

## MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at The Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

**Present:** Cllr P Davies (Chairman), Cllr Mrs A Palmer, Cllr H Studley, Cllr J Cole, Cllr Mrs M Jakeway, Cllr Mrs S Hughes, Cllr M Thomas, Cllr S Brown, Cllr Mrs M Baron, Cllr S Hartley, Cllr Mrs A Hartley, Mrs R Johnson (Clerk)

**1. Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllr Mrs Q Thomas.

**2. Additional Agenda Items:**

There were no additional items to be added to the agenda.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting** – The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Cllr S Brown and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Hughes.

**4. Matters Arising**

- Merlins Bridge Juniors – Cllr S Hartley advised members that plans for the site had now been submitted to PCC and that now it is a matter of awaiting a decision from the County Council.
- Proposed changes to secondary schooling – meetings are due to take place across the county in relation to the new proposals for change.

**5. Correspondence**

- PCC – Community Energy Event notification – due to be held at County Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.
- PCC – Meeting re School Crossing Patrols – due to be held at County Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am. Clerk to ask Cllr Havard if she would be able to attend on the council's behalf and report back.
- PCC – Consultation regarding strategy for carers.
- PCC – Civic Amenity Site Consultation – letter advising of proposals to change opening times to a 5 day week. The local Winsel tip would be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays as part of the new plans.

**6. Donations**

A letter was read out from Ryan Palmer who has been selected to go to South Africa in the summer for rugby training. He asked whether the council would be willing to contribute to his costs, which amounted to £2050. After consideration, councillors agreed to donate £50.00.

The Clerk reminded councillors that the Emmanuel Church had done a lot for both the council and the community in printing off newsletters, arranging services and volunteers cleaning the village on a regular basis. After discussion, it was agreed to donate the sum of £250.00 to the Emmanuel Church to thank them for their efforts.

**7. County Councillor's Report**

The county councillor advised members that consultations had been made over the past few weeks in regard to services that are the most highly valued in the county. Education, transport, leisure, waste, youth services, social care, public toilets and libraries came out on top. It was felt that people in the county would accept a council tax increase in order to fund and maintain these services. Cllr Havard also advised that there was no planned work scheduled at Clay Lanes, but if any further information came up she would advise the clerk.

Councillors asked if the county councillor could please address the following:

- could the council be advised where the County Councillor stands in relation to the proposed new changes in the village (grass cutting etc)?
- Cllr Studley was concerned over the volume of traffic through St Issell's Avenue, particularly during rush hour – is there anything that can be done about this?

- The two drains at the end of St Issell's Avenue (Pembroke Road side) are bubbling up during heavy downpours and are in need of cleaning. Can this be progressed?

**8. Planning**

Variation:

14/0968/PA – Woodbine Farm – new shed. Noted.

Permissions:

14/0911/PA – H M Building Services

14/0865/PA – FRAME

**9. Accounts for Payment**

HMRC – Clerk's income tax	£35.20
Mrs R Johnson – Clerk's salary plus postage costs	£140.80
Ryan Palmer – donation	£50.00
Emmanuel Church – donation	£250.00

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

**10. Any other Business**

- Cllr Mrs Hughes advised councillors that sadly, Haroldston Church would be holding its last ever service on Easter Sunday at 2.30pm. Due to ongoing funding/works required, the decision has been taken to close the church.
- Cllr Hartley thanked the chairman for giving up his time to come and help paint the village hall.
- Cllr Mrs Hartley asked councillors if it would be alright to go ahead and purchase some new flowers for the troughs in the village. This was agreed and Cllr Mrs Hartley was advised to bring any receipts to the next meeting for reimbursement.
- The chairman thanked Steve and Ann Hartley for their hard work in organising the hall's redecoration.
- The chairman asked whether councillors had any objections to their contact details being put on the notice board. Nobody voiced any objections.

**11. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

**Chairman:**.....

**Date:**.....