

WALWYNS CASTLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes for the meeting held at Walwyns Castle Village Hall

Wednesday 6th September 2023 – 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Julian George (Chair), Angela Evans, Ron Davies, Geoff Harries, Alun Harries, John Truswell and the Clerk.

Julian opened by thanking the Councillors for re-scheduling the meeting.

APOLOGIES

County Cllr Reg Owens.

ADOPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 28TH JUNE 2023

The minutes were signed by Cllr Julian George (Chair) as a true record of the meeting on 28th June 2023.

Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Truswell.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Truswell received communication from PCC confirming they are aware of the missing Walwyns Castle sign on the Dale road. They added that the delay to replace is due to the department being busy with the production of 20mph signs. Cllr Truswell to respond stressing the importance of the sign and to also ask them to replace 'No HGV' sign located in the village following a recent incident when a HGV lorry travelled an inappropriate road.

Cllr George explained that the Rickeston road has been improved and Cllr Harries added that the Robeston road has not. Cllr Harries raised this with PCC however they were unaware of the road. The Clerk to contact PCC again regarding the Robeston road.

The Clerk phoned Thomas Turf and explained that ash dieback trees on the Ricketson road (believed to be their land) were hanging low and in need of cutting. Cllr George added that since this telephone call, the trees have damaged a farm vehicle. Cllr George to speak to the landowner.

Cllr Davies purchased a mug for £6.00. Cllr Evans proposed to sell remaining mugs at the Apple Juicing event in October and Cllr Davies seconded.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Julian George and Geoff Harries re: Eco Park. Correspondence from the Stakeholder Meeting. This information is for public consumption and no discussion/decision to take place.

AGENDA

Zerum meeting feedback

Cllr George explained that the planning application has been submitted to PCC for consideration. They can also be viewed on PCC website; 23/0448/PA. Activity will be within the boundary of Puma and produce 4-5 tons of hydrogen per day. The project is awaiting approval for Government funding/grant.

EcoPark Stakeholder meeting feedback

The project is due for completion on 9th Feb 2024 with the majority of subcontractors in place. Work is well underway with steel building complete and block work in progress. Acoustic fencing has also been complete and Welsh Water have finished diverting large pipe and that has delayed work slightly. majority of subcontractors have been appointed. 1 x Audit looking at site H&S and Environmental impact taken place and no accidents reported. There will be a site visit over the winter months. Also noted that PCC and Andrew Scotts attendance at the local Coffee Morning was very welcome.

Boundary Commission Review

PCC are reviewing the boundaries and the working group has proposed merging Walwyns Castle with Tiers Cross and Herbrandston. A meeting between PCC and CC will take place on 23rd October therefore Cllr George proposed that the CC wait for more information. Cllr Harries raised concerns regarding possible changes as the area may lose its voice and fair representation would be challenging.

PLANNING

- 23/0448/PA - Erection of electrolysis hydrogen generation facility.

CORRESPONDENCE

- PCC Building Maintenance Minor Works Framework – noted.
- PCC Electoral Services – noted.
- PCC EcoPark team regarding Speed Awareness.
 - PCC have been in contact regarding implanting speed awareness signs by the houses near Quarry Hall (due to increased activity as a result of the Eco Park). Cllrs raised concerns regarding the planned location (opposite the row of houses). Placing the sign here would be too late in reducing the speed vehicles pass the houses, raising questions regarding their effectiveness. The Clerk to ask if the sign can be moved towards Quarry Hall, Tiers Cross. Cllr Evans also highlighted that both signs are close together, this to also be highlighted.
- PECO Newsletter – noted.
- Stephen Crabb contact letter – noted.
- OVW Training Courses Calendar – noted.
- FreePort Questionnaire
 - The Clerk to gather more information.
- Avia Flu Information – noted.
- OVW - Pembs Draft Area Committee AGM Draft Minutes – noted.

ACCOUNTS

- Summary of transactions.
 - Transactions have been minimal with one outgoing (bank charges) and one incoming transaction (precept).
- Defib pads.
 - The defib pads are due to expire in December therefore the Clerk wanted confirmation on who would replace. Cllr Truswell to discuss with Village Hall Committee and report back.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk has been informed of a 'Musical Evening' on Thursday October 5th at Walwyns Castle Church with Neyland Ladies choir, harpist Isabel Harries and soloist Clive Edwards.

The Clerk informed all of the apple juicing day at Walwyn's Castle village hall on 7th October; open to all. Washed, unbruised apples and bottles are required.

Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Harries that the payment towards upkeep and maintenance of grass and churchyards (£150 each to Robeston, Walwyn's Castle and SandyHill) be made.

Proposed by Cllr Harries and seconded by Cllr George that a payment of £60.00 be made for the hire of the hall.

The Clerk has received an email from HSBC regarding verifying the account which is against usual mode of communication (letters and statements have previously been issued by post). The Clerk to speak to HSBC in branch and update Cllr George and Evans if documents are required to be submitted.

CLOSED SESSION

Please refer to the closed session document that has been saved separately.

MEETING CLOSED – 20:40

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 1ST NOVEMBER 2023