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| **St Mary Out Liberty Community Council** |
| **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2022****New Hedges Village Hall – 6.30pm-8.30pm** |
| **Those present**: Rachel Ruff (Clerk), Cllr Emily Nash (Chair), County Cllr Rhys Jordan, Cllr David Nash, Cllr Des Brace, Cllr Lorraine Bolton, Cllr Simon Brace, Melissa Scarf, Willy Scarf**1.Apologies :** None**In attendance**: Rachel Ruff (Clerk and minute taker).**Public Participation:** Vicky from the Village Hall Committee attended the meeting. The following points were discussed:* ‘Warm Space’ is now being offered at the hall, where Councillor Jordan will also carry out his surgery every other week. Not much in the way of attendance at the moment, but hopefully this will improve as time goes by, and the community know that its available.
* The Christmas Fair is planned for the 3rd Dec. Christmas tree being kindly donated by Dennis Reed.
* A new way to access the hall key is currently being discussed by the committee as the current way of getting the key from shop doesn’t work very well.
* A grant is being sort to purchase some new equipment for the play park. The Clerk advised of the second home grants available via Kevin Shales at PCC, Cllr Jordan will look into this for Vicky.
* Community Garden Project at hall – looking for volunteers to assist with this.
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| **No.** | **Detail** | **Action** |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**None |  |
| **3** | **Signing of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**Minutes for September Meeting were presented and signed off by Chair Emily Nash  |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising:** **4.1 Cwn Gwennol Bus Shelter –** Cllr Jordan confirmed that the bus shelter is to be replaced with a new Perspex shelter, this replacement will happen very soon.**4.2 Right Turn – New Hedges Slip Road –** Some options were put forward to the Councillors from Stephen Bengar of PCC. After much discussion it was agreed that a ‘dedicated no right turn’ sign should be tried. Currently the ‘no right turn’ sign is shared with another road sign, it was felt by all that a standalone ‘no right turn’ sign would be more effective and visible.**4.3 Howards Job List –** Howard’s list has now been completed bar a couple of items that need Highways attention. A cheque was prepared for the handyman and signed off.**4.4 Speed sign New Hedges Update –** It was discussed that the community council will have to pay for a new speed sign if we want in New Hedges village, the cost for this would be around £2k. PCC will not fund this. It was felt that a sign is desperately needed as speeding through the village is a real problem. Ways to raise money to pay for the sign were discussed, it was also agreed that we should contact Hean Castle to see if they would donate some money towards it?? The matter continues. |  |
| **5** | **New Matters Arising:****5.1 – Bank Mandate delays –** the delays in the bank mandate change have now been sorted. Two new signatures have been added to the account. The Clerk has now reconciled both of the Community Council accounts and they both now agree with the bank statements. The cashbooks were signed off to reflect this by David Nash.**5.2 – South Pembs Rail Action Group –** The correspondence from Neil at Rail Action Group has apparently been tabled at a council meeting in the past. Unfortunately, Neil wasn’t made aware of this. The Clerk will go back and give the Community Councils support on this matter.**5.3 – Grass Verges New Hedges –** It was confirmed that County Council now cut the verges in the village. There has been a request to cut the grass patch at the back of Lake Drive. Cllr Jordan will contact PCC and ask if this patch of grass can be included in their cuts.**5.4 Any Other Business –** Des Brace has agreed to lay the Poppy Wreath on our behalf at the Community Hall Remembrance Service and has also agreed to lay the Community Council poppy wreath at the Church on our behalf. Many thanks to Des. |  |
| **6** | **Local Planning in New Hedges (St Mary out Liberty ward):*** Single storey extension – Lodge Cottage, Lake Drive, New Hedges, SA70 8TN – No Objections
* 70 residential units land east side of Sandy Hill, Saundersfoot – This planning lies with Saundersfoot Community Council – so was only advisory to St Mary out Liberty Ward – no comments made
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| **7** | **Accounts & Finances:****7.1** Bank Reconciliation as at 1st November 2022 was presented and signed off by non-signatory member.**7.2** Invoices were passed for payment**.** Payment Schedule was read to the council members. |  |
| **8** | **County Councillors Monthly Report:**Cllr Jordan reported on:* Cllr Jordan has now been in post for 6 months as County Councillor, he shared his thoughts that he felt New Hedges has a very strong community but one that doesn’t work together very well. Particularly with the Village Hall Committee and Community Council being two separate committees, he feels this doesn’t work and makes things more difficult to get agreed and sorted. It would be good to try and get members to join each other groups to try and work better together.
* Rhys is in the very early stages of starting a New Hedges Volunteer Group, both PCC and National Parks have endorsed this idea. He will work to try and get some volunteers together, if anyone is interested please contact Cllr Jordan directly to express interest.
* Cllr Jordan asked whether the members thought it would be a good idea to enter the village in Wales in Bloom for 2023, all agreed a good idea.
* Thanks were given to Melissa for organising the Halloween boxes and Christmas Hampers for the village. She does a fantastic job giving up her time to do this for the community.
* Cllr Jordan shared his thoughts about a possible pop-up pub in the Village Hall, the New Hedges Tavern is closed now throughout the winter. Where maybe Bingo, darts etc could played?? There were mixed feelings between the members on this matter.

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm, next meeting Tuesday 10th January 2023 @ 6.30pm New Hedges Village Hall** |  |