**HERBRANDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting Tuesday 12th September 2023 @ 7pm in Village HALL**

**Present :** Cllrs M.Galdo, R.Owens, N.Coles, D.Philpin, A.Forrest, T.Roberts.

Clerk : D.Davies

**Members of the Public :**C.Varns, D.Hooker, K.Jones, K.Telford, A.Jobson, A&J Pugh

**51/23 Declaration of Interest.** None declared.

**52/23 Questions from the Public.**C.Varns concerns about the large lorries travelling around the bend on top road by the school as they need to encroach the opposite lane to take the bend. She asked the councillors if the bench’s going to be done this year or if not suggested the council pay someone to do the work. Asked what has happened to the funds raised for play park. Also asked what interest council has had for sub committee as she felt the flyers had been delivered late. Clerk explained that she had chosen to deliver flyers only few days Miinstead of attending the meeting if this was not convenient to them. Two residents had done so. Clerk confirmed that she has not yet collected any of the funds raised for play park as she is seeking advice from One Voice Wales on correct procedure to follow in forming the subcommittee. D.Hooker asked if a sub committee for the play park has been formed and declared an interest in herself joining it. K.Jones asked to show an interest in the play park. A.Pugh asked what could be done about the mess left by tractors on the main road. Cllr R.Owens suggested that when this happens contact should be made to the police who would then contact the farmer responsible. She does not want to join the sub committee for the play park but happy to help. K.Telford concerns with speeding traffic along the beach road , dangerous for her to take her horse’s to beach. Tractors are so big that it has become impossible to pass them safely on this road. She asked the councillors if they would agree to a gate being placed in the car park so that she could then avoid the road and cross the fields. She also declared an interest in the play park committee. A.Jobson concerns with speeding vehicle’s through Little Castle Grove, asked if council could speak to the Hub and ask the sports teams to mention this to the players. Also declared an interest in joining the play park committee. Cllr T.Roberts asked question on behalf of a resident to get the ivy growing over the wall in St Margarets Way by the car park removed.

**53/23 Minutes from last meeting :**Minutes from last meeting were passed as a true record , proposed by Cllr Neil Coles and seconded by Cllr Timmy Roberts.

**54/23 Matters Arising ;** Triplestone , No further update.

Beach Road Passing Bays ; Clerk read most recent email from Pembrokeshire County Council which stated that the 2 land owners had received new plans for the passing bays .They have also confirmed that the funds have been secured for this project. The new plans are as a result of a site meeting which Cllr Timmy Roberts had attended where Mr Howell Davies had rejected the plans due to the conditions being offered .They where dramatically different to what had originally been agreed. We now need to wait to see the outcome of these new plans. Cllr M.Galdo will follow up with MR Howell Davies and clerk will contact Mr Julian George before next council meeting.

Play Park ; Flyers have been delivered to every house in the village as agreed. At this meeting volunteers have come forward offering to form a subcommittee. A meeting has been agreed for Tuesday 26th September @ 7pm in village hall to formalise the committee. Cllrs Reg Owens & Andrew Forrest agreed to attend as guidelines from One Voice Wales state that 2 councillors need to be part of this committee and the clerk will need to control finances in line with Council Financial Orders.

Village Green : Clerk informed her councillors that she had attended a meeting with solicitor Nia Davies from Price & Kelway. She had explained the reason for Herbrandston Community Council’s application to request ownership of the Village Green. Clerk also gave contact name of Jim Dunkley at Pembrokeshire County Council who has agreed to support our application.

Broad Band ; No update . Clerk asked to contact Lee McSparron at Pembrokeshire County Council for update .

Village Bench’s : It was proposed by Cllr M.Galdo and seconded by Cllr A.Forrest that quotes should be obtained from independent contractors to lay the bases for the seats which are now starting to sink into the ground.

Traffic on main road; Clerk read the reply from Pembrokeshire County Council which confirmed that work has been agreed to repaint lines however no date could be agreed. Councillors have asked clerk to go back to Darren Thomas highlighting the danger of large vehicle’s taking the bend. Request a site visit so that they can see the danger with these large lorries needing to encroach of opposite lane to take this bend. Also remind them of a recent accident that happened by the cottage when a car was travelling at speed.

Sandy Haven Beach Car Park ; Cllr Reg Owens suggested to the councillors the need to protect the car park as an asset to the village. In view of the proposal of Pembrokeshire County Council to amalgamate some community councils, it is important that we review our assets and ensure they are not affected in any way. It was proposed by Cllr R.Owens and seconded by Cllr D.Philpin to approach the Sports & Recreation Association to ask if they are prepared to take on a lease to the car park which could be added to the present lease of the Community Hub. Clerk to ask the association at their next meeting and will follow this up by getting some legal advice.

Community Hub Sign : Clerk had contacted Pembrokeshire County Council to ask if a sign could be placed at entrance to Little Castle Grove. She was told that the cost would need to be covered by the Community Council and there was a back log of work so may take a while. Clerk has approached Forrest Printers for a quotation.

White Lines : Clerk has had confirmation from Pembrokeshire County Council that the Job has been agreed to repaint the white lines at Little Castle Grove entrance however they could not give a date when this will be completed

**55/23 Financial Matters :** Balance of main account £9223.27 cr , no cheques issued since last meeting. Savings account balance £ 1627.62 increase of interest £4.35. Clerk informed the councillors that she had received several emails from the audit team asking for further information to be sent and clarification of certain parts of the return. All been sent and questions replied to. Now waiting for the outcome from Audit Wales. Councillors asked clerk to order the Fireworks from same company again this year, proposed by Cllr T.Roberts & seconded by Cllr M.Galdo. Cllr A.Forrest presented a quote to make the Community Hub sign proposed that this be accepted by Cllr R.Owens & seconded by Cllr T.Roberts. Signs will be placed under the existing signs of St Margarets Way & Little Castle Grove. Clerk had contacted Enhancing Pembrokeshire for details on applying for funding for play park & been told the criteria is changing , details will be sent out to councils in next few months.

**56/23 Correspondance :** One Voice Wales updates, Paul Davies newsletters, PCC boundaries discussion invitation to join an online meeting. 2 emails from residents showing an interest in involvement in play park meeting.

**57/23 County Councillors Report :** Cllr R.Owens updated the councillors on a recent meeting he had attended about the Community Council boundaries review. He explained that Welsh Government wanted to reduce community councils from 70 to 48. The suggestion from Pembrokeshire County Council is to amalgamate Herbrandston with Walwyns Castle & Tiers Cross. Clerk asked to send email to Pembrokeshire Council stating that Herbrandston has no desire to amalgamate & feel strongly in remain a stand alone council.

**58/23 Planning Matters ;**Clerk read email about Herbrandston Community Council’s application for the bollard where she had answered a list of questions from Pembrokeshire National Parks, to explain our application in detail. Cllr R.Owens has agreed to follow up the Old School application to find if approval has been met. Application NP/ 23/0402/FUL No objections . Appl NP/23/0290/FUL No objections raised.

**59/23 Matters not Requiring Resolutions :** Nothing raised.

Next Meeting proposed for Tuesday 17th October 2023