

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

Present: Cllrs P Davies (Chairman), J Cole, S Brown, M Thomas, Mrs S Hughes, Mrs M Baron, Mrs M Jakeway, Mrs Q Thomas, H Studley, Mrs R Johnson (Clerk)

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Mrs A Palmer, Mrs A Hartley & S Hartley.

2. Additional Agenda Items – no items to be added.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes of the last meeting accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman. Proposed Cllr S Brown, seconded Cllr J Cole.

4. Matters Arising:

i. Heol Derwen Sign – the county councillor had advised that the sign had been fixed but Cllr Cole advised that it had only been fixed at the top and not the bottom meaning it could be easily pulled off. Clerk to chase up this matter.

ii. Merlins Bridge Juniors – Cllr Brown advised that he had attended a meeting with the Merlins Bridge Juniors and reiterated to them that the community council was committed to helping but did still need further feedback on the situation before it could be progressed.

iii. Christmas Trees – Cllr Cole was thanked for the efforts made in putting up the two trees which looked very nice this year. Cllr Studley did query whether an electrical certificate was required even though they were installed by a qualified electrician. Clerk to investigate this.

iv. Drains – the county councillor advised that the drain had been attended to near the post office but Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised that the tarmac was starting to subside around the cover and needed some extra work. Clerk to advise the county councillor.

v. Carol Service – this year sadly the concert was very poorly attended due to no one turning up from the school and some problems with the night in question. Cllr Cole stated that he had not received enough copies of the newsletter to distribute. The clerk

responded that he would have received at least 700 which was more than last year. It was agreed that next year 1000 would be printed off to be sure everyone received a copy.

vi. School Governor – Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised members that she had no intention of standing down from her position.

vii. Drains near St Marks School – the drains have been overflowing and are in need of attention, near to Haroldston Close. Clerk to ask County Councillor to progress this.

viii. Chairman's maximum term of office – Cllr Mrs Q Thomas asked for the matter to be listed on the April agenda.

5. Correspondence

- PCC – email advising councillors of new road junction to be put in place instead of the current mini roundabout at the top of Pembroke Road. Works were due to start February 2015. Clerk asked to respond asking them to reconsider as the junction did not allow people to come out from Tudor Gardens estate easily.

- Boundary Commission – Review of local electoral arrangements – reports enclosed.

- National Resources Wales – Trees in Wales report.

- PCC – Savings Sessions – enclosed slides from sessions.

- PCC – Changes to bin collections over festive period – posters to be displayed.

- PCC – Precept 2015-2016 – it was agreed to keep the precept request at £10,000.

6. Donations:

There were no donations for consideration.

7. County Councillor's Report

The county councillor advised that the signpost for Fernhill had been reported.

She also advised that PCC has been recognized at All Wales Community Awards.

Some work has already been done on the drains at the bottom of Pembroke Road.

9. Planning Application

There were no planning matters for consideration.

10. Accounts for Payment

HMRC – income tax/NI	£35.20
R Johnson – Salary	£140.80
D Cole – Christmas trees – supply and installation	£640.00
J Cole – Sweets for children at carol concert	£9.48

It was agreed that the above be paid in full

11. Any Other Business

- Cllr Studley advised that a resident had made a request for some new swings at the Glen View play park. The chairman agreed to look into it but advised that a letter from the resident would be appreciated in order to progress the matter.
- Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised that some residents are concerned about the running of the village hall. Cllr Mrs Hughes advised that this is not Community Council business and if feelings were that strong then a public meeting would be required to progress the matter.
- Cllr Mrs Q Thomas asked if there was any more news on the hospital’s A&E services. She was advised that at present, there was no more information other than was in the local press.
- Cllr Cole mentioned that part time traffic lights may be implemented at the roundabout.
- Cllr Mrs Baron advised members that the De Clare Court fayre had raised over £700.00.
- Cllr Mrs Hughes advised that the Haroldston Church bingo evening had raised £550.00 for the church.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Signed:.....Chairman

Dated:.....