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| **St Mary Out Liberty Community Council** | | |
| **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023**  **New Hedges Village Hall – 6.30pm-7.30pm** | | |
| **Those present**: Rachel Ruff (Clerk), County Cllr Rhys Jordan, Cllr Des Brace, Melissa Scarf, Willy Scarf, Vicky Lee  **1.Apologies :** Cllr Simon Brace, Cllr Emily Nash (Chair), Cllr David Nash  **In attendance**: Rachel Ruff (Clerk and minute taker).  **Public Participation:** None | | |
| **No.** | **Detail** | **Action** |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | **Signing of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**  Minutes for November 2022 Meeting were presented and signed off by Cllr Des Brace.  Note:  The Council received a resignation email from Cllr Lorraine Bolton with immediate effect 9/1/23.  New member (who is also a member of the Village Hall Association) Vicky Lee was present at the meeting and was co-opted to the Community Council, all members were in favour; it was noted that it was great to have Vicky as a new member as this will really help to blend both the Community Council and Village Hall Association groups; Vicky sits on both committees and will allow for more visibility between groups. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising:**  **4.1 Cwm Gwennol Bus Shelter** – The old bus shelter has now been demolished a new shelter is in place. PCC will take full responsibility for the up keep of this new shelter.  **4.2** Right Turn New Hedges – This matter is still on-going nothing is likely to change in the near future, in the hands of Highways. Cllr Jordan will keep on eye on the situation and report back if anything changes.  **4.3** Speed Sign New Hedges – A speed sign will be put in place on Broadfield Hill by Saundersfoot Community Council. If St Mary out Liberty wants a speed sign going through the village it would need to be funded by the Community Council at a cost of approx. £2500. The Second Homes Fund was discussed as a possible means to pay for the sign. Vicky noted that she would like to get some new play park equipment for the park at the Village Hall; she would approach the hall association to discuss. Also, the hall would benefit from Solar panels. Cllr Jordan said the second homes funds pot can be split for various projects. This matter will be carried over to the next meeting. |  |
| **5** | **New Matters Arising:**  **5.1 – Budget 2023/24 –** The budget below was presented to the council members. One amendment was made – the line item for Grounds Upkeep £1020 was removed. Salt bins have been added for the village this year, the Community Council will provide 3 bins, one will be placed at Green Meadow Park, one will be placed at the top of the village and one in the centre (exact locations yet to be decided). Once the bins are in place the County Council will take responsibility to fill them. All members agreed that this was a good idea. The total precept for this year’s budget was set at £5480; this shows a reduction in last years budget of £1465. The Clerk will submit the paperwork to PCC.  **5.2 Any Other Business –**   * Cllr Lorraine Bolton has resigned from Community Council as noted above. * News from the Village Hall: ***Warm Space*** is going very well each week as more members of the public attend. Clllr Jordan holds his surgery every other week. ***Afternoon tea buffet*** will be held at the end of the month with Bingo. ***Two benches*** have been donated to the village hall | Clerk |
| **6** | **Local Planning in New Hedges (St Mary out Liberty ward):**  No Planning applications were received |  |
| **7** | **Accounts & Finances:**  **7.1** Bank Reconciliation as at 2nd January 2023 was presented and signed off by non-signatory member.  **7.2** Invoices were passed for payment**.** Payment Schedule was given to the council members. |  |
| **8** | **County Councillors Monthly Report:**  Cllr Jordan reported on:  • The public dustbin at Trevayne has been removed by PCC. Cllr Jordan has had many residents’ complaints. PCC removed bin because it was being used by the residents and filled with re-cyclable materials. Cllr Jordan will try and get the bin put back; but residents are reminded that they must re-cycle their own waste from home.   * Lots of problems were reported in December about the Ice and dangerous conditions on roads and pavements. Here’s hoping the salt bins, when put in place, will assist residents. * Cllr Jordan attended the Village Hall Association meeting in December, he said it was good to attend. He re-iterated during the meeting the importance of two groups working together. * Warms Room attendance going well, more people seem to be attending each time. The Christmas dinner was well received by the Community. 50 Christmas hampers were given out to the seniors of the village. Thanks given to members Melissa and Willy for organising the hampers; lots of hard work goes into the organisation. * Long Course Weekend – Cllr Jordan confirmed that the New Hedges by-pass will remain open this year for bikes part of the course. In previous years the road has been closed. Cars and bikes will share the carriageway. * Deficit for PCC in county services is £18million. The year ahead will be difficult, its likely that we will see increases in the Council Tax.   **Meeting closed at 7.30pm, next meeting Tuesday 14th March 2023 @ 6.30pm New Hedges Village Hall** |  |

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|  | **2022** | **2023** | **Notes 2023** |  |  |
| Contingency (building for possible Elections) | £0.00 | £0.00 |  |  |  |
| Precept Project Queens Jubilee | £1,500.00 | £0.00 |  |  |  |
| Grounds Upkeep | £1,020.00 | £1,020.00 | removed |  |  |
| Donations | £150.00 | £150.00 |  |  |  |
| Wages and PAYE | £2,800.00 | £2,712.00 | Clerk £226 a month |  |  |
| Payroll Bureau | £0.00 | £468.00 | annually |  |  |
| Office Space | £250.00 | £0.00 | clerk works from home |  |  |
| Admin/Office Supplies | £450.00 | £450.00 |  |  |  |
| Insurances/Memberships | £475.00 | £500.00 | Insurance and One Voice Wales |  |  |
| Councillors Allowances | £300.00 | £600.00 | £150 per councillior x 4 allowed max |  |  |
| Training for Councillors and Staff | £0.00 | £0.00 |  |  |  |
| Salt/Grit Bins for Village x 3 | £0.00 | £600.00 | 3 to purchase for village |  |  |
|  | £6,945.00 | **£6,500.00** | new value £5480 |  |  |
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|  |  | **Precept value for 2023 £5480** | |  |  |
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