance

- a. Estimated Barclays Bank Account Balance as at 18th July 2022:
Current Account: Opening Balance (Est Closing Balance last Meeting) £5072.71
No monies received.

Presented Cheque No's
100804 £331.00 £ 331.00
Closing Balance as per Statement dated 30/06/2022 £4741.71

Less Unpresented cheques: (£238.90)
100803 £33.90
100805 £50.00
100806 £35.00
100807 £120.00
Therefore, Estimated Closing Balance 18/07/2022 £4502.81
Savings Account as at 29/06/2022 £3114.61
- b. The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils: noted.
- c. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Community and Town Councils – statement of payment proforma. No community councillors present wished to be remunerated.
- d. Clerks request for wages and expenses April to June 2022: Wages - £360.00. HMRC (PAYE) - £90.00. Expenses - £0.00. It was agreed to pay by all present, proposed by Yvette and seconded by Peter.

6. Correspondence

- a. One Voice Wales (OVW) Introduction letter from Emyr John to Pembrokeshire Community and Town Councils: noted.
- b. Resilient Communities Grant Launch: Noted.
- c. Sustainable Steps Wales: Action Grants: noted.

7. Planning

- a. The Coach House, Clarbeston Road: multipurpose outbuilding used for the storage of gardening implements and domestic garage purposes together with a home office (22/0133/PA) – no known objections to this application.
- b. Manor House, Wiston: New porch, external alterations, internal reconfiguration, and improved access and turning provision – conditionally approved (22/0130/PA) – no known objections to this application.

8. Highways

- a. Highways Act 1980 – Section 119 The PCC Footpath 99103/37 (part) & 38 (part) Clarbeston Rd, Wiston Public Path Diversion Order 2022 – noted.
- b. Robert raised an issue with the PCC Hedge Cutting – unfortunately it was noted that the vehicles were travelling at speed, and the hedge cutting was not of a high standard.
- c. The cattle grid and gate at the Clarbeston council houses needed repair, David agreed to raise this with PCC.

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- d. Deepford Bridge: the fencing needed repair – David agreed to contact Network Rail who it was believed were responsible for this.

9. Any Other Business

There were no other business points raised.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th September 2022 at 20:00hrs, at the Memorial Hall, Clarbeston Road.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 20:59 hrs.

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