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**Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on Tuesday 1st November 2016**

**Minutes No.329**

1. **Present:**

Councillors: E Whitby, R Elston, W Oriel, C Sexton, D Williams

Clerk & Treasurer: C Williams

County Councillors: D Howlett

1. **Apologies**:

Rev D Rees

1. **Minutes**

* The minutes (No 328) held on the 4th October 2016 were read, approved and signed as a true record by Mrs E Whitby (Chairperson).

1. **Matters Arising**

* Planting to deter parking on the Village Green – a letter from Mr Roger Rastall on behalf of Spittal Community Forum Gardening Group was read to the meeting and it was agreed to have a site meeting to discuss the way forward. Clerk to arrange and inform Community Councillors of the agreed time and place.
* Flexible meeting dates – a request was made at the last meeting to discuss the possibility of meeting on another day to avoid clashes with other commitments of some Community Councillors. All in attendance (Rev Rees had indicated his support by email prior to the meeting) were in agreement that a change could be made. After some discussion it was agreed to hold meetings on the first Wednesday of each month from January 2017. The December meeting would be held on Monday 5th December 2016.
* Cllr Howlett reported that the potholes at Spittal Cross had been repaired.
* Cllr Howlett reported that the strimming at Scolton Cross had been done. W Oriel queried this information and Cllr Howlett agreed to look into it.
* Cllr Howlett had reported potholes at The Oaks near the Scolton Manor entrance but none could be found. W Oriel and Cllr Howlett to liaise.
* PCC has responded to a request for information about grass cutting. The meeting was informed that 14 cuts took place annually.

1. **Correspondence**

* Greenfingers – Ground Maintenance experts leaflet. It was agreed to file for future reference.
* PCC/Pembrokeshire Coast National Park – Local Development Plan update. The final guidance was approved at PCC’s cabinet meeting of 12th September 2016 and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority’s meeting of 28th September 2016. A report summarising the results of the public consultation and a copy of the guidance can be found on the authorities’ websites at:

<http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=1626,109,141,1014&id=21476&language>

* Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report Consultation. Consultation runs until 1st June 2017 and documents can be found on [www.pcnpa.org.uk](http://www.pcnpa.org.uk)
* One Voice Wales – training information distributed by email prior to the meeting.
* Independent Remuneration Panel Draft Annual Report 2017/18 – email sent prior to the meeting.

1. **Finance**

* Cheque made payable to W Oriel for £17.88 for plants. This expenditure was agreed at the last meeting. The cheque was issued.
* Income & Expenditure Account to date was presented for consideration. Bank balance = £997.38. (This includes cheque for £17.88).
* Lloyds Bank Statement to 20th September 2016 = £1015.26.
* Precept review – Currently the precept stands at £2095. In December 2014 it was agreed to make a 5% reduction in the precept from £2205 to £2095. There was a lot of discussion around the possibility of increasing the precept in light of recent and substantial increases in our legal, financial commitments to the external auditor Grant Thornton. It was agreed that an increase of 5% on the current figure would take us back to the December 2014 figure of £2205.

1. **Planning**

Nothing received to date.

1. **Appeals**

* Macmillan Cancer Support for SW Wales – not at this time.
* Croeso Hwlffordd – a request for support for vulnerable Syrian refugee families. It was agreed to put the leaflet in the noticeboard.

1. **Any Other Business**

* The wooden slats on the seat at the corner of Wesley Way are rotten. R Elston informed the meeting that plastic wood replacement costs would be approximately £150 for materials + labour. It was agreed to look at alternative options – E Whitby to make enquiries.
* The Clerk informed the meeting that a letter of explanation had been sent to Spittal VC School about the non-payment of room hire.
* No 30mph signs on the road north out of Spittal. Cllr Howlett to follow up.
* Footpath sign at the bottom of Wesley Way is rotten – Cllr Howlett to follow up.
* Complaints about speeding from Spittal towards the tunnel. After a lot of discussion it was agreed that W Oriel would look at arranging for overhanging shrubs to be cut back and Cllr Howlett would keep the Community Council informed of new developments in the use of speed guns which would take place in the Spring.

**The next meeting will take place on MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2016 at 7.45pm.**

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Date………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..