

HERBRANDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Tuesday 28th November 2023 @ 7pm in Village Hall

Present : Cllrs R.Owens, T.Roberts, N.Coles,A.Forrest

Clerk : D.Davies

Apologies :Cllrs M.Galdo, D.Philpin.

Members of the Public: A.Jobson

69/23Declaration of Interest :None declared.

Questions from the Public :A.Jobson asked if it was possible to place a bus stop by entrance to Fairmeadow Close where the school children meet the bus.

R.Varns had sent email asking who was responsible for repairing pot holes on the Middlekilns road down to Sandy Haven creek.

70/23 Minutes from last meeting :Minutes from last meeting was reviewed and passed as a true record, proposed by Cllr T.Roberts and seconded by Cllr A.Forrest.

71/23 Matters Arising :Triplestone , No update.

Beach Road Passing Bays ; Land owners have now come to an agreement with Pembrokeshire County Council. Work will commence in January and the road will be closed from 8th Jan 2024 for 4 weeks to enable to work to get completed.

Play Park : A meeting took place at LNG with Cllr M.Galdo , clerk D.Davies and 3 employee's that are residents in the village. The play park committee have been offered a donation of £40,000 to complete the refurbishment. Committee will now consider designs with the contractor with view of placing an order as soon as possible. Cllr A.Forrest asked the councillors if they would agree to the front of the park being slightly increased in size to allow further equipment to fit into the space. This was agreed , proposed by Cllr T.Roberts and seconded by Cllr N.Coles.

Village Green . No update.

Broad Band . No update.

Village Bench's. Cllr A.Forrest has received a quote from T.Gray @ £300 per bench. Agreed to ask him to complete the work . Proposed by Cllr A.Forrest and seconded by Cllr T.Roberts.

Traffic on top road. A site meeting took place with 3 councillors and representatives from Pembrokeshire County Council. They could see the dangers of large vehicles approaching the corner at the Old School and agreed to widen the lanes by removing some of the grass verge. They discussed speeding cars but as the 20mph has only recently come into force they asked that we wait to see if this makes any difference.

Sandy Haven Beach car park. No update.

St Margaret way junction lines. No update.

Community Council Boundaries. Clerk has written a letter to the Boundaries committee highlighting the benefits to Herbrandston remaining a standalone council.

72/23 Financial Matters ; Balance of account £3255.74cr , cheques issued this month

Chq No 200142 £181.76 payee Forrest Printers

Chq no 200143 £749.99 payee Kays Fireworks.

Chq no 200144 £880.78 payee Thomas Carroll Insurance

Balance of savings account £5627.62, increase due to transfer of funds Of £4000 from main account as agreed by councillors at last meeting.

Clerk read the Audit outcome conclusion. Audit is successful with areas highlighted to be improved. Clerk will post full audit on PCC site. She will contact One Voice Wales for advice of improving her cash book and claiming VAT. Improvement to be made to minutes about payments made and budget agreement for precept. Clerk will also contact Insurance company as suggested by Audit.

Precept meeting today with councillors. Budget completed using the spreadsheet from previous year. Councillors were very much aware of cost-of-living crisis for residents of the village. They discussed the possibility of using some of the savings' funds to help towards the play park refurbishment as this is an important asset to the village. Apart from this expense they could not foresee anything extra that may be needed in 2024, and therefore came to an agreement to keep the Precept amount at £7500 , same as last year. It was proposed by Cllr T.Roberts and seconded by Cllr N.Coles that clerk complete the form at this amount .

73/23 Correspondance One Voice Wales updates . Paul Davies newsletters. Email informing that Cllr M.Galdo has been selected to join Coastlands school governors.

74/23 County Councillors Report. Cllr R.Owens informed the council that he is due to attend a further meeting to discuss the Council Tax for this year. He will also contact transport at Pembrokeshire County Council to discuss the possibility of getting a bus stop erected by Fairmeadow close .

75/23 Planning Matters ; Clerk has received email from Pembrokeshire National Parks to confirm that Herbrandston Community Council has been granted planning permission to

place the removable bollard at the slip way to Sandy Haven beach. They commented on the important need to protect the environment and strongly agreed that slipway access to vehicles should only be for launching of boats.

76/23 Matters not Requiring Resolution . None.

Date of next meeting proposed for Tuesday 23rd Jan 2024