

Emergency Meeting to discuss Village Green
Monday 17th August, 2015

- Attendance: Mrs M Williams/Mrs T Morgan/Mrs G Campbell/Mrs S Green/Mr R Hancock/
Miss B Thomas. Cllr R Lewis (arrived 8.20pm)
Clerk – Mrs J Lloyd

Apologies : Mr J Percy (via Mrs M Williams)

Meeting called following Mrs Green noticing that work was being started on the village green at Uzmaston, Cllr Lewis was contacted and informed that the road was being widened . The Community Council had not been notified and it had come to the attention of Mrs Green that the 8 homes in the vicinity of Riverside View had just had a flyer posted through their door.

Work to the pavement had commenced and the road narrowed., a few parking bays have been tarmac'ed and some residents have seen them as theirs. Two caravans that have been parked on the green still remain there.

The purpose of the meeting this evening was to try to resolve the issue of the Village Green Status with Mr Gavin Pritchard – Head of Works at PCC, he was on holiday and someone else was spoken to, Mrs Green advised that their interpretation of the green does not correspond to the actual size and position of the current green.

The history of the Green was that the houses were constructed for agricultural labourers post 1946 and the land was acquired from the Picton Estate, Village green status was bestowed on 17/5/1968 and had been applied for by the Women's Institute. The map that was used to identify the area dated back to 1911 and had not taken into account the existing properties.

Cllr Lewis joined the meeting at 20.20pm as he was under the impression the meeting was not going ahead.

The issues raised were that :

- a) The Community Council had not been notified
- b) The Village had not been notified
- c) Public notices should have been displayed
- d) Mrs Green should have been notified as she has a Right of Way across the road.
- e) Pavement is not of the correct width and is undulating and forcing people to walk on the road.
- f) The maps are not accurate.

Previously attempts had been made by community council to put matting on the green to allow parking but a letter had been received and was minuted from Mr Huw Miller to say that the Village Green couldn't be touched as it was a protected area.

Clerk has checked old minutes and found reference to the Village green in the minutes 21st June, 2001/26th July, 2001/ pages 68-74 Minute book of that date. The County council have now adopted that road and would like to bring the road up to adoption standard, all properties are now privately owned.

Mrs Green raised the issue that her Right of Way may be affected if the road is narrowed, she will have difficulty getting machinery through, Cllr Lewis informed the meeting the work comes under the Improvement Plan for housing stock for Pembrokeshire.

The main consensus from the meeting was that the Scale and Shape of the Green was misinterpreted on the original map and the one used in 1968 does not show the existing properties. The BT pole has been relocated, the plans do not physically relate to what is on the ground the map is incorrect.

Community Councillors were unhappy that a large chunk would be taken off the top of the green, residents do not need or even want a pavement.

It was agreed that we would arrange a further meeting to meet with relevant officers at PCC to come to an agreeable solution. The current shape of the green has always been that way, it has however, started to show signs of erosion at the top. Only 8 homes have been notified. Consultation is needed before it will be agreed to kerb the edges of the green and remove 1.5 metres from the top.

Cllr Lewis assured the meeting that no further works would be undertaken until the issue is fully resolved, it was also asked to note the attitude of Mr Gavin Pritchard who had been most unhelpful when approached previously.

Most of the residents are against improvement apart from the house that is going to directly benefit from the parking facility.

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Skate Park Donation

Mrs Campbell had contacted all community councillors regarding the suggestion of making a donation to The local Skate Park. There had been no objections received. Mr Percy had requested the questions to be raised by Mrs Williams on his behalf about making a large donation

It was clarified that Picton Playing Fields was actually in land belonging to our patch. We are making a donation to the Skate Park and they would use it for whatever they felt was needed. It was money that had been given to Uzmaston & Boulston previously before the merger so would be used to benefit a community project. A presentation would be organised by Mrs Campbell with the Skate Park Association and they would like to give full recognition for any donation made. It was agreed to donate £2500, Mrs Campbell will start the ball rolling and contact the HSBC to get a large cheque and make a time and date to arrange a presentation at the skate park.

Shed at the Rhos.

Mrs Williams raised the issue about a shed that has arrived at the Rhos, planning are currently investigating it. Meeting arranged Prior to our next meeting with local County Hall Officers.

Thursday 10th September, 2015 at 6pm at UZMASTON Hall. Cllr Lewis to coordinate other PCC officers attending.

Meeting closed at 2125pm