

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 8th June 2016 at the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

Present: Cllrs P Davies, H Studley, Mrs Q Thomas, M Thomas, Mrs A Palmer,
N Stamp, S Brown, J Cole, Mrs R Johnson (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Stamp back onto the council.

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllr Mrs S Hughes, Mrs M Jakeway & Mrs M Baron

2. Additional Agenda Items: The following items were added to the agenda for discussion:

- i. Community Forum
- ii. Haroldston Ruins
- iii. Stephen Crabb session – Broadband in area
- iv. Welfare Committee

3. Minutes of 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 A Palmer.

4. Matters Arising:

- Post Office – Cllr Studley suggested that it might be a nice idea to write to Martin at the Post Office to thank him for all the years of service he's put in. Clerk to write letter accordingly.
- Councillor Vacancy – apart from the application from Cllr Stamp, no other applications had been received.
- Pot holes – Cllr Mrs Havard had advised that the potholes had been mended, however Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised that they didn't appear to have been done.

5. Correspondence:

- Paul Davies AM – notices giving surgery dates to be displayed on notice boards.
- Citizens Advice Bureau – notice of AGM on 22nd June.
- Email re Improving Mental Health Services – Cleddau Bridge Hotel – noted.
- Salary Scales for Clerks from NALC – the clerk had not received a pay review during the 4 years in service. It was agreed to agenda this for September meeting for discussion.

6. Donations

No donations for consideration this month.

7. Planning

Approval – 16/10127/NM – Fir Tree Close.

8. County Councillor's Report

St Mark's School had received a Partnership Working Award from the Family Information Service. Also, there were 12 Blue Flag awards for our local beaches.

9. Financial Accounts

R Johnson – Clerk's salary plus expenses

£156.79

HMRC – income tax and NI

£35.20

It was also agreed to purchase Cllr Mrs Hughes some flowers over the summer period once she had come home from hospital. Reimbursement for these if required at September meeting.

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

10. Haroldston Ruins

Councillors were advised that these had now been sold. Item closed.

11. Financial Regulations

Certain new regulations had been circulated among councils for consideration. The clerk voiced her concern over the quarterly checks that were supposed to be made. It was agreed that the clerk would bring a summary of accounts each quarter (Sept/Dec/Mar/June) henceforth. It was agreed to list this matter for further discussion on the September agenda.

12. Report on Community Forum

The Chairman gave a report on this event. There had been a reasonable turnout. It was attended by Cllrs Davies, Stamp and Mrs Palmer. The situation discussed was a complex one with many differing viewpoints. Some concern over whether PCC would take notice of concerns raised. Feedback will be sent to the clerk in due course.

13. Report – Stephen Crabb Session – Broadband

The session had been informative. However in this geographical location there are always going to be difficulties in getting everybody supplied with high speed internet access.

14. Welfare Committee

After their recent meeting, the Welfare Committee had agreed to reinstate the permission for the Football Club to go ahead and progress with their plans for shower block etc on the playing field. Lease details were in the process of being sorted out. The Football Club was currently in the process of setting out concrete plans for the proposed works together with costings in order to progress the matter. It had been suggested that a project management committee should be instigated comprising members from the Football Club, Welfare Club and representatives from the Community Council (3). Cllr Davies asked if anyone would volunteer for this. It was agreed that before any full commitment was made that the Football Club needed to submit full details of their proposals. Once organised, the meetings would be minuted and available to the public. Cllrs Mrs Palmer, Stamp and Davies agreed to attend the first meeting scheduled at The Glen on 20th June at 6.30pm.

15. Any Other Business

- Cllr Stamp commented on the Pembroke Road and the increasing number of residents who are making parking spaces on their front gardens/drives. However, there are still many who park on the pavements causing obstruction. There are some plans in progress to alter the pavements so that cars cannot be parked on them.
- Queen’s Birthday Celebrations – The Emmanuel Church was hosting a celebration afternoon tea at the Church on Saturday 11th June from 2-4pm.
- Bus Shelter Glass – the glass on the shelter was potentially in need of replacing. September agenda item.

16. Date of the next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Signed:.....Chair

Dated:.....