

## MERLIN'S BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge

**Present:** Cllrs P Davies (Chair), H Studley, M Thomas, N Stamp, Mrs M Jakeway, J Cole,  
Mrs R Johnson (Clerk), PCSO Miles (part-time)

**1. Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs Mrs S Hughes, Mrs Q Thomas, S Brown, Mrs A Palmer.

**2. Additional Agenda Items:**

- i. Councillor Vacancy
- ii. Precept 2017/2018

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chair. Proposed by Cllr N Stamp, seconded by Cllr J Cole.

**4. Matters Arising**

- St Issell's Avenue/St Margaret's Parking Issues – the County Councillor advised that she had discussed with the Highways Department, but unless the cars were causing an obstruction nothing could be done. Obstructions should be reported to the police. Agenda item for January. If councillors had any specific examples for consideration, these to be brought to the January meeting for discussion.
- Sewage Smells – Cllrs Cole and Mrs Palmer had attended the open day at the sewage works and had found it informative and interesting.
- Remembrance Sunday Service – There had been an excellent turnout to the service and councillors were grateful to all who contributed to the success of the service.
- Newsletter – the newsletter had been printed and some had been distributed in the community, mainly at the Carol Concert.
- Christmas Trees – the trees had been put up and Cllr Cole was thanked for his efforts in organising this. The carols around the tree and at the village hall had been very well attended. John Welsby and his friends from the church, together with members of the Welfare Committee had done an excellent job of organising the event with around 120 in attendance.

**5. Correspondence:**

- PCC – posters with collection dates for Christmas period – circulated.
- Draft Account & Audit Regulations from Welsh Office – circulated.

**6. Donation:**

Emmanuel Church	£250.00
Poppy Appeal – additional donation towards on behalf of trumpeter prop Cllr Cole, seconded Cllr Mrs Jakeway. All in agreement.	£50.00

**7. Councillor Vacancies:**

A letter had been received from a Ms Diane Howells of De Clare Court asking to be considered for one of the positions on the council. After discussion, it was agreed to write and invite her to the next meeting.

**8. Planning:**

Approval - Magdelene Street – dog grooming parlour.

**9. Precept 2017/2018**

The clerk advised that the bank account was currently £22000 in credit. After discussion, it was agreed to keep the precept request the same at £10,000.00.

**10. County Councillor’s Report**

The County Councillor gave an update including Sports Awards, Bus Shelters (best in Wales), Manholes – 21 Pembroke Road had been completed, and Fire Chief statistics.

**11. Financial:**

Emmanuel Church donation	£250.00
Poppy Appeal donation	£50.00
R Johnson – Clerk’s Salary	£140.80
HMRC – Clerk’s NI/Income Tax	£35.20
MB Welfare Committee – Hall Rent (Sep 16-Jun 17)	£200.00
J Cole – provision of Christmas trees	£640.00
J Cole – expenses for mince pies, chocolates etc for carol service	£121.82

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

**12. Any Other Business**

- Cllr Studley reported that there were still pothole problems near to the old post office.
- Cllr Thomas voiced concerns over the placement of telegraph poles on the pavements. Cllr Thomas was advised that there was a minimum gap which should be adhered to.
- PCSO Miles gave a brief update to councillors on issues in the vicinity. He was hoping that there would be some speed awareness monitoring carried out at St Issell’s Avenue in the near future.

**13. Date of the next meeting:**

The next meeting would be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.00pm** in the village hall in Merlin’s Bridge.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm.

**Signed:.....**

**Chair:.....;**